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Message Topic: **The Millennium**

Scripture Text: Revelation 20: 1-15

1. The Millennium which is the 1000 year of rule on earth by the Lord Jesus Christ ought to be interpreted literally. It is mentioned 6 times in Revelation chapter 20. The BP Church constitution holds to the pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ i.e. Jesus Christ will come with the Church to the earth to defeat Antichrist and then the Millennium will take place.
2. There is a distinction that we must know. The Rapture occurs at the start of the 7 years Great Tribulation period and this is where Jesus comes for the Church to bring us to Heaven. Judgments from God will then come during the 7 years Great Tribulation period. The 2nd coming of Jesus Christ occurs at the end of the Great Tribulation period in which Jesus comes with the Church.
3. In Rev 20:1-5, we see what happens before the Millennium. Satan will be locked up that he cannot deceive the world. There will be a 75 days period of recreation of the devastated planet earth, coming of the Millennial Temple where Jesus will reign from it, and the separation of the sheep and goat.
4. In verse 6, we have a short description of the Millennium period. For details, one can read Isaiah 11 and 65. Only the glorified saints and the believers with mortal body will enter into the Millennium period. The mortal body believers will procreate and also can live up to very old age of around 900 years as in the days before Noah.
5. From verses 7-15, this is a description of what happens after the Millennium. Satan will be released and he will deceive many people to have a final battle against Jesus Christ. These people are the children born from the mortal body believers who still have the sinful nature and will not believe in Jesus Christ despite seeing the reign of Jesus Christ. The Great White Throne judgment will take place and all unbelievers will be cast into the Lake of Fire.
6. This is a serious warning to any whose name is not found in the book of life that their end is eternal condemnation in the Lake of Fire. The Bible calls this the second death.