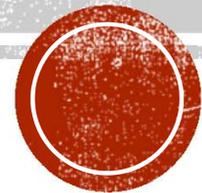


REVELATION 20 — THE MILLENNIUM

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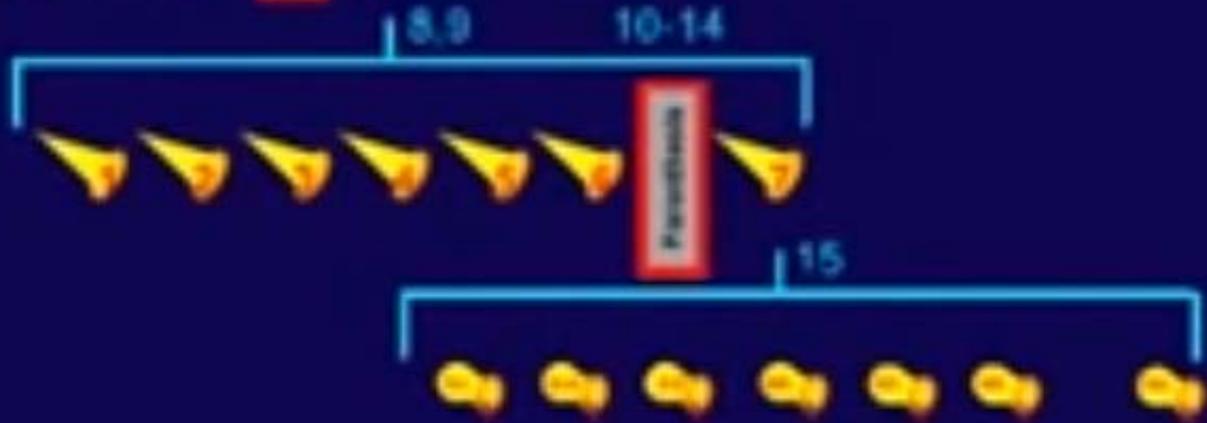
OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- 1-3 - Introduction
 - 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
 - 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
 - 19 - Outline of the Book
 - 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3
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- Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. 1:19)





THE SEALS AND TRUMPETS



- **Chapter 10**

- The “Little Book” , The Seven Thunders

- **Chapter 11**

- The Temple, The Two Witnesses

- **Chapter 12**

- The woman, The Man Child, & the Dragon

- **Chapter 13**

- The Two Beats



- **Chapter 14**
 - Lamb on Zion & 144,000, Angels and their Gospels
- **Chapter 15**
 - Seven Angels seven golden bowls
- **Chapter 16**
 - Wrath of God
- **Chapter 17 and 18**
 - Mistry Babylon
- **Chapter 19**
 - The Return of the King



SYNOPSIS OF FINAL SECTION

- Chapter 17 & 18 → Mystery Babylon
- Chapter 19 → The Return of the King
- Chapter 20 → The Millennium
- Chapter 21 → Eternity
- Chapter 22 → Conclusion



EACH CHRISTMAS SEASON

- ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name **JESUS**. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”



GOD'S PROMISE

- The Davidic Covenant 2 Sam. 7:11-16
- God promised David a royal dynasty Isa. 7:13
- An eternal throne 2 Sam 7:13,16; 1 Chr. 17:12;
22:10; Isa. 55:3; Ezek. 37:25
- A political kingdom Gen. 17:2-8
- It was even confirmed by oath Ps. 132:11; 89:3,4,34
- This cannot be applied to the church Ezek. 37:21-28
- It was this future throne that was recognized by the First Church Council in Acts 15 Acts 15:16-18 (quoting Amos 9:11-12; Cf. Jer. 30:7; 11, 18)



WHY ESCHATOLOGY?

- The final test of hermeneutics
- We are apparently being lunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than any other period of history
- Prophetic Scriptures
 - 8,362 predictive verses
 - 1,817 predictions
 - 737 separate matters
 - J. Barton Payne – Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy



THE HISTORY OF AMILLENNIALISM

- **Origen: Allegorization of the Scripture**
- **Augustine: Amillennialism**
- **Roman Catholic Eschatology**
- **Reformation failed to address**
 - **Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial and Post-Tribulationist in their eschatological views**



AMILLENNIAL PROBLEMS

- **Messianic Promises throughout the Old Testament**
- **Destiny of Israel in God's Covenants**
- **Promise given to Mary by Angel Gabriel**



ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

- Distinctions
 - Different Origins, Missions, Destinies
 - “Replacement” views deny Israel its place in God’s program
 - Makes God a Liar
 - Laid the basis for Christian Anti-Semitism
- The “70 Weeks” deal specifically with Israel
- Paul’s dichotomy: Jews + Gentiles + Church
- Distinctives reappear after Revelation 4
- Israel and their land – Ezekiel 36 and 37



THE MILLENNIUM

- Promised to David:
 - 2 Sam. 7:12-17; 23:5
 - Under oath Ps. 89:34-37
- Predicted in the Psalms:
 - Psalms 2, 110;
- Predicted in the Prophets:
 - Isaiah 2:1-5; 4:1-6; 11:1-9; 12:1-6; 30:18-26; 35:1-10; 60, 61:3-62, 66
 - Jeremiah 23:3-8, 32:37-44
 - Ezekiel 40-48
 - Daniel 2:44-45; 7:13-14; 12:2-3
 - Micah 4:1-8
 - Zechariah 12:10-14, 21



