

## Mystery of the Millennium Part 9

And we are returning to the MOM (Mystery of the Millennium) series. This is MOM 9. Recently on a chat board, I am a part of, I lobbed out a question, not because I knew the answer, but specifically because I didn't.

There had been various opinions expressed regarding the end of the age. If one is going to address something, we simply must define it. And the best definitions of course, in fact and the only definitions that matter are God's.

The question I asked, this was to about 10 folks who have a long history in the faith; decades, some up to 50 years, most well over 30 years, "What is the Age?" It would seem reasonable to me that if we had an opinion on where we were in regards to the end of the age, we should actually have some idea of what the end of what age was. I for one did not know and the answer I got can best be described as, "The silence was defining." Nothing, no one offered an answer and I was really looking for one that could be crosschecked against what scripture actually says.

Because nothing was forthcoming to get the ball rolling, I thought that I'd better get the ball rolling to see if there was an answer to be found. And today's message is an answer, not possibly the answer, but an answer to those investigations for your consideration.

We always must par things between us and our God and check things to the word of God and not follow a man or an organization.

I would like to read, actually took some time to phone a few people and just to see what was taught in the Churches of God and also what they personally understood as to maybe what that meant or how they saw things rolling out. And I have comprised a, "tongue in cheek", if can use it that way, a translation for you to consider. If we go to Daniel 2, and we read in verse 41-44, we'll first read the setting:

*<sup>41</sup>Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, (This is Nebuchadnezzar's dream) the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. <sup>42</sup>And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. <sup>43</sup>As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.*

Now that is from the New King James. I would like to read verse 44 from Bob's Your Uncle translation which is basically the position most of us held at one time for verse 44. The Bob's Your Uncle translation says:

*<sup>41</sup>In the days of these kings the God of heaven, (And most believe that is Jesus Christ) will set up a millennium that will never be destroyed nor will it be left to other people, and it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, (There will be a big rumble) and it (The Millennium, a 1000 years) will last forever.*

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And of course that is confirmed in the book of Acts. If we go to Acts 1:6; Acts 1:6 where we see confirmation of the efficiency of that. In Acts 1:6 it says:

*<sup>6</sup>Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Christ, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the millennium to Israel?"*

Well, let's read what it actually says instead of the "Bob's Your Uncle" translation, which is believed by the majority of people that I talked to or understood by the majority of people.

*<sup>44</sup>And in the days of these kings the God of heaven (Daniel 2:44) will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it (This kingdom that will be set up by God) shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

The kingdom of God will be established and it will stand forever. There is no mention of the millennium.

And if we look in Acts 1:6 for what it actually says:

*<sup>6</sup>Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

The millennium is not the kingdom! And we have believed it to be so and made it the same and it is not.

On the synopsis under the millennial study on A Short Work site, it states that, "More will be added as more is actually understood." This message is an attempt to honor that commitment.

A very good friend and brother in the faith made what I thought was a profound statement which I will share with you in case you find it the same. That statement is simply, "I reserve the right to be wrong." Taking on such a mindset allows us to grow as God or Christ teach us things that will alter our understanding and give us a more complete view of what we are coming to learn.

Thinking that we have all the truth, and that is a commonality, drives a nail in our spiritual coffin, because there is nothing new to learn. That isn't too far off in most churches of the world would use the term. And it is true of the COG (Church of God) as well. They believe fervently that they have all the truth.

Being lead by the Spirit into understanding requires that we grow and we shouldn't be simply replotting old ground constantly. We are charged in scripture to reach the fullness and the stature of Christ. Well, last I looked I was a long ways from that.

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But the directive is quite clear and we read of that in Ephesians 4. We'll read verses 11-16:

*<sup>11</sup>And He Himself (Christ) gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,*

Well if we are going to be the same as Christ in our understanding, then we have to understand the things that he understood.

*to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ;*

Do you and I have the knowledge and the understanding of Christ? I keep getting this answer from myself. Nope! Why not?

*<sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—*

The directive is really quite clear, if it wasn't possible for that to occur, why is it in the scriptures?

*<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

We should come to the same knowledge that Christ has and that would require, obviously, that when He tells us something, and he doesn't lie, that it would be wise to believe him. How else could we come to his knowledge?

Christ spoke a lot in parables and we are told why in the book of Mark.

The book of Mark, chapter 4, verses 10-12 we see this reference. Mark 4 verses 10 – 12:

*<sup>10</sup>But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. (Christ was speaking in parables) <sup>11</sup>And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, <sup>12</sup>so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.'"*

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So salvation was not being offered to them, to the others at this time, but the ones who are to participate in the kingdom of God and to know it and to understand it were given the knowledge.

