WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE IN THE MILLENNIUM?*

* The Millennium will be that 1000-year period, following the Rapture of the Church, when Christ rules the Earth.

In this, my 83rd year on Planet Earth, there has never been one single day in which there has not been a war going on somewhere in the world. But the Millennium will have no wars, none of the crises that strike generations again and again. What will it be like and how will we live and act during this glorious time?

Time Table:

1. The next great event having to do with eternity will be the Rapture of the Church.

Matthew 24:32-44

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: [33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. [34] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. [35] Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. [36] But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. [37] But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [38] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, [39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so
shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [40] Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. [41] Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

[42] Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. [43] But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. [44] Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words. The Raptured saints (living and those who died earlier) will be instantly with the Lord. They will stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ to determine their eternal rewards and then taken to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Jesus Christ Himself).

2. On Planet Earth the seven-year Tribulation will commence, led by none other than the trio from Hell:

1) Satan the father;
2) Antichrist the phony savior totally manipulated by Satan)
3) the false prophet, the unholy spirit.
3. There will be three sets of divine judgment on earth during the Tribulation:

- the Seal judgments,
- the Trumpet judgments and
- the Bowl (vial) judgments.

All three will be SUPERNATURAL in scope and content AND NOT MAN’S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

4. When the sixth Bowl Judgment is broken, the armies of the world will meet for the Battle of Armageddon. While the battle ground will encompass far more than the Valley of Esdraelon (or Armageddon) that 25-mile long valley in the north of Israel will be the centerpiece.

Rev. 19:11-21

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

[17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven,
Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. [19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20] And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Dr. D D Pentecost: “This time it is now an invasion from the north or the south nor the east or the west, but this is an invasion from outer space, if you please. This is an invasion from Heaven itself. Suddenly as the western confederacy is ready to engage in combat with the invading Asiatic force, there appears the sign of the coming of the Son of Man in heaven. These warring nations suddenly forget their animosity against God. We read in verse 19: “I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered to make war against him who sat on the horse (Jesus Christ) and against His army.” (Prophecy for Today - page 123)

Dr. Pentecost is here describing what will happen at the Second Coming of Christ. Don’t confuse the rapture with the second coming. At the rapture we believers will meet the Lord “in the air,” but at the second coming Jesus actually comes back to earth. As Zechariah described it: Zechariah 14:3-4: Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
[4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

I have stood at the summit of the Mount of Olives many times and quietly prayed to myself, “Lord, please don’t come back til I get off this mountain!” You talk about a news event that will shake the earth! The return of Christ is a sure thing! And it will upset the world order everywhere.

THE END OF SATAN’S RUN

At the end of the Tribulation, Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire for a thousand years:

Revelation 20:1-3

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, [3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Can you imagine a world in which Satan has been “shut up?” All the lies, innuendos, temptations and vile garbage will disappear from this planet for a thousand years! But his banishment will last only for the thousand years and then:
Revelation 20:7-10

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Why would God release Satan? Because during the Millennium untold millions of people will be born. During that time they will have served the Lord because they were coerced to do so. But eternity in Heaven will be reserved for those who CHOSE of their own free will to serve the Lord. So now... they have their choice to do so. And apparently a vast number of this remnant will choose to follow Satan. They will get together to attack the Holy City of Jerusalem where God will instantly destroy them all.

THE LAST REBELLION

Revelation 19:17-19

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and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

3,000 years ago, King David prophesied what would happen:

Psalm 2:2-4
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Tim Lahaye wrote:

When His feet strike the Mount of Olives, the mount will divide in two. Some Bible commentators have indicated that a natural division exists between the two high points on the Mount of Olives which will cleave in two, creating a new passageway from Jerusalem down to Jericho at the Jordan River. There may be a gigantic causeway from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean. Others speak of a geological report indicating a fault under the Mount of Olives that needs only a slight earthquake to cleave it in two. In any case, when Christ sets His feet upon the Mount, His power will be manifested in it divides into two parts. (Revelation Illustrated / Zondervan / page 261)

Revelation 11:15
And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
Amen! The question to end all questions is this: 

WILL YOU BE READY WHEN IT ALL COMES DOWN?