

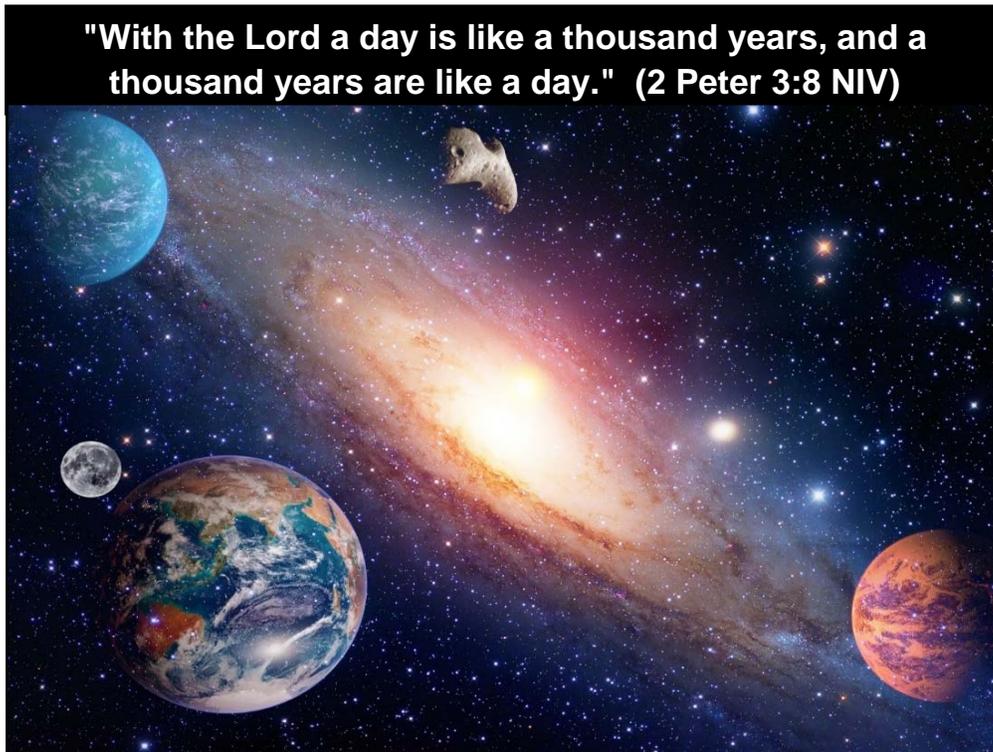


THE UNIQUE DAY OF THE LORD!

STARS WILL FALL TO EARTH AND THE SUN WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT

Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. Zechariah 14:5-7 (NIV)

Jesus said: "Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man." Matthew 24:29-30 (NIV)



What type of space and time events could allow for the many prophecies of the Day of the Lord to take place exactly as written in the Bible? How fast will the earth move when shaken from its foundation (orbit)? Can 1,000 years still be 1 day? How does the sun become darkened, and the moon not give its light, the stars fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies shaken? Modern physics allows us to understand this. We can calculate how fast the earth might move by using Albert Einstein's time and space equations.

Summary

Jesus is returning soon. Many events will occur on this special day the Bible calls “The Day of the Lord.” Most of the world is distracted today, but Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NIV) to be prepared for the Day of the Lord. It will be sudden. The prophet Zechariah in chapter 14:6-7 (NIV) tells us it will be a unique day without sunlight, but still some twilight.

Now, brothers and sisters....you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)

On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. (Zechariah 14:6-7)

Jesus tells us (Matthew 24:29-30 NIV) the sun will be dark, the moon will not give its light, heavenly bodies will be shaken, and stars will fall to earth on that day when he returns.

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On this day there will also be a literal 1,000 year time period of resurrected believers reigning with Christ in heaven, and Satan will be sealed in the abyss for a literal 1,000 years. The 1,000 years will also happen on this unique day!! Modern physics gives us the verified equations to calculate how a literal 1,000 years can also be a simple literal 24 hour day at the same time.

God promises to move the earth that day. This article explains the physics of what happens as the earth is moved very, very fast. All the prophetic events that day--exactly as the Bible says—can be explained using current laws of light, space, time, and matter governing the universe. God is sovereign and may use a different supernatural method. But the laws of physics as we now understand them allow for this. Jesus is returning soon! **Get ready for the Trumpet Call!**

The Bible says all these events listed below will happen on the Day of the Lord. Are they literal or symbolic? Is the Bible true? Can they all happen on one day? Can 1,000 years still be one day? **These events will all happen on this unique day when Jesus returns a second time.**

