

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIA  
#27 - THE MILLENNIUM & THE END OF SIN  
"BUS RIDE"





**T**he counseling session helped a lot but Jeniah still had more questions. She got in the bus line still intrigued about death and resurrection, but the concept pushed her to think more. She was so lost in thought she almost didn't hear Uriah calling her. "Jeniah! That's the wrong bus!" She had one foot on the stairs of the bus as she looked around and shook her head. Not only was it the wrong bus, it was headed on the opposite side of town!

“What happened that you weren’t paying attention?” Uriah asked. “You are usually the first one on the bus after school. I thought you had to stay back for detention,” Uriah said jokingly. His smile changed as he realized Jeniah wasn’t responding to his joke.

“What’s wrong?” he asked as he moved over to share the bench with his cousin. “I’m still struggling with losing Benji. I spoke with Mr. Fouché today and he took me through what the Bible says about death and resurrection, but I had more questions. He mentioned something about a millennium and the end of sin, but we ran out of time.”

“Glad you got on the right bus, because I have the answers you need!” Uriah said confidently. “What are you talking about? When did you study about this?” Jeniah asked skeptically. “I didn’t, but we can Google it!” He said with a smile as he pulled out his phone. “We are the last ones to be dropped off so we have time. This is better than playing a game, especially if it will cheer you up!” Uriah replied.

### **This lesson will address the events of the Millennium.**

“Oh,” Jeniah said. “I think I may have something that connects to death and the resurrection. Based on what I learned with the counselor and what I’m seeing now, its starting to make sense. There are 4 groups of people at Jesus’ return.”

1. The Righteous living – God’s people that are alive when Jesus returns.

- “... we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord... (1 Thessalonians 4:15)

2. The Righteous dead – God’s people that died (also called sleep) before Jesus returns

- “... shall not precede [go before] them which are asleep.” (1 Thessalonians 4:15)

3. The Wicked living – the people that have not accepted Christ that will be alive when He comes Isaiah 26:21.

- Isaiah 26:21 “See, the Lord is coming out of his \_\_\_\_\_ to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.”

4. The Wicked dead – those that are dead, but never accepted Jesus as their Savior

- These individuals remain dead at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.

“I definitely want to be in that first group!” Uriah exclaimed.

- Philippians 3:21 “...who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 “And then the \_\_\_\_\_ one will be revealed, whom the LORD Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.”

“I wonder what the earth will look like after that...,” Jeniah said as she looked out the window.

“I can imagine it will be pretty bleak since everyone will be gone,” Uriah said.

- Isaiah 24:1 *“See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants.”*
- Jeremiah 4:23-26 *“I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.”*

“Since we love Jesus, what will we do during that time?” Jeniah continued to probe.

“Hmmm. Let’s see!” Uriah said as he scrolled through related scriptures on Google.

- John 14:3 *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*
- Revelation 20:4 *“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.”*

“Judgment, hmm? So you mean to tell me that we will be able to see everything other people have done?” Jeniah asked. “I think it will be more like a time where we can see who got in and why. Can you imagine how disappointed you would feel if grandma didn’t make it to heaven yet mean old Mr. Johnson did? I’d want know why!” Uriah pointed out.

“What will Satan be doing during the time that we, God’s people, will be looking at these books? Jeniah asked. “Interesting question... I think that would give him time to think about all the hurt he caused. Kinda like a 1000 year “time out!” Uriah said as they chuckled at his joke.

- Revelation 20:2-3 *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 \_\_\_\_\_ were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”*

“Sweet!” Uriah said. He was a little loud and the kids turned around to see what he was shouting about. He didn’t realize they had been paying attention to their conversation. “So Satan will be by himself and the wicked people on earth will be dead. He won’t be able to hurt anyone else again,” He continued.

“So what happens after the 1000 years are over?” Billy asked. He was eavesdropping from a few seats ahead. “It’s all in Revelation 20. The wicked dead will be resurrected and Satan will try to trick them to attack God’s people.”

- Revelation 20:5-7 *“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 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. <sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison.”*

Revelation 20:9 “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.”

“Whoa... so everyone that ever lived will be alive at the same time!” Chris said. He was listening to the conversation too. “Yeah I guess so.” Uriah responded.

Philipians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..

Jeniah said, “So that must be when the fire begins and sin completely destroyed.”

“You mean hell fire?” Billy asked. “Exactly,” Jeniah replied.

Revelation 20:15

“Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Ok, then God will then “recreate the earth” Uriah surmised.

- 2 Peter 3:13 “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”

“Wow, so the end of the Bible will look a lot like the beginning, when Jesus dwelled with his people in the Garden of Eden” Chris chimed in, not realizing the conversation had become a Bible study.

“Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

“Wait. I’m a little confused with all these things happening. I get the events a little mixed up,” Billy said.

“Okay hold on,” Uriah replied with a chuckle. “I have a great idea. I’ll draw you a picture and put the events in order so that you can visualize it. Let me borrow a piece of paper.” Uriah said.

“You never have any school supplies!” Jeniah said, shaking her head while handing him a pen and a piece of paper.

They laughed as they watched Uriah sketch the events on his paper.

| Before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming | 1000 years                                  | After the Millennium                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Jesus returns                     |   | Christ & His people return to earth                    |
| God’s people go to heaven         | Saints reign with Christ & review the Books | Wicked people resurrected (all people that ever lived) |
| Living Wicked destroyed (killed)  |   | Satan organizes an attack on Jesus & His people        |
| Satan alone, bound to earth       |   | Satan and his followers destroyed                      |
| Earth is a wasteland              |   | Earth is recreated for God’s people                    |