

# Peter and the Millennium

- ★ Most conservative scholars admit that 1 Peter and 2 Peter, were written before the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70.
- ★ In Revelation, John predicted things that were to shortly come to pass. Peter affirmed that those things were present!
- ★ So, if John, in Revelation, *predicted* certain events, and if Peter said that the things predicted by John *were now present*, this is *prima facie* proof that John wrote before Peter did, i.e. before AD 70!
- ★ A correlation of Peter with Revelation leads inexorably to the conclusion that both writers were focused on the impending cataclysmic end of Old Covenant Jerusalem, with the attendant termination of the Old Covenant of sin and death, with the full bloom of the New Covenant creation of Jesus, the Messiah.
- ★ Both John and Peter spoke of the eschatological **consummation- not initiation. They both speak of past, present and (imminently) future events!** It is thus specious to say that they each anticipated a different eschaton.
- ★ **The correlation between Peter and the Apocalypse establishes, beyond reasonable doubt, that the end of the Millennium of Revelation 20 was about to come to its end, with the consequent New Creation of Christ being fully revealed.**

# Peter and Revelation: A Comparative Look

| Written to the same churches (1 Peter 1:1-2)  | Written to the same churches (Revelation 1:1)   |
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| Focused on the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel (1:1:10f). This is powerfully illustrated by examining three of those texts:   | Focused on the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel (10:7f).   |
| <b>#1- Deuteronomy 32; *- Next Chart</b><br><br><b>This point alone is extremely critical!**</b>  | Deuteronomy 32- cited directly in 19:1-2<br><b>**Both Peter and Revelation were anticipating the fulfillment of the Song of Moses- <u>which is about Israel's last days!</u>**</b><br><b>This restricts fulfillment to the first century!</b> |
| <b>#2- Isaiah 40 / 49 - Salvation of "all Israel" The Great Shepherd would lead them to living waters</b><br><b>1 Peter 5:1-3– The Great Shepherd, Glory About to be Revealed</b> | <b>Revelation 7– The 144K come out of the Great Tribulation and the Lord leads them to living waters– i.e. <u>The River of Life- After the Millennium!</u></b>  |
| <b>#3 – Hosea- 1:9f; 2:19f</b><br><b>Restoration – Remarriage!!</b><br><b>1 Peter 2:9f– The Diaspora – Hosea Being fulfilled!</b>   | <b>Revelation 7, 14, 19– Restoration of the Tribes / <u>The Remarriage-</u> At the Judgment of Babylon</b>  |
| <b>Anticipated the Resurrection (incorruptible inheritance / salvation of the soul) the hope of Israel (1.5-12)</b>   | Resurrection- The Eternal Inheritance- <u>at the end of the millennium</u> - the Hope of Israel (10.7; 11.15-19; 20.10-12)  |

| <b>Deuteronomy 32</b>   | <b>1 &amp; 2 Peter</b>   |
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| <b>Foretold <u>Israel's</u> last days (20; 29f)</b>   | <b>In the last days-- 1 Peter 1:20– These last days</b>  |
| The Lord had bought them (v. 6 / Ps. 74)- They would apostatize->   | 2 Peter 2:1-3- They forget the Lord that purchased them  |
| “I will scatter them,” 32:22-26->   | 1 Peter 1:1:1– To the Pilgrims of the Diaspora   |
| <b>Destruction of creation (v. 21f)</b> Fire is kindled in my anger and shall consume to the lowest sheol” →  | <b>Destruction of creation-- 2 Peter 3: “earth and elements burned up; reserved by the word...”</b>  |
| <b>Sealed up in God’s “treasure” (v. 34)</b>  | <b>Destruction sealed up by the Word of God</b>  |
| <b>Judgment of the Ungodly (35)- Martyr vindication – (v. 43)</b>   | <b>Judgment of the Ungodly (2 Peter 3)- Martyr vindication (1 Peter).</b>  |
| <b>When the last days arrived, the end would be near (v. 35); Deut. 32→ Peter→ Revelation; Both Peter and Revelation cite and draw from the Song...</b> | <b>The End of all things has drawn near! (1 Peter 4:7); The Song is About <u>Israel's last days</u>; This delimits Revelation and Peter to Pre-AD 70- It demands that the Millennium is past- unless</b> |

# Suffering in Peter and Revelation

John: I am your brother in the tribulation (Rev. 1:9)– Peter -Present Suffering (1:4f; 4:12; 5:9).