1. **Jesus will return a second time** (2 Thessalonians 5:7-10, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:4, Hebrews 9:28, 1 Peter 2:12, Revelation 1:7-8, Revelation 22:20-21, Colossians 3:4, Matthew 24:1-33, Mark 13: 1-37, Luke 21:5-38)
2. **The Lord will once more shake the heavens and the earth** (Haggai 2:6, Hebrews 12:26)
3. **The Lord will move the earth away from its solid foundation (orbit)** (Isaiah 13:13, Job 9:6, Isaiah 24:1-10, Revelation 7:1, Isaiah 24:19-20, Daniel 4:35)
4. **It will be a unique day with only twilight, and neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness** (Zechariah 14:1-9)
5. **When Christ returns stars will fall from heaven to earth** (Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:25, Revelation 6:13, Luke 21:25-26)
6. **The surface of the earth will be twisted** (Isaiah 24:1-6)
7. **When Christ returns the sun and moon will not give their light** (Joel 2:31, Matthew 24:29, Isaiah 24:23, Mark 13:24, Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Ezekiel 32:7-8, Luke 21:25, Zechariah 14:6)
8. **Satan will be bound in the abyss for 1,000 years, return to earth, deceive and be quickly destroyed by God** (Revelation 20:1-10)
9. **Dead believers come to life and reign with Christ for 1,000 years** (Revelation 20:4-6)
10. **Living believers will be instantly changed and fly up to meet Jesus (the "rapture")** (Revelation 14:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, 1 Corinthians 15: 51-52)
11. **Those remaining on earth will be scorched by a very hot sun and then plunged into darkness** (Revelation 16:8-11)
12. **A great battle with the living non believers left on earth** (Revelation 19:11-21, Isaiah 24:1-10, Zechariah 12:1-14)
13. **Unbelievers will be judged on this day** (Revelation 20:11-15, Matthew 25: 31-46, Daniel 7: 9-10, Acts 17:31, Daniel 12:2, Hebrews 10:26-28, Matthew 16:27, Revelation 22:12, Psalm 98:9, Romans 2:5, Revelation 14:17-20)
14. **Satan is defeated** (Revelation 20:7-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:8)
15. **The sky will roll up like a scroll** (Isaiah 34:4, Isaiah 51:6; Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:7; 2 Peter 3:10; 2 Peter 3:12; Revelation 6:14)
16. **The current heavens and earth will burn up suddenly** (2 Peter 3:10, Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33, Revelation 21:1, Haggai 2:6, Hebrews 12:26, Isaiah 51:6, Isaiah 34:4, 2 Peter 3: 7-8, Revelation 6:14, Revelation 20:11, Isaiah 65:17)
17. **The Day of the Lord is the end** (Isaiah 24:21-22, Zephaniah 1:14-18, Isaiah 13:9-11, Jeremiah 46:10, Isaiah 27:1, Isaiah 19:16-17, Romans 2:16, Amos 5:18-20, Isaiah 2:12, Joel 1:15, Matthew 7:22-23, John 12:48, Romans 2:5, Mark 13:26-27, Zechariah 14:20-21, Malachi 4:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:8, Isaiah 4:2, Isaiah 11:10, 2 Peter 3:11-12)
18. **With the Lord a day is like 1,000 years, and 1,000 years are like a day** (2 Peter 3:8)
19. **God then creates a new heavens and a new earth** (Isaiah 65:17, Hebrews 12:26-27, 2 Peter 3:12-13, Revelation 21:1, Isaiah 66:22, Revelation 21:3-4)

God Promises to Violently Move the Earth, and Once Again to Shake the Heavens

Isaiah 13:9-13 (ESV)

Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.

I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir.

Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

Haggai 2:6-8 (NIV)

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.

Job 9:6-8 (ESV)

He shakes the earth from its place and makes its pillars tremble. He speaks to the sun and it does not shine; he seals off the light of the stars.

He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 24:19-23 (NIV)

The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days.

The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders—with great glory.

Using God's Laws of the Universe to Understand Prophecy When the Earth Is Moved

The sun and moon will not give their light, stars will fall to earth, the earth will move, nonbelievers will be scorched by the sun, and one day will be like 1,000 years on the Day of the Lord when Christ returns. What laws of physics will govern this? How is time relative so that a literal 1,000 years can be the same as a literal one day?

Everything in the universe, every plant and animal, every rock, time, gravity, mass, every star, every particle of matter, is bound by laws which it has no choice but to obey. The Bible tells us that there are laws of nature—“...made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth” (Jeremiah 33:25-26). In Jeremiah we are told these laws of physics are actually tied to the return of Christ! These laws describe the way God normally accomplishes His will in the universe. All laws of physics and chemistry in the universe are from God.

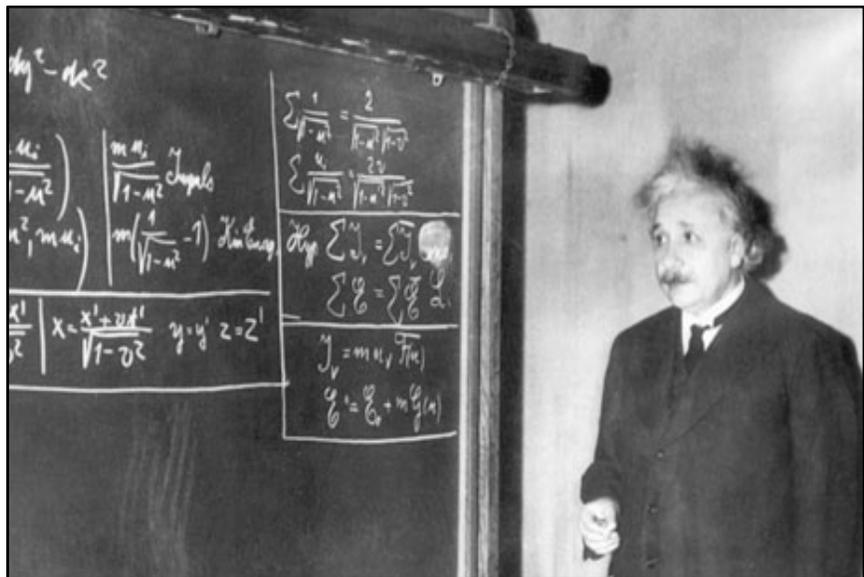
Jeremiah 33:25-26 (NIV)

25 This is what the Lord says: "If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth, 26 then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them."

Time Passes Slower in a Fast Moving Object; This Is Called "Time Dilation"

In his *Special Theory of Relativity*, published in his so-called “miraculous year” of 1905, Albert Einstein had the insight to question our common notions of space and time.

Einstein put forward the idea that time is "relative" depending how close the object is moving to the speed of light (~186,282 miles/second).



Physicists have verified a key prediction of Albert Einstein’s special theory of relativity with unprecedented accuracy. Experiments at a particle accelerator in Germany confirm that time moves slower for a moving clock than for a stationary one.

Einstein Found the Universe Behaves as if It Is Curved



Because time and space are relative, one person's interval of space and time is not the same as another person's, and time runs at different rates for different observers travelling at different speeds. This is called "time dilation." Einstein's theory does not apply just to time, but length and mass as well. At the speed of light, mass is infinite. Today scientists believe only photons can travel at the speed of light, since photons have no mass. Scientists believe anything with mass, no matter how tiny, cannot travel at the speed of light. But with God all things are possible.

Thus the faster you go, the slower you age and greater your mass! The near infinite increase in mass also explains many other Bible prophecies that occur on the Day of the Lord. The reason this is not obvious in everyday situations is that the differences at everyday speeds are infinitesimally small, and only really become apparent at speeds approaching that of light itself ("relativistic" speeds).