If we are called to be part of the kingdom of God at this time, understanding is given. That makes sense to me.

And if we look further on in Mark 4, in verses 33-34, when he talked to the masses we see:

*<sup>33</sup>And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it.*

*<sup>34</sup>But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.*

Are you and I Disciples of Christ? We should understand; we need to understand. To figure this out try speaking in parables yourself, like Christ spoke in parables, so obviously he knew what the truth was so He could speak parables about them. If we doubt that Christ actually knew what was going on, try speaking in parables yourself having no idea what the truth is about what you are illuminating in parables. And we shouldn't have to wander down that road to far to see how that's working out for us.

I recently mentioned to a long time minister that perhaps one of the biggest mistakes done in the COG (Church of God), and that is just the world that I was in, was teaching folks what to think, rather than how to think.

And I want to use Matthew 24 as a case in point. Matthew 24, and let's read Matthew 24:3:

*<sup>3</sup>Now as He (Christ) sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*

And Christ said, "Sorry, I just don't know the answer?" No, actually he answered the question. He did know, he knew the "what, he knew "the plan", but he did not know the "When", as we read in Mat 24:36, Mat 24:36

*<sup>36</sup>"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*

He certainly knew the "what," but the timing is left in the Father's exclusive jurisdiction.

In the not too distant past Herbert Armstrong made much mileage of Mat 24:14. A roll he felt he was doing and many agreed with that. A work was done. If someone were to ask you, well when will that be done and by who or has it been done already? How would you answer that?

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There is a great use for the marker bed analogy that we talked about in an earlier part of the MOM (Mystery of the Millennium) series. And if we use the marker bed analogy, when we read 24:14., it says:

*<sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom (Which Herbert Armstrong talked about) will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

So He had been specifically asked, “when will the end come” and He answered their question. End here is referring to the end of the age as Christ was asked directly. And if we look up the word “end” in the concordance it means the completion, the principle end rather or the aim or the purpose. Matthew 24:14, from that it flows that the end cannot, and will not come until the gospel is preached to all the world. Well has that happened yet? And where in scripture is that mentioned to get our answer?

And initially I at some point in the past I thought well that is the two witnesses job. Well, maybe not! Maybe not!

So let’s go to Revelation 14:6. Let’s take a look at that and it’s important to get the timing on this in place. In verse one:

*<sup>1</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.*

Well has a resurrection to spirit occurred at this time? Yes!

*<sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup>They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; (So in the presence of God and his throne) and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. (It’s important to remember that, and it tells us who these folks were) These were redeemed (not going to be redeemed) they were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth (As we looked at before) was found no deceit, (they were spiritually perfect in a spiritual body) for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

So that’s all in place and then we see something else:

*<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, and tongue,...*

So here we see the preaching of the gospel to the entire world, after the whole first resurrection has occurred. Well, how about that!

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And it told us in Matthew 24:14 the end cannot come until after that happened. Well that's interesting; because it shows us that all of the actions that happened before that, although you're moving down the conveyer to end, it can't possibly happen because the end cannot happen until after this has occurred. All the incidents and all the things that we read in scripture that happened before this angel preaches the gospel to the world, is not "the" end.

It shows us that, we need to pay attention, we need to think, we need to use a marker bed like that one when we see one. Well, wait a minute here now, what's this actually saying?

It's even more interesting to notice the message; this is the angel preaching the gospel to the entire world.

*<sup>7</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Fear the God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

This is the gospel message. Do you feel this has been done? Or has it been replaced by another gospel? "Fear God" Most of the Church Of God don't know who that is! Have they actually done that? What do you think?

It is God's directive to the world, done by an angel, and it is after the innumerable multitude and the hundred forty four thousand have been resurrected to spirit life.

Again; this shows us that all the events prior to the angel's announcement, which is a marker bed, are not the end. The end must come after this and we are not told when, only after. Five minutes, five days, five years, fifty years; what is it? But it's after.

The bowl plagues come after this as we march to the quote, unquote, "end", but they're not the end either. The bowl plagues of Revelation 16 do not happen in five minutes.

Did Christ know the events of the end of the age? If He didn't know the exact day or hour, but did He know what would actually happen? And the answer to that is, absolutely yes, he did.

If we go to the book of Matthew, Matthew 13, Matthew 13 and we will look at verses 24-30; Matthew 13, verses 24-30:

*<sup>24</sup>Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven (Or the kingdom of God) is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup>But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup>So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' <sup>29</sup>... 'No, no lest*

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*while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'''*

You notice there are always the two ways here, the seeds of the wicked one; the seeds of God. The two ways, there is always two choices. Team dark; team light.

