

Part 8 - JET TOUR THROUGH REVELATION
THE THOUSAND YEARS AND
THE GREAT WHITE THRONE (Rev. 20)

INTRO: 7 Key Events . . . END TIMES Chart . . .

1. Mankind has always dreamed of a “golden-aged utopia.”
2. Millennial Kingdom views: amillennial, postmillennial, or premillennial – PPT slides of EXPLANATIONS

Judgments after Second Coming before Millennium

1. Gathered armies against God (Rev. 16:13-16; 19:15-18)
2. Antichrist and false prophet (Rev. 19:20)
3. Satan (Rev. 20:1-3)
4. Martyred tribulation saints (Rev. 20:4-6)
5. Old Testament saints (Rev. 20:4-6; Dan. 12:1-3, 13)
6. Living Jews (Matt. 24:29-31; 25:1-30; Isa. 10:20-22; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 20:33-38; 37)
7. Living Gentiles (Isa. 34:1-2; Joel 3:1-2, 11-16; Matt. 25:31-46)

Note: Unsaved survivors go to Hades and saved survivors enter the Millennial Kingdom with unglorified earthly bodies to populate the Millennial Kingdom (Isa. 65:18-25).

I. SERPENT IS REMOVED (Rev. 20:1-3)

- A. (v. 1) The PLACE of his Removal – “bottomless pit” (abyss – 9:1-2, 11; 11:7; 17:8)
- B. (vv. 2-3) The PERIOD of his Removal – “thousand years”
- C. (v. 3) The PURPOSE of his Removal – “not deceive the nations” (Matt. 24:4-5, 11, 24; Rev. 12:9)

II. SAINTS WILL REIGN (Rev. 20:4-6)

- A. The Court of the King – “Who rules?” Dan. 7:18, 22, 27; 12:2; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; Rev. 2:26-28; 20:6

“First Resurrection” (Rev. 20:5-6) – to eternal life in heaven (Lk. 14:14; Jn. 5:28-29) — Stages:

1. Christ Himself (Matt. 28:1-7; 1 Cor. 15:20)
2. Around Christ’s Crucifixion (Matt. 27:51-53)
3. Rapture of Church age believers (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-53)—the throne sitters (v. 4a), includes the Apostles (Matt. 19:28; Dan. 7:22)
4. Two witnesses (Rev. 11:8)
5. Martyred dead of tribulation (Rev. 20:4-6) – the beheaded (excuted) faithful (v. 4b)
6. Old Testament saints (Dan. 7:18, 27; 12:1-3; Rev. 20:4-6)

B. The Conditions of the Kingdom (mostly OT):

1. Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:1-3)
2. Christ will rule (Psa. 2:6; Dan. 7:13-14; Lk. 1:32-33; Matt. 6:10)
3. Saints will reign with Him (Rev. 20:6; 1 Cor. 6:2; Dan. 7:18; 2 Tim. 2:12) We administer His rule!
4. Jerusalem will be the world capital (Isa. 2:3; Psa. 46:4; 48:1-2; Zech. 14:16-21)
5. Truth, righteousness, justice and peace will prevail (Isa. 2:4; 9:7; 11:4-5)
6. Joy will abound (Isa. 9:3; 61:7)
7. Curse is lifted (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:1-2, 6b-7, 9; Rom. 8:18-23)
8. Food will be abundant (Joel 2:21-27; Amos 9:13-14)
9. Fullness of knowledge will exist (Joel 2:28-29; Isa. 11:9)
10. Sickness and deformity are gone (Isa. 29:18; 33:24; Jer. 30:17)
11. Longevity of life is restored (Isa. 65:20)
12. New Temple for Worship (Ezek. 40-48; Isa. 66:23)
13. More light given (Isa. 4:5-6; 30:26; 60:19-20)
14. Work will be fulfilling (Isa. 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Ezek. 48:18-19)
15. Worshipping Jesus (Zech. 14:16-21)

III. SATAN IS RELEASED TO REVOLT (Rev. 20:7-10)

A. (vv. 7-8) Satan’s DESIGN

1. “to deceive the nations” (v. 8)
2. “to gather them for battle” (v. 9)

B. (vv. 9-10) Satan’s DESTRUCTION

1. Armies consumed (v. 9)
2. Satan cast into the lake of fire (v. 10)

IV. SINNERS ARE RECOMPENSED (Rev. 20:11-15) – like a courtroom with a few differences . . .

- A. (v. 11) The JUDGE – Christ (Jn. 5:22-30; Matt. 19:28; Acts 17:31)
- B. (vv. 12-13) The JUDGED – All unbelievers (second resurrection – Jn. 5:22, 28-29). “books opened . . . book of life” . . .
- C. (vv. 14-15) The JUDGMENT – Lake of Fire forever tormented

CONC: “Why Must There Be A Millennium?”

- To *reward* the faithful (Lk. 19:16-19; Rev. 20:4-6)
- To *redeem* creation (Gen. 3:14-19; Rom. 8:19-22) – reverse curse (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:1-7; Ezek. 47:8-12)
- To *realize* the promises of God – God made three unconditional and eternal covenants (Abrahamic, Davidic and New Covenant)
- To *reaffirm* the total depravity of mankind (Rev. 20:7-10). H. Morris... (p. 223 Hitchcock)