

The Millennium Revelation 20:1-10

Week 3 of our Series What's Next - the last four chapters of the book of Revelation -

A) Baseball Playoffs begin this week - Congrats Pads

B) There were two old men who used to meet in the park to feed the pigeons. - Abe and Saul

C) Do you think there is baseball in Heaven? - Whoever dies first...

D) Abe died - Saul is in the park by himself - Saul - Saul - Abe is that you Yes. - So is there Baseball in Heaven?

E) Abe says: I have good news and bad news - Which one - first? - Good news

- 1) Good news Yes there is baseball in Heaven
- 2) Bad News - You are pitching on Friday

A lot of people get worked up speculating about what's next - What if Game

A) What if this happens - what if that happens

B) I love the fact that when it comes to our future with Jesus -

1) the Bible gives a fair amount of information about WHAT'S NEXT

C) Focal point of this series Rev 19-21

Week one of what is next Ch. 19:1-10 The Marriage supper of the Lamb - Jesus and his bride the church

A) Our Wedding feast with Jesus - After the Rapture and before the 2nd coming

B) Week 2 last week - 2nd Coming of Christ 19:11-21

C) Today brings us to Chapter 20 -After the Second Coming this is what's Next - Revelation 20:1-10

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. 7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.- Pray

Try to imagine a world, an earth where Things are always fair.

A) Where politicians are all saints. You really have to use your imagination, for that one

B) A world that is ruled by one perfect mind - perfect Person!

C) It is Coming - It is called the millennial kingdom - The Millennial reign of Jesus.

D) Today we are going to talk about that

Millennium comes from two Latin words, "mille", which means 1,000 / "annum", which means years.

A) Mille-annum, millennium is a 1,000 year period.

B) The millennial kingdom, happens when Jesus returns to this earth -

1) defeats his enemies - sets up his Kingdom.

C) Notice that phrase 1,000 years is used six times in the first seven verses-- of our text for emphasis -

D) 1,000 years is a long time!

Break up our text in this way: The Four “S” of the Millennium

- Satan is Bound 20:1-3
- Saints Reign 20:4-6
- Satan is Released again 20:7-9
- Satan is Permanently Removed V.10

The Four “S” of the Millennium

A)Satan is Bound 20:1-3

B)Right now the enemy of our souls has great influence on world events

- He influences world leaders, TV, music

C)He influences them to serve themselves and not God

- And by doing so He is influencing many in the direction of Hell

But during the Millennium he will be bound in a bottomless pit -

A)Now I’ve seen some pits. I’ve seen deep pits, garbage pits, even armpits.

B)I’ve never, however, seen a bottomless pit. One awaits Satan.

C)The fallen angel will become the falling angel, ever flailing and spinning but never landing.

After 1,000’s of years of wreaking havoc on planet earth -

A)Promoting racism, misogyny, bloodshed and dispensing unimagined pain, headaches,/ heartache

B)Satan will be out of the picture. That dramatically alters lots of things

C)Imagine our world without him.

1)No thoughts of despair. No moments of fear. No depression, deception, disease, or division. Wars

D)For a 1,000 years he will have no influence upon people or the world system

1)That is part of what makes this time so glorious!

The Bible tells us the Millennium will be a time.....

A)When there will be worldwide peace and not war! Isaiah 2:4

Men will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither what they learn to make war anymore.

B)There are currently 10 different wars going on right now around the globe

1)During the millennium all wars will cease

The Bible tells us the Millennium will be a time.....

- When the animal world is tamed!

⁶ The wolf will dwell with the lamb, {now wolves eat lambs- Discovery channel) and the leopard will lie down with the goat.

The calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf will be together, and a child will lead them. {mom I am going to play with Simba

⁷ The cow and the bear will graze, their young ones will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle.

⁸ An infant will play beside the cobra’s pit, and a toddler will put his hand into a snake’s den.

⁹ They will not harm or destroy each other on my entire holy mountain, for the land will be as full of the knowledge of the LORD as the sea is filled with water. - Isaiah 11:6-9

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- When the animal world is tamed! Isaiah 11:6-9
- When the biosphere will be lush. Isaiah 35:1-2,6-7

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,

And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

²It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. Isaiah 35:1-2

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.⁷The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water Isaiah 35:6-7

Barstow desert - Beautiful and lush

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- When the biosphere will be lush. Isaiah 35:1-2,6-7
- When people when physical infirmities will be eradicated. Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Isaiah 35:5-6

Can you imagine perpetual health? No aches, no pains? No doctors, no HMOs, no Advil? No Tylenol
 A) This is going to be the world that we have longed for.

Pause and Mention there are different theological viewpoints concerning the Millennium and when it happens.

A) There is what is known as amillennialism

B) Amillennialism is the belief that there really isn't a millennium at all.

C) It's not a literal 1,000 years, it's all figurative, it's all spiritualized. In fact, the kingdom is now.
 1) This is it. You're in the kingdom.

