

# CIVILIZATION – A Biblical Concept

- I. A Civilization is defined as the starting over of the human race.
  - A. A civilization begins with believers only.
  - B. A civilization ends with divine judgment, which destroys the entire population of the world except Christians.
- II. In our history there will be four civilizations:
  - A. *Antediluvian* (*ante* – before; *deluge* – flood)
  - B. *Postdiluvian* (*post* – after; *deluge* – flood)
  - C. *Millennial*
  - D. *Eternal*

Each civilization has its own climate, environment, and its own characteristics in animal life, as well as man.

- III. Antediluvian civilization – the first civilization began with Adam in innocence. The earth had no rain during this time; it was watered by dew. There was plenty of food available; and there were no diseases or infections. Thus people lived long lives – many lived over 900 years. This civilization concluded with the flood, which destroyed all the population of the world, except eight people (8 believers – [II Peter 2:5](#)).
- IV. Postdiluvian Civilization – this is the civilization in which we now live; it began with Noah and his family after the flood. This civilization has bacteria, infection, and microorganisms. Therefore, there is sickness and disease and the life expectancy is about three-score and ten (70 plus), compared to over 900 in the previous civilization. This civilization will end with the [Second Advent of Christ](#).
- V. Millennial Civilization – this civilization will begin after the Rapture and the Tribulation, with tribulational saints who survive the seven years of horror. These saints will enter the millennial civilization in their physical bodies, while the lost people who survive the tribulation will be cast off the earth in the [Baptism of Fire](#) ([Ezekiel 20:34-38](#)).
- VI. At the beginning of this civilization, Christ will return to the earth and there will be a time of perfect environment on earth. The weather will be great! Animals will not be ferocious (lamb and Lion); there will be no warfare (until the Gog revolution at the end; there will be world peace for 1,000 years of Christ's reign).
- VII. Eternal Civilization – the fourth civilization will begin with all the Christians in resurrection bodies, and there we will remain with the Lord forever.
- VIII. Each civilization begins with God's blessings and concludes with catastrophe. God always provides the best. Man always produces the worst. Apostasy always destroys what God provides.