

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Chapter Twenty

1. **Revelation chapter 20**, in my opinion, is the greatest chapter of religious _____ in the Bible; this chapter mentions a _____-year reign that has been _____ to teach sometime not supported by _____.
2. From this chapter, many _____ groups have developed an _____ theory called **_____millennialism**; the essence of this _____ theory is that one day Christ is going to return to the _____ and establish His _____ and reign for one _____ years.
3. Allow me to mention several specifics _____ of premillennialism that are not stated in this chapter – **nothing is said about the following**:
 - 1) the _____ coming of Jesus,
 - 2) a _____ resurrection,
 - 3) Christ reigning on the _____,
 - 4) Christ returning to re-establish _____ throne or kingdom, and
 - 5) Christ will reign in _____ (**Palestine**).
4. These are just some of the _____ assumptions of the **doctrine** of premillennialism; to promote this doctrine requires a lot of _____ to God's word; we are strongly taught throughout the Bible not to _____ or _____ from God's word (**Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19**).
5. This false doctrine teaches that Christ _____ establish His _____ (**church**) as He promised because the _____ rejected Him; thus, He decided to return at a _____ date to establish His _____ or re-establish David's throne on earth.
6. **Note**: The Bible clearly teaches that Christ _____ establish His _____ (**church**) as He _____ and people are presently _____ in it (cf. **Rev. 1:5-6, 9; 5:9-10; Col. 1:13-14**).
7. Christ started His reigning when He ascended to the _____ hand of God, and He now reigns as _____ of kings (cf. **Eph. 1:20-23; Acts 1:9-11; 2:30-36; Rev. 17:14**); those

who falsely teach this doctrine overlook that Jesus said to the crowd some of this would still _____ when they saw the _____ come with power (**Matt. 16:28**). Furthermore, the Bible says that Jesus upon His return, the _____ (**church**) will be presented to His Father (**1 Cor. 15:24**). **Thought question** – How can Jesus present to His Father the _____ if it has not been established?

8. The focus of **Revelation 20** is not about Jesus _____ for one thousand years, but the _____ of Satan who is also called the _____; this chapter presents a reason for Christians to _____ in the midst of severe persecution, because those who remain faithful unto death will be given a “_____ of life” (**Rev. 2:10**).

9. This chapter can be divided into the following four sections:

- 1) Satan is _____ for one thousand years (**20:1-3**),
- 2) Christians are _____ with Christ in His kingdom (**20:4-6**),
- 3) Satan will be _____ for a “**little season**” (**20:7-10**), and
- 4) The final _____ by Christ (**20:11-15**).

Section 1 – Satan is Bound for One Thousand Years – 20:1-3.

1. This chapter opens with John saying, “**I saw an** _____” descending from heaven; in **verses 1, 4 (twice), 11, and 12**. He is afforded the privilege to see _____ events related to _____ defeat and the _____ judgment.

2. Who is this angel that John sees coming from heaven is not _____; some have wrongly stated that it is referring to _____. It’s not Jesus because all angels are _____ being (**Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:7-8**). Jesus is not a _____ being, but _____ who was involved in the creation of the universe (**Gen. 1:26; Jo. 1:1-3**).

3. This angel has _____ things in his hand: (1) the _____, and (2) a great _____; these two items are not to be taken literally but figuratively. The _____ represents authority and power over the bottomless _____ (**abyss**) – this is the place of the abode of all demonic spirits or forces opposed to God (cf. **2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6**).

4. This place of the bottomless pit refers to _____ or _____; Satan and his angels, when they were removed from heaven were placed in Tartarus – hell (**Rev. 12:7-9**). In **verse 2** John reiterates four names of _____ stated earlier in **chapter 12:9**:
- 1) **The** _____ – powerful and ferocious,
 - 2) _____ **of old** – cunning and deceiving,
 - 3) _____ – accuser and slanderer, and
 - 4) _____ – adversary.
5. John tells us that Satan was _____ by this angel for one thousand years; Satan has been _____ for longer than 1,000 years. So, the thousand-year reign is not to be taken _____. It's imperative to know and remember, numbers are _____ in this book: numbers such as - 7 (**Rev. 2:1-7**); 10 (**Rev. 2:10**); 144,000 (**Rev. 7:4; 14:3**) and 1,000 (**Rev. 20:2**). So, what is the meaning of the 1000-year reign? It means for a completed time to be determined by God, Satan is to be _____ (**2 Pet. 3:8**).
6. Satan has always been restrained; remember, he had to obtain _____ from God to test _____ (**Job 1:12; 2:6**); Today, Satan is unable to _____ people as he once did (**Job 1:7**); nor will he be able to _____ people face-to-face as he did Jesus in **Matthew 4:1-11**. He can't _____ Christians do anything (**Jas. 4:7**).
7. Satan is _____; this is not punishment, but restriction. Satan can deceive or tempt people (**1 Pet. 5:8**). He works by getting into the _____ (**minds**) of people and attempt to control their thoughts (**Prov. 4:23**).
8. **Verse 3** is a difficult passage to explain; in particular, the following statement, "**after these things he must be released for a little while.**" Note, in **verse 7**, John says, "**Satan will be released from his _____**" perhaps referring that before the world comes to an end, Satan will make a strong effort to _____ as many people as possible. [Does Satan know when the world is going to come to an end? No! He knows the world is coming to an end. Jesus tells us that only the Father knows when the world is going to come to an end, the angels don't know (**Matt. 24:36**). Satan was an angel; therefore, he doesn't know.]