D) The Millennium kingdom is the church age. All the promises they say that God made to Israel are null and void, they're fulfilled in the church.
 A) We are spiritual Israel.

B) There is no literal revived Israel. There's no literal Jesus reigning from Jerusalem, the throne of David.

C) All that's figurative. It just means the church age.

D) Can I just say in response to that-- if this is the millennial kingdom, I'm terribly disappointed. "If Satan is currently bound, his chain is too long." – Doctor James Grey

One popular Pastor MC - Satan is like a Mob boss ruling from prison
 A) That thought is a complete insult to God - He can't keep his prisoners in check

B) On top of that I don't see Righteousness currently enforced
 1) I haven't seen any wolves are laying down with lambs

Then there is the view that is known as Postmillennialism

A) Post millennial view believes - believe Jesus will come back after-- post-- after the millennium.

B) And the way it works, they say, is that Jesus will come after a golden age which we bring in.
 1) We will Christianize the world.

C) Christian Nationalism has its roots in Post Millennialism -
 1) and in what is called dominion theology.

D) That is, we, the church, will take dominion of this earth--
 1) We take dominion of earthly institutions, take dominion of the government,

E) We put a Christian in the White House, Christians in the government,

F) The Church ushers in the Kingdom and we hand it over to Jesus because he needs are help.
 1) That is not what we are reading here in the book of Revelation

Then there is the Premillennial view - The View we follow here at Calvary Vista

A) In my opinion it is the only view that makes sense and takes literally what the Bible takes literally

B) Premillennial means that we believe Jesus will come back before (or pre)--
 1) He comes back and then the millennium starts

C) He comes back, first, to the earth from heaven.
 1) And then he reigns for 1,000 years from the throne of David in Jerusalem.

By the way, this was the dominant view of the early church for the first three centuries.

A) It wasn't until the 4th century when a group of people in Alexandria, Egypt, called the school in Alexandria,

B) Decided that the Bible should be looked at mystically, not literally. But more of an allegory.

C) But for the first three centuries, the great scholars of the church like Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Hippolytus all looked at a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ-- on earth--

D) I love what John MacArthur says about this... "It is highly doubtful that any symbolic number would be repeated six times in a text, as a thousand is here." – John MacArthur

In our study of the book of Revelation we have seen that the whole book is very exacting in its numbers. A) We read about seven churches, 12 tribes of Israel, 12 apostles-- are they not literal, either?

B) A third of mankind, two witnesses, 42 months, 1,260 days, 12,000 furlongs-- 144k - 1) the Bible's very clear about the numbers that are in it.

C) So I agree with Vance Havner, who said it's always easier to understand what the Bible says than to understand what someone thinks it meant to say.

See when somebody says I know it says 1,000, but it means anything but 1,000, you open Pandora's box. A) Who's going to tell you what anything means then?

B) So when the text says that Satan is bound for 1,000 years that is exactly what it means

C) The Four "S" of the Millennium

➤ Satan is Bound 20:1-3

The next major event, of the millennium, our 2nd S is Revelation 20:4-6 tells us is that Saints reign with Christ

A) Be Clear - WITH CHRIST - His reign - we are just here to help -

B) Who are the ones who are reigning?

C) John gives us a key insight in V.6 The ones who partake in the first resurrection.

D) Thinking that doesn't help very much pastor Rob

**The first resurrection
#1 - started with Christ**

A) 1 Corinthians 15 tells us Christ died and rose again.

B) That made Him the first fruits of the Resurrection
1) Now Jesus wasn't the first to die and raise again, but He was the first to raise again, never to die again

C) He was the first
The first resurrection
#1 – Started with Christ
#2 – Old Testament Believers Daniel 7:18

The Old Testament believers and followers of God died - went to Abraham's bosom

A) Jesus at his Resurrection - went to Abraham's bosom and led them to heaven - First Resurrection

B) #3 – Christians (like you and me) 1 Corinthians 6:2, 1 Timothy 6:12

Paul wrote in first Corinthians six, "don't you know, someday, we Christians will judge the world?"

A) And Paul wrote to Timothy and said, "if we endure with him, we will also reign with him."

B) We Saw this picture of the church in heaven in Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying:
"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals; For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
10 And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:9-10

#4 – Those who die for their faith during the Tribulation Revelation 20:4

"I saw the souls of those who had been headed for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ, for 1,000 years."

Who are we going to be reigning over?

A) During the millennium, two types of people will coexist: those with glorified bodies -

B) That is all who took part in the 1st Resurrection. - We will have glorified bodies

C) Then there will be those Jews and Gentiles who make it through the tribulation - who didn't take the mark of the beast who somehow survived it who will

enter into the Millennium when Jesus returns and sets up his kingdom.

D)Then Those born during the 1,000 years will also have mortal bodies - normal human beings
1)People being born in perfect conditions - the world is going to populate quickly

E)So we are going to be Helping to Govern Planet earth - dubs on Maui

So let me remind you church - Heaven is not the end of the story for us.