The closer the speed of an object approaches to the speed of light, the more warped lengths, mass and time intervals become. Under these conditions, it is easy for one stationary location in the universe to experience 1,000 literal (365 day) years, and another faster moving location to experience one normal (24 hour) day. These events would occur simultaneously! Albert Einstein's equations can be used to tell us exactly how fast the object would be moving for this to occur.

The "Day of the Lord" Can Also Be Exactly 1,000 Years; Reconciling Millennial and Amillennial Bible Prophecy Viewpoints

"The Day of the Lord" is mentioned in various ways more than 80 times in the Old and New Testaments in the Bible--so we should pay close attention to what it means. In Revelation chapter 20 we are also told that resurrected believers will reign exactly 1,000 years with Christ during this time of the Day of the Lord. (Revelation does not say where they will reign.) Also Satan will be bound and sealed in a spiritual abyss prison for exactly 1,000 years. ***Why are both of these events in Revelation exactly the same amount of time?*** How are they related? What is God telling us? Is it just symbolic or literal? It is literal!!!!

In Christianity today there is a great debate between those that interpret the 1,000 years as literal and those that do not. Those that see the 1,000 years as literal are generally called "millennialists", while those that do not are called "amillennialists." Understanding the 1,000 years as literal at first seems simple, but a 1,000 year kingdom (on earth) after Christ returns on the Day of the Lord conflicts with many dozens of other equally important Bible prophetic passages. This will be discussed in more detail later, but a simple rebuttal about an earthly reign is from Jesus himself:

John 18:36 (NIV)

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Where does Jesus reign? Since his ascension to heaven after His resurrection, Jesus reigns in heaven. The Apostle Paul tells us this: "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." (1 Corinthians 15: 25-26) In Psalms King David makes this clear as well: "The Lord says to my lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" (Psalm 110:1)

A clue to understanding more about this comes from both King David and the Apostle Peter. Peter writes: "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (2 Peter 3:8) Peter was writing about the apparent slowness for Christ to return. He tells the believers not to worry about the Day of the Lord. The primary context of Peter's writing is that believers should be patient.

A secondary context is that Peter uses the phrase "a thousand years". This is the only place in the New Testament this is mentioned other than in Revelation 20. So Peter is helping us interpret Revelation 20 as well! Likewise in Psalms, David writes a similar line: "A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4)

2 Peter 3: 3-10 (NIV)

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Calculating the Speed Required for 1,000 Years to Equal 1 Day

We can use the equations of Albert Einstein to solve for a precise calculation of space and time. We can calculate the exact speed required for 1,000 year to equal 1 day. Albert Einstein's special relativity, a way of relating the motion of objects in the universe, led scientists to re-evaluate their assumptions about things as fundamental as time and space. And it led to important revelations about the relationship between energy and matter.

In 1905 Einstein looked at the equations for electricity and magnetism, which the physicist James Clerk Maxwell had recently developed, and were based on Isaac Newton's established laws of motion. Light, according to Maxwell, was a vibration in the electromagnetic field and it travelled at a constant speed in a vacuum.

More than 100 years earlier, Isaac Newton had set down his laws of motion and, together with ideas from Galileo, these showed how the speed of an object would differ depend on who was measuring it and how they were moving relative to the object. A ball you are holding will seem still to you, even when you're in a moving car. But that ball will seem to be moving to anyone standing on the pavement.

But there was a problem in applying Newton's laws of motion to light. In Maxwell's equations, the speed of electromagnetic waves is a constant defined by the properties of the material through which the waves move. There is nothing in there that allows the speed of these waves to be different for different people depending on how they were moving relative to each other. Which is bizarre, if you think about it.

But when you replace the ball with light and this calculation goes awry. If the person in the car were shining a light at the opposite wall and measured the speed of the particles of light (photons), you and the passenger would both find that the photons had the same speed at all times. In all cases, the speed of the photons would stay at just about 186,282 miles per second, as Maxwell's equations say they should.

Einstein took this idea – the invariance of the speed of light – as one of his two postulates for the special theory of relativity. The other postulate was that the laws of physics are the same wherever you are, whether on an plane or standing on a country road. But to keep the speed of light constant at all times and for all observers, in special relativity, space and time become stretchy and variable.

Time is not absolute, for example. A moving clock ticks more slowly than a stationary one. Travel exactly at the speed of light and, theoretically, the clock would stop altogether. Travel very close to the speed of light and 1,000 years is the same as 1 day!!!

How much the time dilates and mass increases can be calculated by Einstein's equations:

$$\text{Time Stationary} = \text{Time Moving Object} / (1 - v^2/c^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Mass Stationary} = \text{Mass Moving Object} / (1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$$

v = the speed of the moving object

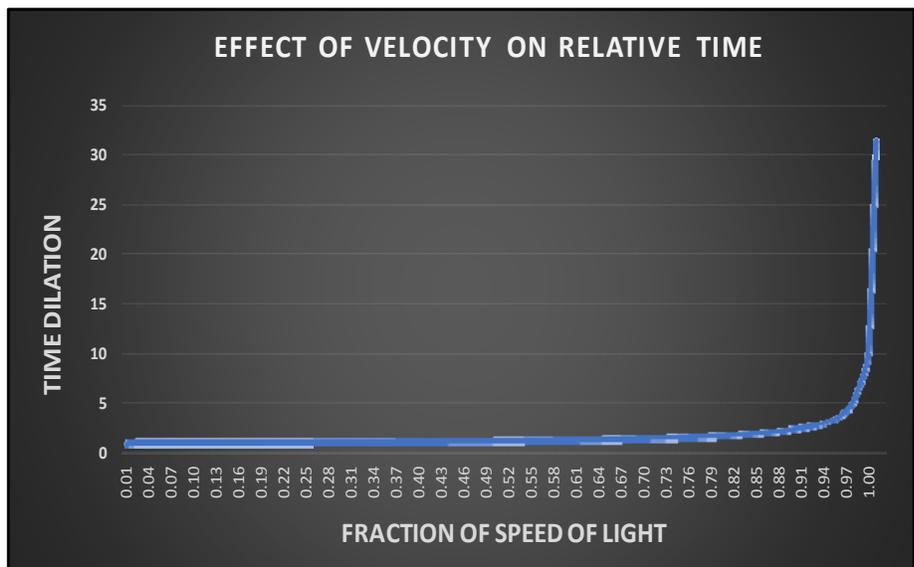
c = the speed of light in a vacuum



Mass, length and time are all governed by the same basic calculations. It is important to note that if you were the person moving faster and faster, you would not notice anything: a day would be normal for you--a day would be 24 hours. Time would tick normally for you, you would not notice your mass increase and you would not be squashed in length. But anyone watching you from another celestial station platform would be able to measure the differences.