Revelation 3:10- Fiery trial about to come - Fiery trial is among you (present tense, not future (1 Peter 4:12)).

**Revelation was Prophecy – Peter was Fulfillment! Thus, Revelation was written prior to Peter!**

Suffer for a little while (6.11; 12:10; 20– In the millennium!)- Peter: Suffering would only be for a little while (1:4f)!

Measure of suffering to be filled up (Rev. 6.11; 20:1-12)→ In Peter, Their Suffering Was Filling The Measure Of Suffering (1:4f; 5:9- epiteleō, finishing up, filling up)!

**When we compare Peter and Revelation with Jesus on suffering and martyrdom (Matthew 23), there can be no doubt that both Peter and Revelation are concerned with the first century suffering, first century filling the measure of suffering, and the impending judgment on the persecutors– Old Covenant Jerusalem**

# Peter and Revelation: A Comparative Look- #3

| Spiritual priesthood (1 Peter 2.5)   | Kingdom of priests (1:9); Priests on the thrones (20:1f)–<br><u>During the Millennium</u>   |
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| Spiritual temple (2.5)– Under Construction   | Spiritual temple –Christ is the Temple– The” Temple” About to be Revealed (22:5)!   |
| <b>Thief Coming</b> (2 Peter 3)- Creation is Destroyed, the New Creation Comes– <b>i.e. at the end of the Millennium!</b>  | <b>Coming as a thief</b> (3:1-2; 16:15)– The “thief coming” is at the passing of creation!(16.19-20)- The Parousia of Rev. 19 Brings in the New Creation. <b>(How many thief comings are there)</b>   |
| 1 Peter 5:8f- Satan as a Roaring Lion Walks About- They Are In The Wilderness- Among The Nations (1 Peter 2:12f)   | Rev. 12- Satan pursues the woman into the wilderness- In chapt. 20, <b><u>Satan loosed at the end of the millennium</u></b> - After the initial defeat  |
| Imminent destruction of Satan at the parousia- <b>“The end”</b> ; <b>“The Judgment”</b> ; <b>Why Is This Not “the End” of the Millennium?</b>  | Imminent destruction of Satan (12:12-17 / 20:10f)- <b>at the end of the Millennium!</b>   |
| Christ was “ready” ( <i>hetoimos</i> ) to judge <b>the living and the dead</b> – (4.5)<br>“The End of all things (the millennium) has drawn near” (4.7).<br>The (appointed) time had come (v. 17)! | <b><u>The Judgment of the Living and the Dead is at the end of the Millennium - Peter said the time for the judgment of the living and the dead had arrived!</u></b><br><b><u>How many Judgments of the Living and the Dead are there??</u></b> |
| New Heavens and Earth following the Day of the Lord- 2 Peter 3   | New Heavens and Earth <b>following the millennium</b> - “The Time is at hand,”; “These things must shortly come to pass,”; “Behold, I come quickly.”  |

# Summary and Conclusion

Clearly, Peter and Revelation are parallel (The Parallels Presented Are But A Few Of The Many That Could Have Been Presented).

We have seen the following:

**Both Peter and John anticipated the fulfillment of OC Israel's promises, the promises that were restricted to Israel's last days!**

**The events that John posits for the millennium, and the end of the Millennium—Spiritual Priesthood / Satan Loosed— were a reality, or urgently imminent in Peter.**

**The suffering that John posited for the near future – Peter said was present.**

**The events that John posits for the end of the millennium – Destruction Of Satan & Judgment of the Living and the Dead / The End- Peter Said The Time Was Present!**

**Unless one can prove that Peter and John spoke of two totally different “eschatons”, two different OT sources for their eschatology, two radically different time frames (yet both indicated the **imminent consummation**), two different New Creations / Resurrections, etc. – then the fact that Peter said the judgment of the living and the dead & the end of all things had come, this proves that Revelation was pre-AD 70. It Was About The Fulfillment Of Israel's Promises.**

**It Proves that *The End- Not The Beginning-* of the Millennium Was Truly NEAR!**