Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel, is with us
"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
and shew my people their transgression,
and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1

Bible Prophecy
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Y2K ... Year 2000

1. Introduction

Most adults in the west have heard about the **'millennium bug'** and the computer chaos that is expected to occur on the **1st January in the year 2000,** also known as **Y2K.** (Y=Year, 2K=2000) **Absolute chaos is predicted.** Though the vast majority of computers world-wide are not **Y2K** compliant, **It will be a NON colossal event. January 1st, 2000** will come and go more or less as before. Sure, there will be computer problems; **but nothing like the global chaos that is expected.** Companies dealing in **defence, hospitals, banks, travel & insurance, water** etc. will obviously be badly hit **(IF)** their programs are unable to cope with the change over from 1999 to 2000. So too will small businesses using non-compliant hardware and software. **But total disaster on January 1st, 2000 is not something the ordinary citizen should be worrying about.**

2. What is the Millennium Bug?

The **'millennium bug'** is not a computer virus. It is a term used to describe a computer's (or program's) inability to handle a 4 digit year in a computer file's date field. For example: a program using a 2 digit year in a date field (i.e. 31/12/**99**) would the next day on 1st, January show the date as 01/01/**00** and this incorrect date could be mistaken for the 1st January 1900. **That is where the problem lies.** In other words, non-compliant hardware and software would be unable to cope with a **4 digit year;** and after year **99** the dates would go back to year 00.

3. Short Sightedness

Why didn't those early computer folk foresee this date problem some 40 or 50 years ago when they first designed their programs? The answer is because they didn't think that the programs they were producing would still be in use in 1999. For them the year **2000** was as far away as the year **9999** is to us; when a similar changeover to the year **10000** will occur. The year **10000** will need a **5 digit year;** but it's so far away it just doesn't bear thinking about. It was like that in the early 1940s, 50s and 60s, when only **2 digits** were allocated for the year in a date field. The year 1999 was **so far away!**

4. Buying in Food

Will there be chaos throughout the world in January 2000? **NO.** Undoubtedly there will be serious problems in some areas; but the world is not going to grind to a halt in January 2000. That much is certain. It may be a good

idea to buy in some food to last over the **'potentially problem period of a few weeks;'** but, we repeat, **the world is not going to grind to a halt in January 2000.**

5. Will Jesus Christ Return in Y2K?

Millions of Christians believe that Jesus Christ will return to earth in the year **2000** or, at the latest, in the year **2001.** Others teach that when he rose from his grave he didn't go to his Father in heaven; but went to the Himalayan mountains in Tibet and that he will return from there and reveal himself to the world in the year 2000 or 2001. Others teach that he travelled to the USA.

- **And so I ask:**
    - **Just where did Jesus go when he rose from the grave?**
    - **And do the Scriptures give us a date for his return?**

The Bible answer is: The Saviour **ascended to heaven** after his resurrection; (Mark 16: 19) but no man or angel knows the day when he will return to earth.
 Matthew 24: *36: **"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."***

6. The Millennium

The **Bible millennium** is not to be confused with the **year 2000.** They are two separate events and start at very different times.

- **The Bible millennium...**
    - Is the Messiah's **1000** year Reign of Peace as described in the Scriptures.
    - It will start when Jesus Christ (Yeshua the Messiah) returns to earth.

- **The next civil millennium...**
    - The year 2000, will start on 1st January, 2000

7. The Secret Rapture

"But," We can hear many believers cry out in horror. **"What about the Rapture? Aren't we Christians going to be caught away to heaven seven years before Jesus returns?"** Believe it or not, that is not what the Scriptures teach. The Scriptures teach that the church will go through the tribulation (Revelation 7: 13-17) and that Jesus will return to earth at the **7th or last trump,** which will sound at the end of the **7th Seal** of Revelation.

8. Await these Events before Yeshua Returns

Very briefly here are a few - of many - things which still have to occur **before** Jesus Christ returns to earth:

- **The events under the 6th Seal** have still to occur.
    - Under this seal there is a **global earthquake when EVERY mountain and island will be moved out of its place. This has not yet happened yet.**

- **The events under the 7th Seal** have still to occur.
    - Under this Seal, which is subdivided into **7 Trumpets,** the earth suffers absolute devastation!
    - Indeed at **Trumpet 6 The 2nd Woe** a **third of the human race is slain! This has not yet happened yet.**

- **The Beast of Revelation 13 The Antichrist**

- Will arise from **The Bottomless Pit** and begin his world-wide reign.
- During which time no one can buy or sell unless he/she has the **Mark of the Beast**. **ALL this has not yet happened yet.**

9. Have we Nothing to Fear?

Does this mean that everything is going to be fine? **Certainly not.** Our world is in for some terrifying events; **but they will not be caused by the 'millennium bug.'** If you are **really interested** in the future, read our booklet entitled **Understand the Revelation**. It will open your eyes to coming events which will make the **'millennium bug'** appear like a **harmless moth.**

10. Summary

- **The world will not come to an end in the Y2K**
  - There will be computer problems in most countries;
  - **But nothing like the chaos being predicted in the media.**

- **The 'Millennium Bug'** is not a computer virus.
  - It is the inability of computer programs or chips to handle a **4 digit year** in a computer file's date field.
  - It is an easy problem to put right; **but it takes time.**
  - Firms which have put off sorting the problem will be hard hit; **but world-wide chaos will not result.**

- **The 'Millennium Bug'**
  - Was inadvertently created by short-sighted computer professionals.
  - **They caused the problem in the first place; but they are well able to put it right.**
  - Having a standby stock of essentials is a good safety measure; **but don't panic.**

- **Yeshua, (Jesus Christ)**
  - **Will not return in the year 2000.** Indeed **NO ONE** knows when He will return.

- **The teaching concerning the 'Secret Rapture' is not in line with Bible prophecy.**
  - Several earth-shaking events have still too happen before the Saviour returns: ie
  - **A world-wide earthquake, massive destruction of the earth, its rivers and oceans; and the death of a third of earth's population! This has not yet happened yet!**

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AMEN!

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