However it is only at speeds close to that of light that the relativistic effects need serious attention. Since the equation is exponential, at near the speed of light the effects are enormous.

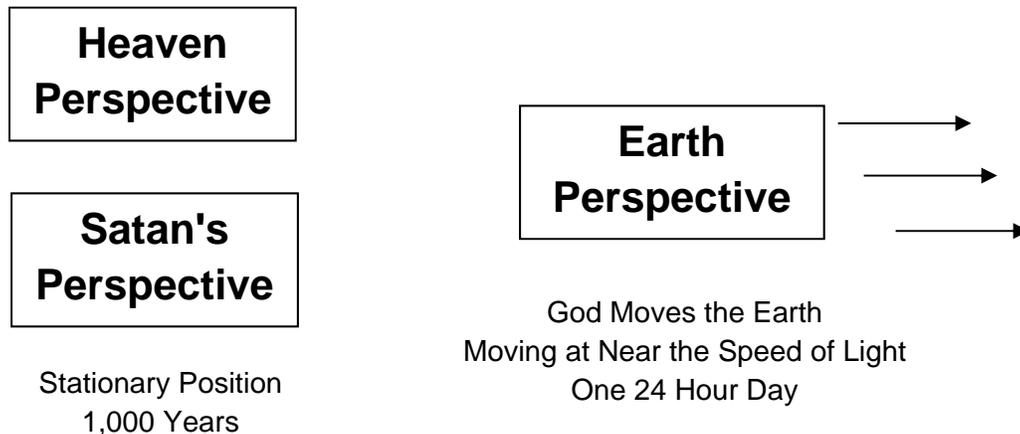
Get to the speed of light (not really possible for humans but God can do it) the object's length would shrink to zero, time would completely stop, and mass would be infinite.



We can use Einstein's equations to calculate what velocity is needed for 1,000 years to pass by on the stationary object, and yet only one 24 hour day occurs on the fast moving object. 1,000 years is 365,240 days (a year is 365.24 days)

We Can Calculate the Speed Required for 1 Day = 1,000 Years

$$t_{\text{Christ Believers}} = t_{\text{Earth}} / (1 - v^2/c^2)^{1/2}$$



tEarth = the apparent time observed by the earth as the fast moving object ("The day of the Lord"). This is 1 day or 24 hours.

tChrist Believers = the 1,000 apparent years reigning with Christ, and the 1,000 years of Satan in the abyss, (or exactly 365,240 days) for those resurrected believers reigning with Christ in heaven (and Satan in the abyss) in a stationary position while the earth moves away from them.

v = the speed of the moving object (As God moves the earth)

c = the speed of light in a vacuum

We can solve for 1 day = 1,000 years earth velocity when shaken = 0.999999999962519 c,

$$t_{\text{Christ Believers}} = t_{\text{Earth}} / (1 - (0.999999999962519)^2/c^2)^{1/2}$$

tChrist Believers = 365,240 (days) or 1,000.0 years.

tEarth = 1.0 day

When God moves or shakes the earth from its foundation (meaning out of its orbit fixed around the sun since the time of creation), and if God then moves the earth past the sun and sets the velocity at 0.999999999962519 times the speed of light, exactly 1,000 years will pass for those stationary believers in heaven with Christ, exactly 1,000 years will pass for Satan in his stationary abyss prison, and yet exactly only one 24 hour day will pass on the fast moving earth. In addition, at this speed the earth would have near infinite mass and a near infinite gravitational field. It would pull all objects along its path--including planetary stars--into itself and yet suffer little damage.

