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n. pl. mil·len·ni·a (-lĕn ē-ə) or *mil·len·ni·ums*

1. A span of one thousand years.
2. A thousand-year period of holiness mentioned in the book of Revelation, during which Jesus and his faithful followers are to rule on earth.
3. A hoped-for period of joy, serenity, prosperity, and justice.
4. A thousandth anniversary.

[New Latin *mīlennium* : Latin *mīlle*, thousand; see **gheslo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *annus*, year; see **at-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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