Section 2 – Christians are Reigning with Christ in His Kingdom – 20:4-6.

1. In **verse 4**, John says, “**I saw _____, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them**” the antecedent of the plural pronouns “**they**” and “**them**” is most likely the _____ of the _____ Christians. They refused to worship the beast or to receive his _____ on their heads and hands (cf. **Rev. 13:16-19**). The “**thrones**” refers to Christians reigning with Christ in His kingdom (**church**) that He established with His death and resurrection. Christians, in Christ, _____ or _____ are reigning with Christ in His church.
2. These are those who were under the _____ in **Revelation 6:10**, who cried “**How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood...**” John says, “**they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years**” – they reigned before their _____, and now “**they**” sat on the thrones. **NOTE** – while Satan is _____ with a chain for 1,000 years, the faithful dead _____ with Christ for one thousand years.
3. Remember John was writing to Christians who were _____; they had witnessed fellow Christians being put to death. They needed some _____; the good news was those “**in Christ**” reign with Him even in _____.
4. Now look at **verse 5**, “**but the rest of dead**” - who are these people? These are those who loved their own lives and who received the _____ of the beast in their foreheads and on their right hands (**Rev. 13:16-18**).
5. Christ did _____ His kingdom (**church**), and those “**in Christ**” reign with Him even in death. Think about John’s words in **Revelation 14:13**, “**Blessed are the _____ who die in the _____.**”
6. In **verse 6**, John helps to clarify **verse 5** by stating the meaning of the statement “**the _____ resurrection.**” What is the first resurrection? These are those who took part in the “**first resurrection**,” and those who _____ in the “**first resurrection**” – the “**_____ death**” has no power (**Rev. 20:14**). They shall be _____ of God and Christ and shall reign with Him (**Jesus**) for a thousand years (**1 Pet. 2:5, 9**).

7. The “**first resurrection**” refers to those who were _____ dead but have been resurrected to _____ life (**Eph. 2:1; Rom. 6:4-5**). This “**first resurrection**” is not a _____ resurrection of dead.

Section Three - Satan will be Loosed for a “Little Season” (20:7-10).

1. In **verse 7**, John says, “**when the thousand years have expired**,” that is, when this _____ age or period comes to an end, “**Satan will be _____ from his prison.**”

This 1000-year period is a _____ time that God knows.

2. When Satan is released; he will then “**go out to _____ the nations**” (**v. 8**). Satan is going to lead an _____ attack on the people on the earth. The battle of “_____ **and _____**” is a figurative battle. This great battle will be between “**saints and sinners.**”

A battle between _____ and _____ (the few – the great multitude **Rev. 7:9; Matt. 7:14; 22:14**) and _____ and the _____ (many, **Matt. 7:13** – “**sand of the sea**” **Rev. 20:8**).

3. Although, the number of Christians, in comparison to the number of wicked, will be much _____; they are going to win or be victorious. In **verse 9**, the “_____ **of the saints and the beloved city**” is surrounded. This represents the _____, Christ’s kingdom (**Heb. 12:22-23**).

4. Satan and his followers will cover the earth, and the Christians will be surrounded. It will look _____, then God intervenes. He sends _____ from heaven to destroy the wicked; those covered by the _____ of Christ and who have remained _____ will be victorious.

5. Satan is going to be _____; the _____ and _____ have already been defeated. In **verse 10**, the three frogs – the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire. This fire is _____ – the place of everlasting punishment (**Matt. 25:46**). This place is prepared for the _____ and his followers (**Matt. 25:41**).

Section Four - The Final Judgment by Christ - 20:11-15.

1. After the three enemies of Christians are defeated, then comes the _____ - the great judgment; John says, "**I saw**" a great white _____ and Him sitting on it. The person sitting on the throne is _____. John tells us in **John 5:22** that the heavenly Father has committed the judgment to His Son.
2. What will have happened to "**the _____ and _____**?" John says that they will have "**...fled away. And there was found no _____ for them.**" This agrees with Peter's description in **2 Peter 3:10-13**, that these will be _____.
3. Again, in **verse 12**, John says "**I saw the dead, small and great standing before God, and the _____ were opened, and another _____ was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were indeed judged according to their works by the things which were written in the books.**"
4. If the dead who have been placed in _____ and _____ have in essence already been judged, what is the _____ of the judgment for them? The day of judgment for these is to be sentenced to their eternal destination - the _____ to eternal life in new Jerusalem (**heaven**) and those _____ to the lake of fire.
5. In **verse 12**, John mentions "**books**" and "**another book.**" There will be _____ books opened on the day of judgment: "**books**" (**Old and New Testaments**) and "**another book**" (**Book of Life**).
6. **Verse 13** affirms a resurrection of the dead; both _____ and _____ (**Tartarus and Paradise**) will both _____ their dead. These are the two places where people's disembodied _____ go after death. On the day of judgment, these spirits will receive new _____ (**1 Cor. 15:52-54**). Remember the words of **Revelation 14:13**, our works follow us at death.
7. According to **verse 14**, Death and Hades cast into a _____ of _____. This is the _____ death mentioned earlier in **verse 6**. There will be no more _____. Punishment will be eternal, and heavenly reward will be eternal.