Jesus Said Stars Will Fall to Earth

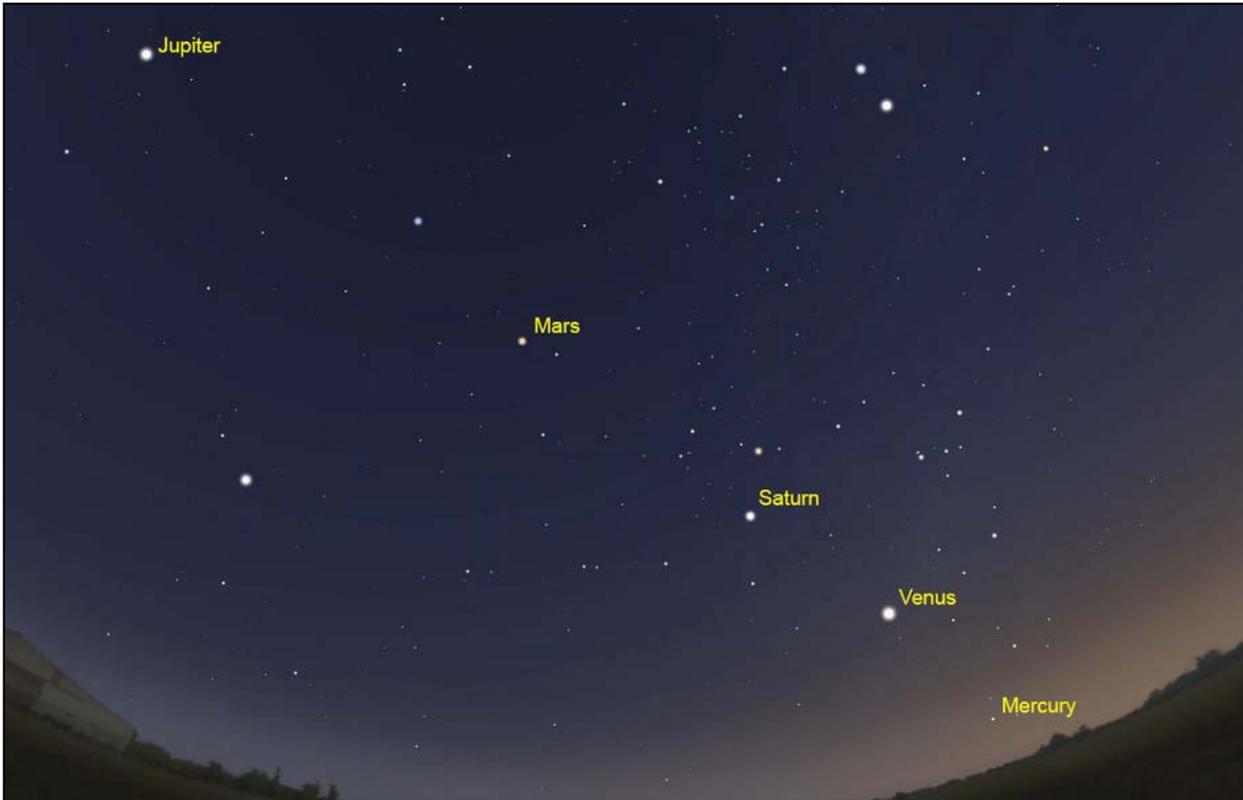
The Bible tells us at least four times that stars will fall to earth when Jesus returns a second time. (Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:25, Revelation 6:13, Luke 21:25-26). Traveling at the speed required for 1 day to be equal to 1,000 years, the earth's mass would increase by an identical amount as the change in time, or an increase in mass of 365,240 times larger than before. When we look at the current size of planets today, most people do not literally believe the Day of the Lord prophecy that "stars will fall from heaven to earth." But the Day of the Lord "is a unique day."



Certainly, the planets in our solar system are stars in the sky. Venus is the bright morning and evening star, and Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury can be easily seen with the naked eye. These planets can be stars that fall to earth under the right conditions when the earth moves. In fact, Jesus tells us in Revelation 2:28 "I will also give that one the morning star".

Revelation 2: 26-29 (NIV)

"To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."



Today the current mass for the earth is 5.972×10^{24} kg, while that for the Venus (the morning star) is 4.867×10^{24} kg. Thus the earth today is about 1.227 times as large as Venus. But when the earth is travelling fast, it would have mass much greater than Venus. When magnified 365,240 times, the earth's mass will have an apparent increase to 2.182×10^{29} kg. While earth is only 1.227 times larger than Venus today, it would be 448,164 times as large when moving. Venus would seem to only be about 90 yards in diameter compared to earth.

Even with the greatly enlarged mass of the earth, the stars falling to earth will cause great damage. The surface of the earth will be twisted, (Isaiah 24:1-6) The impacts will cause huge dust clouds, earthquakes, and debris will pollute all the rivers, lakes, streams and the ocean. It will seem like all the waters have been turned into blood. (Revelation 16:1-6)

Planet	Earth	Venus	Mercury	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Current Earth/Planet Mass Ratio	1.000	1.227	18.180	9.343	0.003	0.011
Future Earth/Planet Mass Ratio	1.000	448,164	6,639,919	3,412,411	1,149	3,838

Today Jupiter and Saturn are vastly bigger than earth. The earth has mass only 0.003 times that of Jupiter, and 0.011 times that of Saturn. But when magnified 365,240 times, the earth's mass would dwarf Saturn and Jupiter. The earth's mass would be 3,838 times that of Saturn and 1,149 times that of Jupiter. Even Saturn and Jupiter as stars could fall to earth under these conditions.

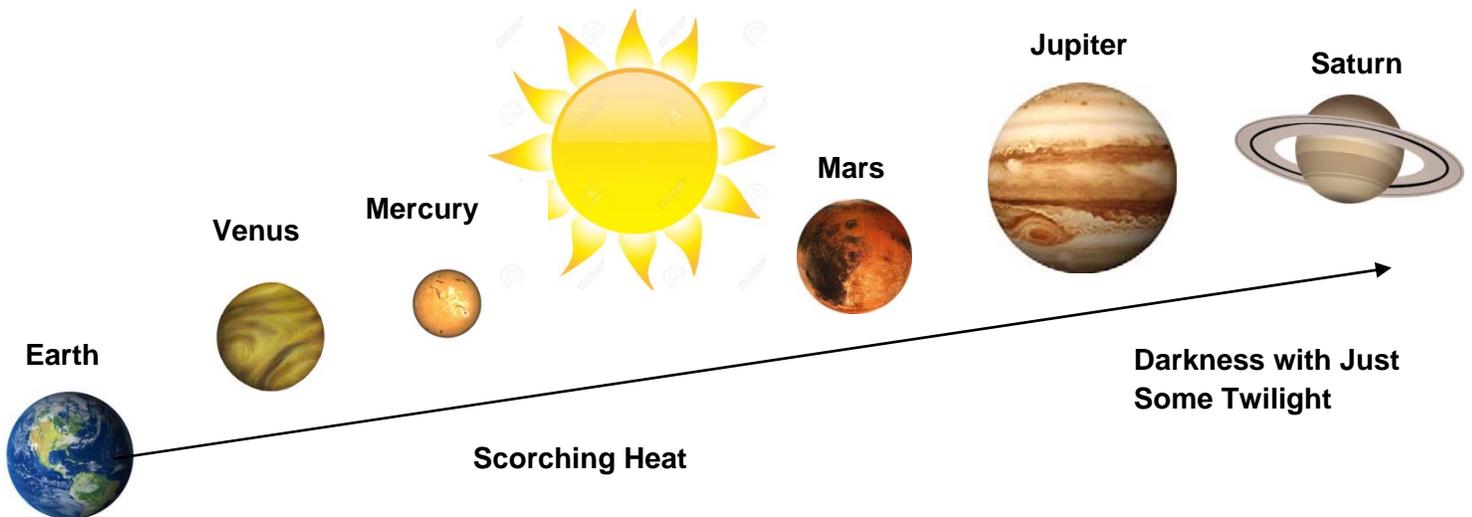
The Sun Will Sear with Intense Heat, and Then Darkness Over the Earth

We know from Revelation 16:8-11 the earth will first approach closer to the sun as nonbelievers are seared by its intense heat, and then move away from the sun into deep space as the nonbelievers are plunged into darkness. The earth will first move closer to Venus and Mercury towards the sun and then away from the sun towards the other side of the solar system to draw Mars, Jupiter and Saturn into the earth's huge gravitational field. This would exactly fulfill the twin prophecies of Revelation 16:8-11, and in the correct order.

