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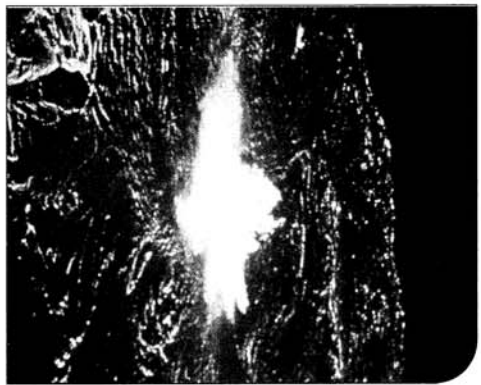
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IT IS WRITTEN TELEVISION PRESENTS:

Revelation Predicts 1,000-Year World Blackout
A New Beginning for the 21st Century

Bone of the most fascinating of all Bible subjects is "1,000-Year World Blackout Predicted," or the millennium. The word "millennium" is simply Latin for 1,000 years. There are many different ideas taught concerning the future of our world. Some Christians believe that the second coming of Christ will initiate a Golden Age for humankind on earth—a time during which everyone will be converted and peace will prevail.



Others believe that the 1,000-year period will be a time of distress and hardship, of conflict and chaos. A third view is that the millennium immediately follows the return of Christ. A time when all the righteous are in heaven. Satan and his angels are left on earth, and the wicked are dead. At the end of this 1,000 years, God creates a new heaven and new earth. With this subject, as with all others, we will discover what the Bible really teaches. In this lesson we will discover the answers to the following questions:

1. What events occur at the return of Jesus?
2. What events occur during the 1,000 years?
3. What events occur at the end of the 1,000 years?

What events occur at the return of Jesus?

- ?** 1. When Jesus returns, what happens to all the righteous (both the righteous dead and the righteous living)? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

The Bible answer: _____

- ?** 2. What happens to the wicked or the unsaved? 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2 Thessalonians 2:8

The Bible answer: _____

- ?** 3. Where will the wicked remain during this period? Jeremiah 25:33

The Bible answer: _____

The Old Testament prophets often described conditions which would occur as the result of Israel's rebellion against God. As the result of disobedience God would allow heathen armies to destroy thousands of Israelites. Jeremiah's prophecy goes far beyond ancient Israel. It reaches into the future. It describes a universal destruction from one end of the earth to the other of those who rebel against God.

- ?** 4. How does the Bible describe the devastation of the earth at the second coming of Christ? Revelation 16:17-20; Jeremiah 4:23-27

The Bible answer: _____

Jeremiah's prediction fitly describes Israel's destruction at the hand of the Babylonians. As the language of the passage clearly por-

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MY DECISION:

Dear Lord, I choose to allow You to rule on the throne of my heart today, and I am longing to worship You in the Holy City for all eternity.

MILLENNIUM 1,000 YEARS

JESUS RETURNS

The Wicked Living Destroyed

RIGHTEOUS IN HEAVEN

The Holy City Descends With Jesus and the Saved

THE EARTH DESOLATE

SATAN BOUND

NEW EARTH

The Righteous Living Transformed

Dead Resurrected

The Righteous Ascend

Wicked Dead in Graves

The Wicked Resurrected

The Wicked Destroyed

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trays, it also describes the complete devastation of earth at the second coming of Christ.

? 5. Will there be any human being alive on earth during this time? Revelation 19:17, 18 (Compare with Jeremiah 4:25.)

The Bible answer: _____

? 6. Where will Satan be during the 1,000 years? Revelation 20:1-3

The Bible answer: _____

The term "bottomless pit" has an identical meaning to the description "without form, and void" of Jeremiah 4:23. They also parallel the description of the world at Creation—a place of desolation and darkness. These parallels clearly show that Satan is bound to the earth, unable to tempt anyone. The Bible uses the term *chains* not as literal chains but chains of darkness. (See 2 Peter 2:4.)

? 7. Where did Jesus promise to take His followers at His return? John 14:1-3

The Bible answer: _____

? 8. How does Revelation 20:4 describe the righteous? What are they doing? (See also 1 Corinthians 6:1-3.)

The Bible answer: _____

During the millennium the righteous have an opportunity to observe firsthand the justice and love of God in dealing with the sin problem. In a new way, more forcefully than ever before, they grasp His powerful attempts to save all people. They realize anew that all who are lost are lost because of their own personal rejection of the appeals of Christ.

- 9. How many general resurrections does the Bible describe? John 5:28, 29**

The Bible answer: _____

- 10. Are the wicked resurrected at the same time as the righteous? When do they receive their final reward? Revelation 20:5 (first part)**

The Bible answer: _____

Some people are confused by the last part of this text "this is the first resurrection" (verse 5, last part). According to the Bible "the dead in Christ rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Revelation 20 is discussing the fate of the saved who have been resurrected in the first resurrection. "They live and reign with Christ for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4). This would lead logically to the question What about the rest of the dead (the unsaved)? In one brief sentence John answers that question: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years are finished" (Revelation 20:5, first part). The apostle then continues with the main theme of his discussion—the first resurrection, the resurrection of the righteous—by declaring, "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection" (Revelation 20:6).

- 11. What is Satan's strategy at the end of the 1,000 years? Revelation 20:7-9**

The Bible answer: _____

- 12. Where does the Holy City—New Jerusalem—come from? Revelation 21:2**

The Bible answer: _____

- 13. How does God prevent Satan's overthrow of the Holy City? Revelation 20:9**

The Bible answer: _____

- 14. What happens after the destruction of the wicked? 2 Peter 3:13**

The Bible answer: _____

The great challenge of the millennium is that men and women must choose today where they will spend eternity. There is no second chance after Jesus comes. The Bible clearly states, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is that day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2, NKJV).* Thousands will be lost because they are looking forward to a future time to make a decision for Jesus Christ. Jesus invites you to give Him your whole life today. If you have not done so, why not do it now?