

SATAN BOUND; SAINTS REIGN; SATANIC REBELLION CRUSHED -- 20:1-10

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SATAN BOUND FOR 1000 YEARS. – VS. 1-3

Rev 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 He laid hold of the dragon,

that serpent of old,

who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Rev 20:3 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.

Notice three things:

1. vs. 1-2 - SATAN BOUND FOR 1000 YEARS.
2. vs. 4-6 - BLESSINGS WHICH BELIEVERS WILL EXPERIENCE.
3. vs. 7-10 - THE BATTLE AT 1000 YEARS' END.

vs. 1-2 - THE BINDING OF SATAN DURING THE 1000 YEARS. - Cf. 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11: 13-15; 1 Peter 5:8

v. 1 “an angel coming down from heaven, - The revelation of Satan’s destiny! –

Who is the “angel come down from heaven”?

1. Is it Jesus Christ Himself? - Rev. 1:18
2. Is it Michael the Archangel? - Dan. 12:1-3
3. Is it one of God’s unnamed angels?

v. 2 The recognition of Satan’s activity during the tribulation - Three basic things:

v. 2 the dragon - He Controls the political system - “the dragon” - Rev. 12:3; 13:1-2

v. 2 that serpent of old - He Deceives the nations - “that old serpent” - “deceive the nations” - “deceive the nations” – vs. 3 & 8

v. 2 who is the Devil and Satan, - He Accuses the believers - “the Devil and Satan” - Rev. 12:9-10

v. 3 so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. – The result which Satan will experience for 1000 years - No war Isa. 2:2-4, no injustices Isa. 11:3-5; 42:1-4 - Cf. 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6

v. 3 he must be released for a little while - The release of Satan at the end of the 1000 years - “released for a little while” - With a perfect society and a perfect Dictator, the depravities of the human heart will be demonstrated.

“THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST” - Revelation 20:1-10

Introduction:

WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM? (Greek: *chilia ete* - 1000 years)

(Three major viewpoints regarding to the millennium and the return of Jesus Christ)

(1) A-MILLENNIALISM - it is not a literal period of time, but a symbolical term for the preaching of the gospel and the control of Satan’s power during the course of church history between the first and second comings of Jesus Christ.

(2) POST-MILLENNIALISM - it is a literal period of time immediately preceding the second coming of Jesus Christ, that will demonstrate the triumph of the gospel during the church age.

(3) PRE-MILLENNIALISM - it is a literal 1000 years of time that will come immediately after the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth, the rule and reign of Jesus Christ on the earth, following the great tribulation.

**THE BLESSINGS WHICH BELIEVERS
WILL EXPERIENCE – vs. 4-6**

Rev 20:4 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. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.

Rev 20:6 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.

**THE BLESSINGS WHICH BELIEVERS WILL EXPERIENCE
– vs. 4-6**

v. 4 “judgment was committed to them” – The responsibility for judgment - Cf. Rev. 4:4; Mt. 19:27-30; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Cor. 6:1-3

v. 4 “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.” – A description of the Tribulation saints

v. 4 “they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years - The resurrection of believers - Cf. John 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 15:20-28; 1 Thess. 4:16-17 v. 5 This is the first resurrection.” – This is the resurrection of believers!

v. 5 “But the rest of the dead (unbelievers) did not live again until the thousand years were finished. The resurrection of unbelievers (the second resurrection, which is separated from the first by 1,000 years.) - Cf. Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:28-29 (resurrection of condemnation-2nd resurrection)

v. 6 “Over such the second death has no power,” - The reward of believers - A promised Rescue from the second death - cf. Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8

v. 6 “but they shall be priests of God and of Christ,” - A special Relationship to God and Christ - “priests”

v. 6 “shall reign with Him a thousand years”. - An extended Reign with Jesus Christ

THE BATTLE AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS – vs. 7-10

Rev 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison Rev 20:8 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.

Rev 20:9 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.

Rev 20:10 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.

THE BATTLE AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS – vs. 7-10

v. 7-8 “Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive - The deception of the nations. Once again, there has been a thousand years of a Perfect King reigning and freedom from any satanic influence, apparently Satan will again deceive all the nations. – cf. Rev. 12:9; 13:14; 16:14

v. 8 “Gog and Magog” - What about GOG and MAGOG? (Leader and people i.e. land) - Cf. Ezekiel 38:1-6 & 39; – Is this a reminder of what happened long ago right before the Great Tribulation? Some see this as Russia leading the final rebellious revolt against God.

v. 9 “fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.” - The destruction of the rebellious nations. What is the probable maximum age of those in rebellion? – cf. Is. 65:17-20

v. 10 “The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. - The destiny of Satan – Cf. Matt. 25:41, 46

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do you think the “1000 years” is literal? Or is it symbolic? Are there any similes or metaphors used in describing this term – vs. 4-6?2. There are three views re the Millennium: A-MILLENNIALISM; POST-MILLENNIALISM; PRE-MILLENNIALISM. Do you know what the differences are? Which of these three views is held by most Christians today?3. With the Pre-Millennists, there are Pre Trib; Mid Trib and Post Trib position. Can you describe the Pre Trib/ Pre Millennialist view?4. Do you ever pray for the Lord to “bind Satan”? Is that Biblical? When does the Bible say that the Lord will be “binding” Satan? (v.2)5. Why do you think that God releases Satan for a short interval following the 1,000 years?6. How much time, in years, is there between the resurrection of believers and unbelievers as shown in today’s study. (v.5)7. Does the Bible teach there is a second death? - (vs. 6, 14) How would you define “second death”?8. Do you have an idea why “Gog and Magog” are mentioned in verse 8?9. In verse 10, do we see the real position of Satan in eternal punishment?
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