Revelation 16: 8-11 (NIV)

The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.



The Sun and Moon Will Not Give Their Light

The Bible tells us on this unique day the sun and moon will not give their light. (Joel 2:31, Matthew 24:29, Isaiah 24:23, Mark 13:24, Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Ezekiel 32:7-8, Luke 21:25, Zechariah 14:6) The earth's gravitational field would easily pull the moon into the earth, or the earth will just speed away from the moon-- first inward towards the sun and then outward away from the sun.

Venus is always brighter than any star. It is at its brightest when the Venus distance from Earth is the smallest. The planet can be easy to see when the Sun is low on the horizon, it always lies about 47° from the Sun. The planet orbits faster than the Earth, so overtakes it every 584 days. When this happens Venus is more easily seen in the morning, just after sunrise. That is why Venus is called the bright morning star.

The average distance from earth to Venus is about 70 million miles. At the new speed it would take earth about 6 minutes to reach Venus. Mercury is about 31 million miles from Venus. It would take earth another 3 minutes to reach Mercury. When the earth is briefly near Mercury and Venus the temperature on earth would be very hot for those minutes, thus causing the searing heat of Revelation 16:8-11. Then the earth would be plunged in darkness as it sped away from the sun moving to the other side of the solar system.

The distance from Mercury to Mars is about 105 million miles. It would take 9 minutes to reach Mars. Next from Mars the earth would fly past Jupiter. The distance from Mars to Jupiter is 342 million miles. This travel would take 29 minutes. Finally, as the earth flew past Saturn the distance from Jupiter to Saturn is another 401 million miles. This part of the trip would take 33 minutes. Thus in 80 minutes, the earth would move about 950 million miles. In little over an hour on this unique day the moon would not give its light, the sun would not give its light and the stars would fall to earth. By the time the earth was at Saturn, the amount of sunlight would be 1% of that at normal earth orbit, so the earth would be plunged in darkness, with just a bit of twilight. Just as the Bible says.

The amount of energy required to move the earth this fast on this trip is near infinity---meaning almost as much as that which exists in the full universe. It would be like a second creation by the hand of God. This would be a miracle, but consistent with God's promise; "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land." (Haggai 2:6-8 (NIV))

How Far Will the Earth Travel at This Speed?

Since the earth is moving at near the speed of light for 1,000 years, the earth will travel about 1,000 light years from its original reference point during the day on earth.

We live in an island of stars called the Milky Way that are arranged as a spiral arm. Our galaxy is about 100,000 light-years wide and generally between 1,100 and 4,000 light-years thick, depending where you are in the galaxy. The earth traveling 1,000 light years in distance would move throughout the galaxy but would not exit it, unless God chooses to do that.

Our local Orion Arm of the Milky Way is some 3,500 light years across. It's approximately 10,000 light years in length. Our sun, the Earth, and all the other planets in our solar system reside within this Orion Arm. We're located close to the inner rim of this spiral arm, about halfway along its length.

Satan Must be Set Loose a Short Time--and Then Destroyed

Thus far we calculated exactly what earth speed is required for 1,000 years to equal 1 standard day of 24 hours. **Yet the "unique" Day of the Lord might be longer than 24 hours.** God has already created a day longer than 24 hours during the Israelite battle against the Amorites. The author is telling us that the sun did not proceed to set for a period of a completed day, which many commentators take to be approximately a 24-hour period, rather than just a daylight period. Thus this special day was 48 hours. Joshua 10:13-14 (NIV) "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!"

We must take into account the Bible tells us Satan will be released back on the earth for a short time. This begins with a deception, and, most importantly--delivers the final punishment of Satan.

Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV) "And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. **After that, he must be set free for a short time.**" Revelation 20:7-10 (NIV) "When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. **But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**"

The Bible does not tell us how long Satan will be allowed to run free again. All that we can surmise from the above words is that he will only be free to roam for a very short period of time. It might only be a few minutes, or it could be hours or days, or much longer. It will be very late in the sequence of events on the Day of the Lord. Zechariah tells us the Day of the Lord is a unique day. This likely means it is a day longer than 24 hours. Thus if 1000.00 years exactly equals 1.00 day (24 hours), as we calculated earlier, God's plan may extend His unique day by a few hours to punish Satan. For example, it might be a 48 hour day--just as in Joshua's time.

As soon as he is released from the 1,000 year abyss and placed back to earth, Satan will waste no time in joining up with the nonbelievers left on earth. The Bible says that he will then go out to deceive the nations once again. When it happens, God will show no mercy and offer no "second chances." At that time God will be quick to judge, (Romans 9:28 "For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality."), **and the final rebellion of Satan and sinful humans left on earth that day will be over in a flash of fire.** After this, the final judgment of the dead takes place (the Great White Throne Judgment, Revelation 20:11-15). Eternity can thus begin with every aspect of sin gone for all time. The new heavens and earth will then be created.

Both Millennialism and Amillennialism Can Be Explained in Harmony Now

Millennialism: Literally, millennialism refers to the belief, expressed in chapter 20 of the book of Revelation, that Christ will establish a one-thousand year reign of the saints before the Last Judgment.

Amillennialism: An eschatology which does not teach a literal one-thousand year earthly reign of Christ is often called "amillennialism" (or sometimes called "realized millennialism" because the period spoken of in Revelation 20 is now in the process of realization). Amillennialism believes Christ's reign is a spiritual reign in heaven.

