

The Earth Lease & The New Millennium

Buyer

Buyer

CHARLES CAPPS

THE EARTH LEASE & THE NEW MILLENNIUM

We are facing a new millennium. There have only been five times in human history in which anyone has had the experience of a new millennium. There are many who celebrated the beginning of the new millennium on January 1, 2000, which is a misnomer. The new millennium on our calendar begins on January 1, 2001, the reason being there was no zero year when we passed from 1 B.C. to 1 A.D.

The question is often asked, "Does God's calendar fit our calendar?" Well, we don't know for sure. The experts tell us that our calendar could be off by four to five years one way or the other, and they are not sure which way. But you can rest assured that God is the master time-keeper, and He is keeping "determined time." The Scriptures reveal there are only seven millenniums before eternity. However, on God's calendar, the seventh millennium is the

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

millennial reign of Christ. It is a thousand years of righteous rule and peace on the earth.

We learn from the Apostle Paul's writings that before the millennial reign of Christ, the Church (the Body of Christ) will be caught up to heaven for a seven-year period. It is the same time frame when the Tribulation will take place on Earth. When that seven-year period has ended, we descend from Heaven with Christ (Revelation 19:20; Zechariah 14:1-5), and we will rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years.

So what is the significance of the new millennium? Some call it "millennium fever." One thing for sure, God has accelerated the fulfillment of end-time prophecy as never before in the history of the world, and it's an exciting time to be alive.

The Scriptures reveal that God gave mankind a lease on planet Earth for a limited time of 6,000 years. We pick up on this in Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 1, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*" This verse in the very beginning of the Bible, leaves no

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

doubt as to how all of creation came into being. The following verses reveal how God made man in His image and likeness.

Verse 26 states, *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...”* It seems evident that it was God’s plan for man to have dominion over His creation for a predetermined period of time. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...”* (Genesis 1:27-28) God created man in His image and His likeness and gave man authority over this Earth for a limited time.

“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31) Notice it was at the end of the sixth day that man was in the image and likeness of God. When God saw His creation at the end of the sixth day, He said it was very good.

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.” (Genesis 2:1) His works were brought to perfection at the end of six days. When we apply the concept *“a day as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day,”* the implications seem to be that the six days of the Genesis account reveal man’s dominion to be six, one-thousand-year days. This will finish man’s days of “determined time.”

Then in Genesis 6:3, God said, *“... My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”* There are two things profiled in this period of 120 years. It seems that God revealed to Noah that there would be 120 years before judgment came upon the wicked of the Earth through the flood. However, the 120 years have a greater prophetic implication concerning the Earth Lease.

In Leviticus 25, God established that every fiftieth year was to be a year of Jubilee. The 120-year period mentioned in Genesis 6:3 is a profile revealing there will be a total time of 120 Jubilees (6,000 years) before

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

judgment again comes upon the wicked of the Earth.

This seems to be God's way of revealing that the Earth Lease will expire after 6,000 years of human history. The Scriptures reveal that there are only seven millenniums before eternity. The prophetic Word reveals 6,000 years of human history will finish God's dealing with man under the Earth Lease established in Genesis 1:26-28; Jesus alludes to it in Mark 12:1-9. After the Earth Lease expires there will be a great end-time harvest before the Rapture takes place. Then the seven-year period of suspended time called the Tribulation will begin. Those seven years will fit between the sixth and seventh millennium on God's calendar. Then there will be one more 1,000-year period in which the righteous of the Earth will rule and reign with Christ here on Earth before eternity (see Revelation, Chapters 19 and 20).

The Earth Lease is about to expire and planet Earth is about to face the most traumatic change in 6,000 years. To use the words written to the Church by the Apostle Paul, "*Ye (Body of*

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

Christ) are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Thessalonians 5:5-9)

Concerning the Tribulation, Daniel 12:10 says, *“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”*

The Scripture in Daniel 9:24 revealed that God would deal with Israel for a period of seventy weeks of “determined time” (490 years). A study of Daniel 9:25-27 reveals that after sixty-nine of those weeks Christ was crucified, and that the seventieth week (seven- year period) of determined time has been delayed until after 2,000 years of the Church Age.

To understand “determined time,” we only have to consider a football game. It is divided into four, fifteen-minute quarters. The total “determined time” being one hour, but there has never been a football game played in

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

one hour of real time. There are time-outs; there are delays of the game, in which the time clock stops for an indefinite period of time. Then the time clock is turned on again, and the “determined time” begins to be counted.

We must realize that it is at least a possibility that our calculations of the calendar of time do not exactly fit God’s “determined time.” Only time itself will reveal the whole truth concerning this matter. But yet, we must not take lightly the prophetic profiles in the Word of God, which give us a definite, determined timeline for God’s dealing with mankind.

In Job, Chapter 14, Job was speaking prophetically: *“Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”* (Job 14:1-2) *“Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.”* (Job 14:5) These verses allude to the fact that God has determined man’s days of dominion on this planet, and he cannot pass those

bounds determined by God Himself.

Have there been other delays in that determined time, that we have not noticed, in which God did not measure the time? We cannot be absolutely sure at this point, but we do have precedent that He has delayed the prophetic fulfillment of Daniel's 70th Week until the end of the Church Age.

There are two questions that Job asked, which seem to confirm that man's days of dominion are limited. In Job 7:1: *"Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?"* I believe man's appointed time of dominion upon the Earth was revealed in Genesis, Chapter 1. When the six days of creation were finished, man was in the image and likeness of God. The six-day period of the creation account by prophetic profile is strong evidence that man's "determined time of dominion" is 6,000 years.

There is much confusion about calendars, for they have been tampered with and changed over the centuries, but you can rest assured that God is the

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

master time-keeper, and He is keeping “determined time.” History records the fact that many people have set dates for the Rapture. There has been one thing in common with the date setters—they have all been 100% wrong. When the date had come and gone, their faith vanished with it; therefore, they had no hope.

The Apostle Paul, in I Thessalonians 4: 13, admonished us saying, “... *that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*” The blessed hope of the Rapture is based not on man-made calendar dates, but rather on God’s “determined time.” The Apostle Paul states in Ephesians 1:10, “*That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on the earth; even in him.*” The key phrase here is “the dispensation of the fulness of times.” In other words, when God’s “determined time” is fulfilled.

In verses 11-14, Paul reveals that we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise, and states that it was the earnest of our inheritance until the

The Earth Lease & the New Millennium

redemption of the purchased possession. The redemption of the purchased possession refers to the redemption of the body, and Paul connects it with the dispensation of the fullness of times, which no doubt, refers to the fullness of God's "determined time."

Maranatha!

Charles Capps Ministries
P.O. Box 69 • England, Arkansas 72046