Christ knew what the harvest was like; did he also know something else about the harvest? Well let's go to Matthew 13, verses 36-43. Jesus had been speaking in parables, the one you just read, and the disciples were looking for a little clarification themselves.

*<sup>36</sup>So Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."*

What's that mean? He didn't say, "I don't know".

*<sup>37</sup>He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.*

I was telling a fellow the other day, when we see "is" and "are" in scripture we really need to sit up and pay attention, because we are being told specifics by Christ or God and we are given definitions. Those two little words are terribly, terribly important and when you come across them pay attention to what we are being told.

*<sup>37</sup> ....He who sows the good seed **is** the Son of Man. (There is no disputing what that is.)  
<sup>38</sup>The field **is** the world, the good seeds **are** the sons of the kingdom, (The kingdom of God) but the tares **are** the sons of the wicked one. (Again, you see both present.) <sup>39</sup>The enemy who sowed them **is** the devil,*

There is no disputing that. That's a definition scripture.

*the harvest **is** the end of the age,*

There we have a definition, from Christ himself, telling us that the end of the age is the harvest.

*and the reapers **are** the angels. (Very plain!) <sup>40</sup>Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.*

In the harvest you end up with stubble in the field and the grain in the bin. We are told something very, very important about the definition of the end of the age and the end of the age occurs when the tares are gathered and burnt up. It tells us that.

*<sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom...*

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Oops, He's already has a kingdom, well how can that be? Yeah, yeah, actually he does and in his kingdom there are things that offend. Well isn't everything just hunky peachy? Ah, actually, no.

*and those who practice lawlessness,*

You mean that Christ has people in his kingdom that practice lawlessness? How can that be? Everything is wonderful; it's the Millennium isn't it? Actually no, no it's not.

<sup>42</sup>*and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

<sup>43</sup>*Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

Do you and I have ears to hear? Christ is giving us knowledge; will we accept it? This study will take the position that Christ actually meant what he said and that his word was truth; lead where it may.

Our personal isms have no place or standing alongside the word of God. When the harvest is completed; so is the age and the new age can begin, but not until. Notice as well that this is the end of the age and the new one has not started yet.

Notice too that Christ has received his kingdom and he has things in it that do offend, such that he has to have the angels gather them. Our cherished idea that this millennium, where everything is just blue sky and roses; it's not true. It falls against the record of scripture and our idealic millennial concept of everybody happy and obedient; Christ comes down and there is a big rumble and then everything is wonderful; it's not true.

Christ had people when He received His kingdom it had folks in it that were a problem and needed to be dealt with. And it is described not as the start of the 100 (actually 1000) year period, rather the end of the age.

This requires a resetting of our understanding of when the 1000 years actually starts and the end of the age is completed and the kingdom of God does not begin when Christ sits on his throne, it comes after. But it does not mean there isn't a different condition in place?

Well let's look at that. We should see, or at least we would expect to see more references to the end of the age in other places in the bible. And indeed there actually is.

In Daniel 7, we go to Daniel 7, let's look at verses 11 – 14. Daniel 7, verses 11-14:

<sup>11</sup>*"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.*



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So you can see that the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of God and Christ. God is setting up the kingdom of God.

*<sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

So these kingdoms dropped in importance, but they were still around.

*<sup>13</sup>I was watching in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, (That's God the Father) and they brought Him (Christ) near before Him. (The Father) <sup>14</sup>Then to Christ was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, (Well!) that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

So a kingdom is given to Christ and we get a little further information on that in verses 26-27. Again it talks about this beast power:

*<sup>26</sup>But the court shall be seated, (Verse 26) and they shall take away his dominion, (So there is a changing of the guard here) to consume and destroy it forever. (Just like we read in Daniel 2) <sup>27</sup>Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, (Okay) shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

There is no power vacuum. If the dominion is removed from the beast power and given to the saints of the Most High, is there a handoff at that point? Yes! Is it the Millennium? It is not!

The saints and Christ are on a throne at this time, but it is not the Millennium.

As a reminder let's look again at Matthew 13; Matthew 13, verses 10-17. Mathew 13 verses 10-17

*<sup>10</sup>And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, (Knowledge of the kingdom of God) ... more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, (Does not have abundance) even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; <sup>15</sup>for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' <sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes for*

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*they see, and your ears for they hear; <sup>17</sup>for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

So there was knowledge imparted and we see exactly the same thing in Matthew 25, verses 29 and 30. We have gone through the parable of the talents just prior to this, but notice the conclusion:

*<sup>29</sup> 'For to everyone who has, (Has some knowledge of the kingdom of God) more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, (An abundant knowledge) even what he has will be taken away.*

It's a promise from Christ that if we have the knowledge of the kingdom of God more will be given to abundance.

