

## Revelation – The Return Millennium (Revelation 20)

### The Abyss ( a holding place for demons and now Satan)

Satan will be locked up in the Abyss for a thousand years.

- Revelation 20:1-3
- The Abyss is a temporary holding place for demons.
- Satan will not be able to deceive people during the Millennium.
- Satan must be released from the Abyss after a thousand years.
  - Revelation 20:3

### The saints

The thousand-year reign of Jesus on earth is called the **Millennium** .

- Revelation 20:4
- Postmillennialists believe that the Church will prepare the world for Jesus' return by making it better and better.
- Amillennialists believe there will be no literal thousand-year reign of Jesus. We are in the millennium now.
- **Premillennialists** believe that Jesus will establish His thousand-year reign on earth after He returns at Armageddon.
- We don't have to agree on the millennium to be Christians.

All those faithful to God will reign and rule with Jesus during the Millennium. This includes us too based on other scriptures.

Let the Word interpret the Word

- Daniel 7:27
- Matthew 19:28-30
- 1 Corinthians 6:2 see below
- Revelation 3:21 , 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign<sup>[a]</sup> on the earth.

During the Millennium:

- Christians will have resurrected, glorified bodies;
  - Revelation 20:5-6
- Christians will have kingdom jobs;
  - Isaiah 65:21-23
- peace and prosperity will prevail;
- justice will be fair and swift;

- the world will be restored to its intended state; and
- Satan's temptations and deceptions will not exist.

### The final battle after armagedon

After a thousand years, Satan will be released.

- Revelation 20:7-9
- After his release, Satan will again deceive many people.
- Even under Jesus' rule, people will rebel against God in a perfect environment and near perfect world they still sin.
- Why do they still sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your excuse for your sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- God will destroy those who rebel against him and cast Satan into hell for eternity.
  - Revelation 20:9-10

### The final judgment=GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

All non-Christians will be judged by God for salvation at the Great White Throne Judgment.

- Revelation 20:11
- Revelation 20:12-13 see below in AMPC
- Non-Christians will be judged according to their deeds.
- The only way to escape hell is to have your name written in the book of life.
  - Revelation 20:14-15=2<sup>nd</sup> death Death and hell thrown where \_\_\_\_\_?
- We are accountable to God for our own actions and decisions.
- **Ultimately God respects our free will choice to reject HIM**

“There are only two kinds of people in the end: Those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’” – C.S. Lewis

- Christians will be judged for rewards according to their deeds at the **Judgment Seat of Christ**, *covered in the Blood of Jesus!!*
  - 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Death and Hades will be thrown into hell along with the others.
  - Revelation 20:14

“What we believe about the future is one of the best predictions of how we act today.” – Tim Keller

### **Action Steps**

- Praise God and prepare for His coming Kingdom.
- Faithfully obey Jesus in all things.
- Share the gospel with someone this week.

### Revelation 20:15

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

### The Thousand Years

**20** And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. **2** He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. **3** He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. **4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They<sup>[a]</sup> had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **5** (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

### The Judgment of Satan

**7** When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison **8** and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. **9** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the

camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. **10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

### The Judgment of the Dead

**11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire

Rev 20 12-13 AMPC<sup>12</sup> I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [<sup>[a]</sup>their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books.<sup>13</sup> And the sea delivered up the dead who were in it, death and Hades (<sup>[b]</sup>the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them, and all were tried *and* their cases determined by what they had done [according to their motives, aims, and works].

**2 cor.5:10** For we must all appear *and* be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil [considering <sup>[a]</sup>what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has <sup>[b]</sup>achieved, been busy with, and given himself and his attention to accomplishing].