These two views are heavily based upon two interpretations of Revelation chapter 20.

Revelation 20: 1-10 (NIV)

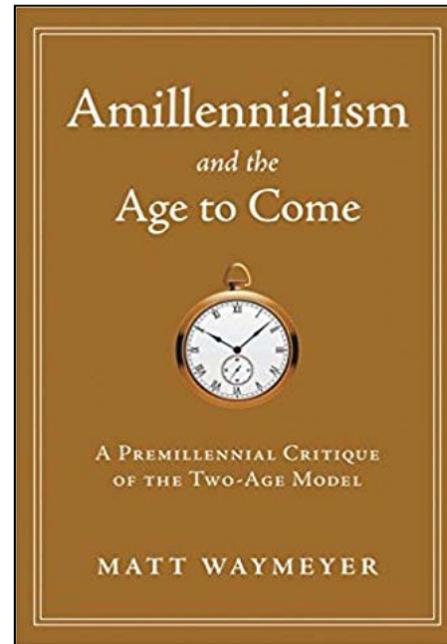
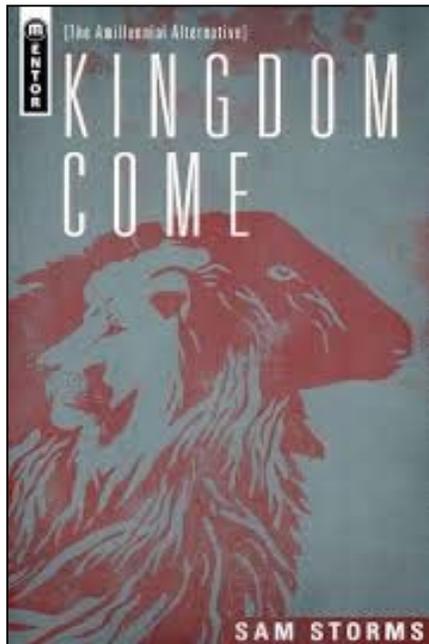
1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Two good books that explain the opposing viewpoints very well are *Kingdom Come* by Sam Storms and *Amillennialism and the Age to Come* by Matt Waymeyer. Sam Storms makes a very clear cut Biblical case for amillennialism, while Matt Waymeyer examines both and concludes millennialism makes the most sense. But, while the two positions may seem to be forever in opposition, once it is understood, as was shown in this paper, that the literal 1,000 years can also be a literal single 24 hour day, both viewpoints come into harmony very quickly.



Most traditional Christian denominations (Lutherans, Methodists, etc) and Catholics do not teach a millennial kingdom. Millennialism was obscure until about 200 years ago. Millennialism grew into a wider following in the 1830s by John Darby and others. Today most fundamentalist Christians believe in some sort of millennial kingdom. Dispensational premillennialism also teaches that God has divided time into 5 to 7 dispensations. They believe the current dispensation, called the church age, will be followed by the millennial reign of Christ on earth. Millennialists believe that following the second coming of Christ there will be a chronologically literal 1,000-year period during which Jesus will live upon this present, sinful, unredeemed, earth and rule in righteousness with his people and over his enemies. (Premillennialism means Christ returns before the 1,000 years.)

As a rebuttal amillennialists say; "Jesus will not reign on earth" They note that Jesus clearly said: ***"My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*** (John 18:36 NIV) Where does Jesus reign? Jesus reigns in Heaven. Paul tells us: ***For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*** (1 Corinthians 15: 25-26 NIV)

In addition, King David tell us: ***The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."*** (Psalm 110:1 NIV)

The Two Age Model: “This Age” and the “Age to Come”

If we begin with clear passages of Scripture, we can construct a very simple, basic model to help us with the more complex and harder passages. One such approach is known as the “two-age” model. Both Jesus and Paul, for example, speak of “this age” and the “age to come” as distinct eschatological periods of time. (Matthew 12:32; Luke 18:30; 20:34-35; and Ephesians 1:21)

For both Jesus and the apostle Paul, there are two contrasting ages in view. The first age (spoken of as “this age” in the New Testament) is the present time period before the Second Coming of Christ. The second age, a distinctly future period of time, is referred to as “the age to come.” When these two ages (“this age” and “the age to come”) are placed in contrast with each other, we are able us to look at the qualities ascribed by the Biblical writers to each in such a way that we can answer questions about the timing of the return of Christ and the nature and timing of the millennium.

When we look at the qualities ascribed to “this age” by the biblical writers, we find that the following are mentioned: “homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields — and with them persecutions” (Mark 10:30); “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage” (Luke 20:34); the scholar, philosopher and such wisdom are of this age (1 Corinthians 1:20); secular and religious rulers dominate (1 Corinthians 2:6-8); “the god of this age [Satan] has blinded the minds of unbelievers” (2 Corinthians 4:4); this age is explicitly called “the present evil age” (Galatians 1:4); ungodliness and worldly passions are typical of it (Titus 2:12).

These mostly negative qualities are temporal and related to evil and death. They are destined to pass away with the return of Jesus. “This age” is the age in which we live, and is the age in which we struggle as we long for the coming of Christ and the better things of the age to come.

By marked contrast however, “the age to come” has an entirely different set of qualities ascribed to it: There will be no forgiveness for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:32); it is preceded by signs (Matthew 24:3); it is characterized by eternal life (Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30); is also denoted as a time when there is no marriage or giving in marriage (Luke 20:35); and it is which is characterized by “life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19).

These qualities are all eternal, and are indicative of the state of affairs and quality of life after the return of Christ. In other words, these two ages, the present (“this age”) and the future (the “age to come”) stand in diametrical opposition to one another. One age is temporal; the other is eternal. One age is characterized by unbelief and ends in judgement; the other is the age of the faithful and is home to the redeemed. It is this conception of biblical history that dominates the New Testament.

We can draw the following conclusions:

1. Because “the age to come” will immediately follow this present age (Matthew 12:32; Ephesians 1: 21), there is no gap of time (on earth) between the two ages to allow for an intermediate kingdom, such as a literal 1,000 kingdom on earth with living people.