And to those who have some, but not abundance, even that will be taken away; as the parable of the talents is pointing that out. To grow, to learn, it's all about knowledge of the kingdom. We better get with the program.

If we look at Matthew 13; Matthew 13, verses 47-50, we will see again more color to what we are trying to understand.

Matthew 13, verses 47 – 50:

*<sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven (Or the kingdom God) is (Is, notice that) like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,*

The gathering happens in the kingdom of God.

*<sup>48</sup> which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but they threw the bad away.*

So in the kingdom of God, not in the Millennium, in the kingdom of God this is what happens. And we are given more clarification:

*<sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age.*

This is not the Millennium; this is the end of the age, this age. The Kingdom of heaven is in place, the dragnet is thrown out, the good and the bad are separated.

*The angels will come fourth and separate the wicked from the just, <sup>50</sup>and cast them into the furnace of fire.*

They go into the lake of fire, if you are bad, the bad.

*... There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

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Again we have an end of age reference; the wailing and gnashing of teeth. The harvest is in the kingdom of God; it's not in the millennium.

It's the same in Matthew 13:42.

*<sup>42</sup>and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

We see the same thing in Matthew 24, verses 45; Matthew 24, verses 45-51. Christ did know how this went down and he did tell us and of course I think we have been bamboozled by false things we have considered.

*<sup>45</sup>“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup>Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup>But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ <sup>49</sup>and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,*

So rather than being taken in the first resurrection to the sea of glass to meet God, this guy misses out.

*<sup>51</sup>and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

When does he face the music? When does he face the music? This passage is describing the fulfillment of Psalm 110:

*“Sit at My right hand, (Be with me) till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*

If you wanted a definition of what that is we have it here. Christ was active in the millennium He wasn't a armchair quarterback; not in the millennium in the kingdom of God Christ is active.

And we can see in Matthew 25 and verse 31; Matthew 25 and verse 31:

*<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

The judgment of all the nations occurs after Christ sits on his throne. In verse 34:

*<sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

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They inherit the kingdom of God and we need to pay attention when we read these words, "kingdom of God" because at least to my current understanding, that can refer to three things. It can refer to the actual government that rules the earth, it can refer to spirit life at a different level in the kingdom of God and it can refer to the entire creation, God made it, it's His kingdom.

So we need to pay attention to what that's talking about. This reference here is the giving of spirit life and these people will actually live then in the kingdom of God in an entirely different level of existence. And that's different, absolutely different than the kingdom of God where it is ruling on the earth.

If we look at Matthew 25, and verses 31-46 the entire passage talks about the separating of the sheep and the goats. They are all done. It's a time of spirit life being given and it's a time of the lake of fire being operational. It is repeated there, we read it, but let's look at it again.

Matthew 13; Matthew 13, verses 47-50. It's the same thing:

*<sup>47</sup>... the kingdom of God is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, <sup>48</sup>which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.*

So it will be in the Millennium, ah, No!

*<sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup>and cast them into the furnace of fire.*

That is the completion of the harvest. The harvest is the end of the age. We see exactly the same thing in Matthew 13, verses 37-43. It doesn't change. I will read that again. Matthew 13, verse 37 through 43:

*<sup>37</sup>He answered (Christ is explaining to them) ... "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. <sup>39</sup>The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. <sup>40</sup>Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom (Is He involved in the kingdom of God, working with God the Father? Yes!) all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, <sup>42</sup>and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

All of these references speak to what occurs at the end of the age.

What then marks the beginning of the new age? And would we recognize it if and when we saw it? What kicks off the 1000 years? The answer to that may well help us understand what occurs at the end of the 1000 years.

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There will be more of that in MOM (Mystery of the Millennium) 10. There is something for you to consider here, now that we believe, hopefully understand that the millennium and the Kingdom of God are not equated. The Millennium is a portion of the kingdom of God, a kingdom that lasts forever and there are things that occur when the Kingdom of God is set up on the earth and there are things that occur after the cleanup, the harvest, is actually done.

We can see this exact dynamic portrayed in Matthew 8; Matthew verses 10-12.  
The Centurion had just had his interaction with Christ:

*<sup>10</sup>When Christ heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"*

Now here's the kicker!

*<sup>11</sup>And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of (God) kingdom of heaven.*

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are already in the kingdom of God, the kingdom of God already exists and these people will come from the east and the west having been given spirit life and they will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And notice verse 12:

*<sup>12</sup>But the sons of the kingdom (The other kingdom) will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

Now for the first time this scripture makes sense. The establishment of the kingdom of God, which has been equated to the establishment of the establishment of the Millennium, is not true. The establishment of the Millennium happens much later.

More on that in MUM 10.