

## Millennium

### Sinners on earth during the Millennium?

Without question, as I understand Scripture, although all who enter the Millennium are saved. Scripture referring to that period speaks of children - indicating there will be births during that time. The curse is to be removed from the earth, making it more fruitful. It appears also that human life shall be greatly extended (see Isaiah 65:22). Such longevity does not involve glorified bodies, as will be true of those who shall inhabit heaven. It means that the law of death which works in our bodies now will be overcome by the changed condition of the earth and its surroundings. Students of the Bible have long noticed that before the time of the flood, men lived many hundred of years, the longest lived being Methuselah, whose age was 969. It is believed that conditions in the millennium will be such that long life will be universal except those who die under the judgment of God. And since human bodies will not then be in the glorified state, births will be the natural outcome, and these - as in the early days - will probably be spaced at far greater intervals.

Throughout all dispensations salvation is by grace, through believing faith - the gift of God (Eph 2:8, 9). Man of all ages are accounted righteous, by faith (Rom 4:3; Heb 11:13; Jn 3:1-18). This truth pertains also to those saved (born again) during the Tribulation period. During the Millennium period, many will be born. And many will be born again! However, even under conditions with the Lord reigning in righteousness, with Satan and incentive to sin put away, all hearts will not be responsive to Him. Isaiah 65:20 seems to indicate that no one will die, due to frailty of infancy or old age. Nevertheless, the same verse (last phrase) indicates an age of accountability, when judgment and death will result from unbelief. Psalm 101:8 has been rendered, "Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord."

From Rev. 20:1-3 we learn Satan is bound and unable to deceive during the Millennium. However, when that period is ended, Satan is loosed. The Millennial age is designed by God to be the final test of fallen humanity, under the most ideal circumstances, surrounded by every enablement to obey the rule of the King, from whom outward sources of temptation have been removed. But there is failure again. Satan finds hearts that have not responded in faith to the Savior - obviously amongst those born during the thousand years period. Gathered together, they war against the earthly saints and are defeated by God (v. 9). Satan is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and tormented forever (Rev 20:7-10). Those defeated with him will face the great white throne judgment for unbelievers (Rev 20:11-15). Then begins the eternal state.