

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module X – The Kingdom of God**  
**Lesson 21 – Chiliasm & the Sabbath Rest (Part 1)**

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I. Kingdom of God is 1000 years (a millennium), time defined in Rev. 20.

A. Incorrect millennial views (Rev. 20)

1. Dispensational Premillennialism (w/pretribulation rapture), separate destinies for Israel and the “Church,” earthly vs. heavenly).
2. Postmillennialism – a 1000-year golden era where Christianity converts most of the world before Christ returns.
3. Amillennialism – the millennium is allegorical, the kingdom is now (invisible), Christ will return and destroy this entire creation, and take believers to heaven.

B. “Chiliasm” (millennialism) is the view held by the earliest Christians.

1. Defined: The 6 day creation account was historical and prophetic.

- a. The 6 days of creation portray 6 millennia under the curse
- b. The 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath portrays the “millennium’ of Rev. 20.
- c. Chiliasm establishes a deadline for Christ’s return (6000<sup>th</sup> year)

2. The Fall of man: Gen. 2:15-17

- a. The death penalty: “**in the DAY** that you eat, **you will die.**”
- b. the death sentence was physical death (Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12-14).
- c. The Genesis genealogies show that all men die in less than 1000 years.
- d. Moses interpreted the “DAY” (of Adam’s death sentence) as 1000 years (Psalm 90:3-4).
- e. Psalm 90 mourns the curse of mankind (death) while at the same time prophesying the Kingdom. At the same time it defines the “DAY” in Gen. 2:15 as a thousand years.
- f. Peter quoted from Psalm 90 and applied it to the coming of the Day of the Lord (2 Peter 3).
- g. 2 Pet. 1:12-21 The Transfiguration account confirmed the “prophetic word” until THE DAY DAWNS – the Kingdom millennium.

1. Mark 8:38 - 9:9 Jesus took Peter, James, and John up into the mountain “after 6 days” from His prophesying some would not die before they saw the Kingdom. “After six days” means on the Sabbath.

- a. A “vision” of the future Kingdom (Matt. 17:9)

- b. The voice from heaven referenced Psalm 2, the “Begotten Son” of God is given the Kingdom.
2. 2 Pet. 1:19 the Kingdom prophecies “confirmed” by the Transfiguration vision
- a. The “light shining in a dark place” was the Apostle’s eyewitness testimony of the vision of the Kingdom they saw on the Mt. of Transfiguration.
  - b. “Until the DAY dawns” refers to the 7<sup>th</sup> Day (Sabbath), on which they saw the vision.
    - 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Day (Sabbath) is the Kingdom age.
    - 2. “morning star” is a poor translation. Lit, until the “Shining one appears” – referring to How Jesus appeared on the Mt. of Transfiguration.
    - 3. The clause “in your hearts” is the beginning of the next verse: “In your hearts knowing this first, ...”