2. Because the qualities ascribed to “the age to come” are all eternal in nature (Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30; 20:34–36), the temporal aspects of premillennialism’s intermediate kingdom— such as sin, death, and procreation— render it incompatible with the coming age.

3. Because the Second Coming is the line of demarcation between the two ages— and because it will be accompanied by the resurrection and judgment of all mankind (Daniel 12:2; John 5:28– 29; Acts 24:15; Matthew 25:31– 46; 2 Thessalonians 1: 6– 10), the destruction and renewal of the cosmos (2 Peter 3:10– 13; Romans 8:18– 23), and the final victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:20– 28, 50– 57; Romans 8:17– 23)— there is no gap of time to allow for the intermediate kingdom of premillennialism on earth.

4. The kingdom of Jesus is not of this world. Jesus said: “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” (John 18:36) And Paul writes very clearly that living people will not inherit the kingdom of God: “I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” (1 Corinthians 15:50)

However, if we understand that the literal 1,000 years in heaven and the abyss can occur at the same time as the literal 24 hour day on earth as outlined earlier, all of the Bible passages—including Revelation 20—come into complete harmony when interpreted literally.

Paul tells us after the dead believers are resurrected the living believers will be raptured to meet Christ on that day. “According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. After that the living believers will be caught up in the clouds to meet Jesus forever.” (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

Finally, if the millennial reign described in Revelation 20 is actually *referring to a future period of time on earth*, another even more significant problem for traditional dispensational teaching arises. At the end of the 1,000 years (when taught to be on earth), John tells us that there is a great apostasy while Jesus is supposedly ruling the nations with the rod of iron (Rev 20:7-10). But Paul tells us (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12) in an often-overlooked parallel passage that a great apostasy occurs just before the man of lawlessness is revealed. And the man of lawlessness must be revealed before Christ returns to earth to judge. (v. 3-6)

Paul makes clear there can be no people on earth in natural bodies after the judgement (which occurs when Christ comes back according to the clear texts we have seen above), these apostates can only be those same believers that Jesus raised from the dead at his return. In other words, if premillennialism as traditionally taught is correct, then it is glorified saints follow Satan and revolt against Christ!

But are we really to believe that evil is not finally conquered at Christ’s return—even where Jesus is physically reigning and judgement has already occurred? Of course not, and this is self-evidently refuted by the analogy of faith, which expressly tells us that Jesus will destroy all of his enemies and hand the kingdoms of the world over to his Father (1 Corinthians 15:24) at his second coming.

This time of the man of lawlessness being revealed corresponds to when Satan is released “for a little while” (Revelation 20:3). Thus the case for a 1,000 year millennial reign not on earth, but still occurring on the Day of the Lord, becomes even stronger. On the Day of the Lord, Satan is literally bound for 1,000 years, resurrected believers reign with Christ in heaven for 1,000 years, and Satan is released late in the day for his final rebellion.

On that day—the unique day—Christ returns to earth and destroys Satan and all unbelievers remaining on earth. Only unbelievers will remain on earth at this time in the day, since dead believers were resurrected (living 1,000 years with Christ in heaven that day) and then living believers were raptured to Christ in the air.

On closer investigation, we see that the events in Revelation 20:1-4 do not take place on the earth at all, for the thrones described in that passage are in heaven, and not on the earth. Thus the existence of evil and the supposed apostasy of glorified believers in a future millennial age poses an impossible dilemma for all forms of premillennialism that teach the 1,000 years is on earth.

Jesus only spoke of two ages—not three. Understanding that the millennial time period occurs during the Day of the Lord allows believers to understand the two age model very clearly, along with all prophecy for the unique day.

Appendix A contains more New Testament scriptures on the Day of the Lord, and Appendix B contains more New Testament scriptures on the Trumpet Call.

“Maranatha; Come Quickly Lord Jesus!”

Appendix A: New Testament Scriptures about the Day of the Lord

Matthew 7:22 - <i>Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'</i>	"That day" is the day of judgment.
John 6:39 - <i>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.</i>	The resurrection occurs on the last day.
John 6:40 - <i>For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."</i>	The resurrection occurs on the last day.
John 6:44 - <i>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.</i>	The resurrection occurs on the last day.
John 6:54 - <i>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.</i>	The resurrection occurs on the last day.
John 11:24 - <i>Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."</i>	"The resurrection occurs on the last day."
John 12:48 - <i>There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.</i>	Judgment occurs on the last day.
Acts 2:20 - <i>The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.</i>	The Day of the Lord will be accompanied by celestial signs.
1 Corinthians 1:8 - <i>He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	The Day of the Lord is a time when it is good to be found blameless. This implies a judgment.
1 Corinthians 5:5 - <i>hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.</i>	The Day of the Lord is a day of destruction and salvation. This implies the final judgment.
2 Corinthians 1:14 - <i>as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.</i>	The Day of the Lord will be a time of boasting in Jesus, a time of testimony.
1 Thessalonians 5:2 - <i>or you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.</i>	The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
2 Timothy 1:18 - <i>May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.</i>	Mercy can be found on "that day."
2 Timothy 4:8 - <i>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.</i>	Rewards come on "that day."
2 Peter 3:10 - <i>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.</i>	The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

Appendix B: New Testament Scriptures about the Trumpet Call

<p>Matthew 24:3,31 - ...Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? And He answered them saying...And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.</p>	<p>Apparently, at the end of the age the elect are gathered. This would appear to be the rapture.</p>
<p>1 Corinthians 15:52 - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.</p>	<p>At the last trumpet, the dead will be raised.</p>
<p>1 Thessalonians 4:16 - For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.</p>	<p>At the trumpet, the Lord descends, and the dead are raised.</p>
<p>Revelation 10:7 - But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.</p>	<p>The mystery of God's plan is accomplished accompanied by the seventh trumpet.</p>
<p>Ephesians 3:3-6 - that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>The mystery of God's plan is that the Gentiles are also with the Jewish remnant of believers to be included in the kingdom of God and salvation.</p>
<p>Revelation 11:15 - The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."</p>	<p>The seventh trumpet is the last trumpet mentioned in the series of seven of this section of Revelation. Christ reigns forever.</p>