A)We go to heaven - but then we come back with Jesus - He sets up his Kingdom and we are helping Govern.

B)See the Way we live in this life - determines what we will be doing in the next life.

C)Parable of the talents - 3 guys all given talents -

Those two who used his talents well - were rewarded with more responsibilities - Cities to Govern

A)The one who didn't use his talent at all- buried it - had it taken away.

B)See it is all a matter of Stewardship.

C)We have all been given things by the Lord to Steward - take care of and use

1)Time, Talents, resources, and opportunities

D)This is all that God is looking for in his Stewards is that they would be faithful!

E)Faithful in this life - we will be rewarded in the Millennium.

Third S of the Millennium - Satan will be Released

A)When Satan is released at the end of the millennium, his character will not be any different.

B)He will go forth to "steal, kill, and destroy" His MO- mode of operation

C)Why is he released?- Why would God let him go? - 2 reasons

#1 – To show the wickedness of man heart

A)Those born in the Millennium grow up in this perfect environment

B)But they still have a sin nature. - The Bible says that our struggle is with the world, the flesh & Devil

1)The Devil uses the world to tempt our flesh

C)But the Millennium is going to be more like a paradise - Devil is gone -

1)Less of a struggle -

D)That is why it says Jesus rules with a rod of iron

1)For those born during the Millennium. There is still a struggle but way less with the Devil out of the picture

But when he is released - that is going to escalate – Man's sin nature will be unleashed.

A)But why does God do that? 2nd Reason - God gives every man the choice to follow him.

B)No robots - not forced love - I have chosen you - love you - but not going to force you to love me.

C)Unfortunately many will choose to go with Satan in his rebellion

1)v.8 tell us they will number like the sands of the seashore.

D)Satan is a Master at Seduction - Seduce many.

1)One last ditch effort to overthrow Jesus

They come from the four corners of the earth - John mentions the areas of Gog and Magog - Russia and Turkey

A)This is a repeat of the Battle mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39

B)that will take place during the tribulation or perhaps before it

1)Forces of Russia - Iran - other Islamic nations come against Israel - Destroyed by God

C)This is a different battle but the same outcome.

1)Fire comes down from Heaven and devours them

D)Another testament to a problem with humanity - we rarely learn from history.

E)POINT: God gave them a choice and they rebelled against him

The story of a boy named Beckham illustrates God's providence.

When Beckham was a toddler, he was found wandering the streets of Burundi looking for food.

He was taken to an orphanage and soon adopted by a single parent who lived in the NW United States. Though the intentions of that parent were good, the demands of a child were too much for her.

After a couple of years, she notified the adoption agency that she could not meet Beckham's needs. They needed to find a new family.

An alert known as a "second-chance adoption" went out to prospective families and agencies around the country. "A precious little boy in need of a family to provide a home and meet his needs."

The news came to the attention of a couple named Tom and Maegan who were Christians & already had two kids

They were praying for a third - considering adoption

They reached out to the adoption agency. According to the law of the state, the prospective family was required to spend a week with little Beckham to test compatibility.

Happy to oblige, the family traveled to the northwest, where they picked up the boy and drove to a beach house in Oregon. The week was glorious. The days were filled with laughter, games, and joy.

On the last evening of the week, TOM, mentioned that the trip was coming to an end and everyone would be going home the next day.

Later that night when everyone was in bed, Maegan and TOM heard Beckham crying in his room. They asked him what was wrong. He couldn't say. They asked him again. He still struggled to find the words.

Finally he asked, "Was I good enough?" He told his Tom and Maegan that he had been informed the trip was a test. Only if he was good enough would he have a new home.

Tom held Beckham close and assured him, "We chose you to be in our home before we ever knew you. We made a promise, and we will keep it."

Today Beckham is flourishing with his new family. Listen the Bible says that when we were still sinners - God loved us - When we were not good enough

A) God made a way for us to know him and be in his family - partake in Millennial reign

B)But we have to make a Choice - Chose Jesus - You today.

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¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

A)What a glorious moment that will be - Satan is removed permanently

B)But you know what – we don't have to wait until the Millennium to have Satan bound in our lives

C)We can have that happen right now

1)By choosing to follow the Lord and His ways and resisting the temptation of the enemy

D)James 4:7-8 ⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

D)Key line in verses -Submit to God - that is first. I see many people trying to resist the Devil without submitting to God

A)They are trying to resist the temptation - but the problem is they are living with one foot in the world

B)Lot - outskirts of Sodom - reminded him of Egypt - World - soon he was in the thick of the City

C)Many Christian's live in that place - still enamored with the world -

1)God says come out be separate - You belong to me

D)We want all that Jesus has for us - but we are not submitted to God

Submitting to God - means Submitting to his word and his way!

A)Promise you draw near to him and he will draw near to you -

B)He supplies you with the power to resist the Devil

C)When the Devil sees you submitted to God - He flees - he realizes it is a waste of time to come after you -

1)You are rooted in God - Strong he is not going to be able to pull you down

D)James concludes with this thought

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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