

The Thousand Year Reign from Beginning to End Revelation 20

I. The Millennial Kingdom (20:1-10)

A. The Beginning: Satan is bound for 1000 years (1-3).

1. John saw an angel... (1)

- a. coming down from heaven.
- b. having the key to the abyss.
- c. having a great chain.

2. The actions of this angel (2-3):

- a. He laid hold of the dragon.
- b. He bound the dragon for 1000 years.
- c. He cast the dragon into the abyss.
- d. He shut the dragon up.
- e. He set a seal on the dragon.

- 1) the purpose of the seal is that he should _____
- 2) until after these things...

B. The In-Between: Believers reign with Jesus Christ for 1000 years (4-6).

1. John saw thrones and people sitting on them (4a).

- a. They lived.
- b. They reigned with Christ.

2. The rest of the dead will not rise until after the 1000 years (5a).

3. The first resurrection is now _____ (5b-6).

a. The order of the first resurrection:

- 1) Jesus Christ
- 2) Church-age saints at the rapture
- 3) OT and Tribulation saints at the 2nd coming

b. Those who are part of the first resurrection _____.

- 1) the second death has no power over them
- 2) they shall be priests of God and of Christ
- 3) they shall reign with Him for 1000 years

* What is the emphasis in this account?

C. The Finish: Satan is released after 1000 years to lead one last rebellion (7-10).

1. He will be released (7).

2. He will make one final attempt at a coup (8-9).

- a. He will go out and _____ the nations.
 - 1) all the nations of the world
 - 2) a great multitude of people
 - 3) in similar fashion to the battle of Gog and Magog
 - 4) his deception aligns the nations together for battle
 - b. They will go up to the beloved city and surround the saints.
 - c. Fire will come down from God and devour them.
3. He will face his final and eternal judgment (10).
- a. He will be cast into the lake of fire.
 - b. He will be tormented forever.

* What's the point?

II. The Final Judgment (20:11-15)

- A. John saw a great white throne and Him sitting on it (11).
1. From whose face the earth and heaven fled.
 2. There was found no place for them (earth and heaven).
- * Who is "Him"?
- B. John saw the unsaved dead standing before Him and the throne (12-13).
1. There were books opened.
 2. There was another book called the Book of Life.
 3. The dead were judged according to the things written in the books.
 - a. The sea, Death, and Hades delivered up the dead for this judgment.
 - b. Their judgment was according to their works.

* God is keeping books!

* What are the works that they are judged by?

- C. The dead were cast into the lake of fire (14).

* What do we not see?

- D. The reason one is cast into the lake of fire is that their name is not written in the Book of Life (15).

* How can you have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?