2 SAMUEL 7:14-16 — PSALM 89:34-37

- ¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ **But My mercy shall not depart from him**, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be **established forever** before you. Your throne **shall be established forever.** ”””
- ³⁴ **My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.**
³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:
³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;
³⁷ It shall be established forever like the moon, Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky.” *Selah*



THE MILLENNIUM

- Promised to Mary
 - Luke 1:32, Micah 5:2, Isa. 9:6-7, Dan 2:44
 - Reaffirmed to apostles: Luke 22:29-30
- Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come"
 - Matt 6:10, 10, Acts 1:6; Ps. 45, 46, 47, 48
- Rule: Psalm 2, 110
 - "Rod of Iron" Rev. 12:5; 19:15
 - "Every knee will bow" Phil. 2:6-11



REVELATION 20 - SATAN BOUND 1,000 YEARS

- 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.



REV. 20 - THE SAINTS REIGN WITH CHRIST 1,000 YEARS

- 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.



4 CLASSES

- **OT Saints** Dan. 12:1-4; Isa. 25:8-9
- **Church** Rev. 5:10, 2:26-28, 3:12, 21, 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Tim. 2:12
- **Tribulation Martyrs** Rev. 6:9
- **Tribulation saints, living, “worshipped not the beast.”**



REV. 20 - THE SAINTS REIGN WITH CHRIST 1,000 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.
- Two resurrections:
 - Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; Lk. 14:14
 - 1) Physical Death: Separation of the body and soul
 - 2) Spiritual Death: Separation of the soul from God



MILLENNIAL LONGEVITY

- Death for unbelievers only Isaiah
65:17
 - Nowhere is there a resurrection of the Millennial saints
 - Tribulation saints complete the “first resurrection” Rev. 20:4-6
- No Jewish unbelievers? Jer. 31:31-34
 - All accept by 100th year Isa. 65:20?
 - Thus, death only among Gentiles?



THE MILLENNIAL TEMPLE – EZEKIEL 40-48

- **Description of Millennial Temple**
 - **Highly detailed (not simply symbolic)**
 - **All nations to worship there**
 - **Offerings and sacrifices resumed**
 - **Open only on the Sabbath Day and New Moons**



REV. 20 - SATANIC REBELLION CRUSHED

- 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.
- Gog and Magog
 - Gog and Magog in Revelation 20:8-9 is to show that these people demonstrate the same rebellion against God and antagonism toward God as those in **Ezekiel 38-39**.



REV. 20 - SATANIC REBELLION CRUSHED

- 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.**



REV. 20 - THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

- ¹¹ Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged **according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books.



REV. 20 - THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

- ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and **Death and Hades** delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, **each one according to his works.** ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.



KEY QUESTIONS

- What happens when you die?
- Is there really a “afterlife”?
- What is heaven like?
- Is there really a “hell”?
- What is the nature of :
 - Eternity?
 - The “Reality” we find ourselves in?



RECENT RESEARCH STUDIES:

- Despite the many changes in our culture, most people have retained surprisingly traditional views about life after death:
 - That Heaven and Hell really exist
 - That everyone has a soul that continues after death
- Yet over 50 million Americans are uncertain about their personal fate
 - 65% - Heaven
 - 24% - No Idea what will happen
 - 5% - Cease to exist
 - 5% - Coming back in another life form
 - 1% - Going to hell



RESEARCH STUDIES: - HEAVEN BOUND?

■ Because:

- 43% - “They confessed their sins and accepted Christ as their savior
- 15% - “They have tried to obey the Ten Commandments”
- 15% - “They are basically a good person”
- 6% - “God loves all people and will not let them perish”



CONTRADICTIONARY FINDINGS

- Among born-again Christians:
 - 10% believe that people are reincarnated after death
 - 29% claim it is possible to communicate with the dead
 - 50% contend that a person can earn salvation based upon good works
 - Many believe there are multiple options for gaining entry into heaven
- Atheist and agnostics also confused
 - 50% Every person has a soul; Heaven and Hell exist; and that there is a life after death
 - 12% Believe accepting Jesus Christ probably makes life after death possible
- Labels are not descriptive
 - Evidence the adoption of simplistic views from novels, movies, etc.



REV. 19 – SUMMARIZED

- Jesus come with the armies of heaven
- Birds get ready to feast
- Beast, kings of the earth and their armies to fight Jesus
- Beast and false prophet captured, and cast into the lake of fire
- The rest were killed
 - Who are the rest?
 - People with the mark of the beast?
 - Tribulation saint the made it through
- Birds eat them



REV. 20 — SUMMARIZED

- Satan is bound for a 1000 years
- Thrones setup
- Soul of:
 - Beheaded, not worship the beast, no image, or mark
- Lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 year
- Rest of the dead did not come to live until the 1000 years is over
- Satan release after the 1000 years
- Satan deceives nations
 - The rest of the dead comes to live?
- Fire comes down from heaven and destroy them
- Devil cast to the lake of fire
- The Great White Throne Judgment
 - Saw the dead small and great
 - Books open and the Book of Life open
 - Judged according to their works
 - Sea, death and Hades gave up the dead
 - Death and Hades cast to the lake of fire



FOR NEXT STUDY: THE “ETERNITY AND CONCLUSION”

- **Read Revelation 21 and 22**
- **Review the Book of Revelation**

