

Bookends at the Ends of the World: Two Millennial Reigns

The prophets of Israel had long prophesied a future time of Messiah's rule on earth during which the world would be rejuvenated, injustice would be eliminated, and the world would be at peace. The lion will lay down with the lamb, Isaiah says. The New Testament indicates this will be fulfilled by a millennium of Christ's rule on earth.

In the *Book of Revelation*, there is the singular mention of the 1,000-year rule of Christ on earth. In just seven verses, in Revelation 20, John introduces and then sums up on this subject. The idea of a 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth has been viewed by some as having an element of strangeness to it. The 1,000-year-rule of Christ coming as it does before the reign of Christ throughout eternity can be viewed as seemingly redundant. Besides, some have noted the seeming incongruity of such a period of time in Scripture since "1,000 years" does not apparently correlate with any other similar time in the Bible.

After a careful examination of the *Book of Enoch*, however, another 1,000-year period of earthly rule does in fact come jumping off the pages for the reader. The world before the flood was ruled by the Watchers and by their offspring for 1,000 years. In this light, the 1,000-year rule of Christ does seem to have a corollary. The millennial reign of Christ can now be viewed juxtaposed to the earlier millennial rule of the Watchers and their children. In this context, the rule of Christ can be seen as a kind of repudiation of the 1,000-year dominion of the earth by the Watchers and their offspring.

"In the Days of Jared"

According to Enoch's book the descent of the Watchers occurred "in the days of Jared." Referring to the genealogy included in chapter 5 of the *Book of Genesis*, Jared was born about 1,194 years before the flood, and his son, Enoch, was born about 1,033 years before the flood. If we assume the fall of the Watchers in "the days of Jared" refers to the period after Jared's birth but before the life of Enoch, this would mean the descent of the Watchers occurred sometime between 1,194 and 1,033 years before the flood. This means the domination and rule of the Watchers and their children in the realm of humankind would have lasted for at least 1,000 years. It was a big surprise for me when I first realized how long a span of time the Watchers and their children held sway over this planet.

At the last judgment, we are told in Enoch 38:5, "*then shall the kings and the mighty perish*". Throughout Enoch 37-71, a specific group is particularly singled out for God's judgment. They are referred to as, "*the*

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kings and the mighty and the exalted and those who rule the earth”, (Enoch 62:9). They are a major focus of the *Book of the Parables*, and are described in various ways throughout it.⁶³² In Enoch 56:3-4, they are called the “beloved ones” of the Watchers, which identifies them as the Watcher offspring who oppress mankind as described in Enoch chapter 7.⁶³³ This is the same group who Moses wrote about later, calling them, “*The mighty men, who were of old, men of renown.*” (Genesis 6:4) In the *Book of the Parables*, Enoch informs us these Watcher children had ruled the earth of their time, but they were destined to be finally judged by the Son of Man, who will be seated on the throne of His glory. Their judgment is prophesied first in Enoch 10:12. That verse states the final judgment of the Watchers and their children would take place 70 generations from Methuselah. This will indeed occur when Jesus Christ, who was born 70 generations from Methuselah will sit in judgment on His throne of glory.

The rule of the Watchers and the Nephilim over the affairs of men is spelled out in chapters 7 and 8 of Enoch. In those chapters the Watchers assume the role of teachers to mankind. Watcher superiority in all areas of knowledge was assumed. As the children of the Watchers multiplied, the increasing corruption and oppression of mankind followed.

There seems now to be a kind of dark typology inherent in the Watcher-Nephilim saga. It would appear the millennial reign of the Son of God will be, at least in part, an answer to the millennial misrule of the Watchers and their offspring before the flood. These two millennia, one coming at the outset and the other coming at the close of earth’s days can be seen as a kind of set of historical bookends to world history. Enoch 10:17-22, presents a lengthy description of the coming Messianic kingdom which in the passage is juxtaposed to the era of Watcher-Nephilim misrule. Here again we have encountered yet another Bible topic upon which the *Book of Enoch* sheds light and enhances our understanding of Scripture.

The following table serves to illustrate a wide range of points of similarity and contrast between the millennium of Watcher misrule and the coming 1,000-year reign of Jesus the Messiah:

⁶³² **Enoch 38:5, 46:4, 53:5, 54:2, 55:4, 62:1,3,6,9, 63:1,12, and 67:8,12**

⁶³³ **See also Enoch 10:12, 12:6 and 14:6**

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**A comparison of the two Millennial reigns found in the
Book of Enoch and the Books of Isaiah and Revelation**

| Enoch | Kingdom of the Watchers | Kingdom of Messiah | Isaiah and Revelation |
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| 6:6 | 1,000-year rule of the angelic god-men | 1,000-year rule of the God-man, Jesus | Rev. 20:6 |
| 6:2 | Begins with fall of Angels to earth | Begins with descent of Jesus to earth | Rev. 19:11 |
| 7:1 | Angels take wives at outset | Marriage supper of the Lamb at outset | Rev. 19:7 |
| 13:7-9 | Rule from Mt. Hermon | Rule from Mount Zion | Is. 2:2-4 |
| 10:8 | Azazel as chief | Jesus as king | Rev. 20:6 |
| 8:3 | Dissemination of occult knowledge | Dissemination of the word of God | Is. 2:3 |
| 9:6 | Knowledge of God suppressed | Knowledge of God fills the earth | Is. 11:9 |
| 8:3-4 | Human longevity decreases | Human longevity increases | Is. 65:20 |
| 10:9 | Nephilim judged and killed at end | Some Nephilim thrown in lake of fire at start | Rev. 19:20 |
| 10:12 | Ends with Angels bound in Abyss | Begins with Satan bound in Abyss | Rev. 20:1-3 |
| 88:2 | Finalized by world war | Finalized by world war | Rev. 19:21 |
| 12:5-6 | Consummated by tribulation period | Preceded by tribulation period | Rev. 3:10 |
| 10:2 | Ends with God's judgment by water | Ends with God's judgment by fire | Rev. 20:9 |
| 1:1 | Occurred in earth's early days | Occurs in earth's latter days | Rev. 20:11 |
| 10:7 | Earth renewed after | New earth after | Rev. 21:1 |
| Relevant Events Between the Millennial Bookends | | | |
| The Book of Enoch prohibited and suppressed in the 4th century ~ Council of Laodicea | | Belief in 1,000-year rule of Christ prohibited and suppressed in the 4th century ~ Council of Nicaea | |