

why the 1000-year reign is an eternal ongoing reign for each living human

a study on the resurrections and the reign of the righteous

the end of waiting and the daily victory

core thesis: the "first resurrection" (revelation 20:4-6) was a unique, completed historical event at messiah's resurrection, where he, as the first-fruit, was joined by the specific first fruits of the righteous dead from ages past (matt. 27:52-53). this event closed the age of waiting. every believer who has died since then experiences not a "first" resurrection, but the eternal 2nd resurrection; an immediate translation into glory at death. the "1000-year reign" is the symbolic, complete lifespan of a human, from the 1000-year ideal, shortened to 120, then to 70-80 years, representing our earthly existence where we must overcome the opposer (satan/sin) within us. this reign is not a future event but the present reality of overcoming in this life.

hazon (revelation) 20:4-6

'and i saw thrones – and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them – and the lives of those who had been beheaded because of the witness they bore to יהוה and because of the word of elohiym, and who did not worship the beast, nor his image, and did not receive his mark upon their foreheads or upon their hands. and they lived and reigned with messiah for a thousand years (and the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended) – this is the first resurrection. blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the first resurrection. the second death possesses no authority over

these, but they shall be priests of elohiym and of messiah, and shall reign with him a thousand years.'

mattithyahu 27:52-53

'and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the set-apart ones who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, they went into the set-apart city and appeared to many.'

part 1: the foundation of time: from 1000 to 70/80 years

from the beginning, a pattern is established: yhvh sets a full, complete measure of time, and humanity, through sin, falls short of it.

the full measure: 1000 years. in the sight of elohiym, a thousand years is as a day (tehillim 90:4). this number represents a complete, perfect period; the full lifespan he intended for a generation of man. no man attained it; it was the divine measure.

the first shortening: to 120 years. as wickedness filled the earth, yhvh declared, "his days shall be one hundred and twenty years" (bereshit 6:3). this was a period of grace, a shortened time for repentance before judgment.

the second shortening: to 70-80 years. under the burden of sin and the covenant, the normative experience of a human life became "seventy years, or eighty if we are strong" (tehillim 90:10). this is the earthly existence we know.

therefore, the symbol of "1000 years" always points to the complete span of a man's earthly existence, a full generation. it is the arena of our struggle and our victory.

now think of the following, the shortening of time for the elect: mattithyahu (matthew) 24:22 'and if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened.'

part 2: the historical first resurrection: closing the age of waiting
(matt 27:51-53)

at the moment of yahusha's death, the pattern of shortening was overcome by the power of obedience into redemption.

the text: "the earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. the bodies of many set-apart people who had died were raised to life. they came out of the tombs after yahusha's resurrection and went into the set-apart city and appeared to many people."

this was a literal, one-time cosmic sign-act with profound meaning:

messiah is the first-fruit: his resurrection is singular and primary (1 corinthians 15:20, 23 (the key and chain)). he is the first of a new creation.

the resurrected righteous are the first harvest: these "many set-apart people" (from hebel to zekaryah) are the first-fruits of the redemption messiah's blood/life purchased. they were harvested from the power of death and hades.

the end of waiting: this event ended the holding state. yahusha's word to the thief, "today you will be with me in paradise" (luke 23:43), was now the eternal reality. the way was open (ivrim 10:19-20). no soul need wait again.

conclusion: the "first resurrection" is complete. it was the inaugural harvest. messiah was the last to wait; his victory guarantees immediate passage for all who follow.

the shortening of days is not about tribulation, but about man's life-span.

part 3: the eternal resurrection: the daily reality for the believer

for every person who dies in faith after this event, the reality is immediate victory.

this is the eternal 2nd resurrection that happens daily:

it is immediate: there is no pause. "to be away from the body is to be at home with the master" (2 corinthians 5:8). "to depart and be with messiah... **is better by far**" (philippians 1:23). (2 corinthians 12:1-5)

it is personal and victorious: at the moment of physical death, the believer's spirit is perfected and ushered into the presence of messiah's fathers reign, to be with them.

stephen (ma'aseh 7:55-56): he saw the glorified messiah at his moment of death and was welcomed in. (in a twinkling of an eye)

so, this is the believer's personal parousia (arrival). it is a continual event throughout this age.

the scriptural sequence is therefore:

first resurrection (completed): messiah + the righteous raised in yerushalayim. this is the group reigning with messiah in revelation 20:4.

eternal 2nd resurrection (ongoing): every believer from the messiah's and the many righteous believers who were resurrected with him, and onward, at the moment each mans death after messiah.

(rev 20:11-15).

part 4: the 1000-year reign: our earthly battle and victory

the "1000-year reign" of **revelation 20** is the symbolic representation of our complete earthly existence (the 1000-year ideal), now lived in the reality of messiah's victory.

it is the lifetime of overcoming: the "1000 years" is the arena; our 70-80 years, where we, the living, must overcome the opposer (satan/sin) in our own lives. we bind him by resisting temptation and choosing the spirit over the flesh (ya'aqov 1:14-15, romans 8:13). (**eze 36:26, yer 31:31-33**)

it is about discipleship, not speculation: the question is not "when will the 1000 years start?" but "how do i overcome and reign in my "1000 / 120 / 70-80yr)" life today?" (romans 5:17). this is taking up our stake daily (**luke 9:23**).

it is the present reign: reigning with messiah (revelation 20:4, 6) means:

reigning over sin: "do not let sin reign in your mortal body..." (**romans 6:12**).

reigning in life: receiving elohiym's grace to "reign in life through the one man, yahusha messiah!" (**romans 5:17; yasher 1:21**).

the millennium has two simultaneous realities:

the heavenly reality: the souls of the departed faithful are consciously reigning with messiah in glory (their war is over).

the earthly reality: the living faithful are actively reigning by overcoming the opposer daily through the set-apart spirit (their war is ongoing).

part 5: exposing the error and embracing truth

the teaching of a future, literal 1000-year earthly reign (premillennialism) is a profound error that denies this finished work.

the error of literalism: it takes the symbol "1000" (completeness) and builds a literal timeline, ignoring the pattern of shortening and the nature of apocalyptic literature.

the fatal flaw: it teaches that souls must wait for this future event, directly contradicting the promise of "today... with me." it tells sha'ul that "better by far" means waiting for millennia.

the harm: it robs believers of immediate comfort, promotes passivity, creates slavery to speculation, and diminishes messiah's victory by suggesting his work was insufficient for our immediate inheritance.

conclusion: the victory is now

the traditional view creates a problem the scripture does not have. the true timeline is victorious and clear:

the stake and resurrection: opened the way and ended the wait when messiah died and were resurrected.

the present age (the millennium): the good news is preached. we are in our "1000 years, in our 120 years, in our 70 to 80 years;" our earthly existence. we overcome the opposer within us daily. when believers die, they experience the eternal resurrection and immediately reign with messiah.

messiah and the resurrected still within their spiritual heavenly 1000 year reign; returns to judge their enemies, resurrect the souls of all the obedient righteous, and unveil the eternal new creation to them. this is how every righteous person that entered back into the kingdom of yhvh, also have the opportunity to come with him on the clouds for vengeance.

our hope is not to wait for a resurrection. our hope is to live in the certainty that **‘to die is gain’**; it is immediate promotion into the presence of our king. reject the lie of waiting. let’s embrace our finished victory in messiah and reign in our life today!