

Revelation 20 – The Millennial Reign of Christ

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VV1-3

Where else have we seen this angel? Rev 9:1
What did this angel do in Rev 9?
Where is the bottomless pit, according to Rev 9?
Who does this angel get hold of in V2?
Where else did we learn about the dragon? Rev 12
Who is the dragon?
For how long will the dragon be bound?
Why wasn't he cast into the lake of fire along with the beast and false prophet?
What does this tell us about the purpose of the dragon in the future? And, the past?
Is this the first mention in scripture about 1000 years?
Why only 1000 years of not having to deal with satan? Why does he need to be released at all?

VV4-6

What does John see? Is it a throne?
Who is sitting on these thrones?
In what way will these be reigning with Christ?
Who are these going to be judging if the rest of the dead aren't alive during 1000 years?
What does it mean to "judge"?
What is meant by those associated with the first resurrection?
Will those in the first resurrect subject to the second death?
So, why and how would those of the first resurrection require judgment? Aren't they perfect?
Who are the priests of God?

LESSON: This section of scripture tells us that there will still be a need for judgment, even during Christ's reign. This means that people will not be "perfect" by *our* standards. Leadership will still be required; however, leaders will not be corrupt, nor will the hearts of the people be perverse. They will be just ordinary people navigating life, getting into scrapes here and there, being corrected as needed, because they are ordinary people. What does this tell us about "perfection" from God's perspective? I think that God is much more merciful toward human foibles than humans are with one another.

Adam's heart will have been healed, and the relationship with God restored.

Another thing that will be different is no more undue influence from a malevolent being – satan will be confined to the bottomless pit for 1000 years. Notice that the situation with Adam's heart had to be dealt with as a separate and distinct issue from the deceptive presence of satan, i.e., just removing satan from the picture would not resolve the issue of Adam's heart.

And finally, we understand God's purpose in using a "satan". No one in God's kingdom will be there because their arm was being twisted; nor will anyone *not* be in God's kingdom because He just didn't *like* them.

VV7-10

What will happen after the 1000 years is expired?
Will satan use a different approach to gain supporters of the nations; will he be up-front about his goals?
What does this tell us about those of the first resurrection? Are they "perfect"?
Who will satan use to try and foment rebellion?

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Who will he try to gather to battle? Will he be able to convince anyone? Might he use ethnic identify again?

Who are those that join satan? Did these not take part in the first resurrection?

So, will everyone that takes part in the first resurrection be “perfect”?

What can be said for those who join themselves to satan at this point? How did they get to be a part of the first resurrection?

What does satan and his supporters try to do? Do you think he forgot what had happened 1000 years before?

Will there be any attempt to convince them of their folly? Why or why not?

What will happen to those who join him?

What will happen to satan at this point?

Who will join him there?

Will these be dead?

LESSON: It amazes me that there will still be those who listen to satan’s *siren song*, even after living under the leadership of Jesus Christ. I think it proves the point made earlier, that being a part of the first resurrection does NOT make one perfect. So, the need for judges and leadership is all the more apparent. Notice, those who come against the saints of God, even after living under Jesus’s rule are devoured by a fire from heaven – they aren’t given the opportunity of a second resurrection.

Something else can be learned here also, “death” – a respite from torment – will NOT be an available option for those in the lake of fire. Remember how Job was tormented for a season on every level by satan? Look who will be tormented then... and it won’t be for just a *season!*

What was satan’s reason for man serving God when God used the example of Job before him? This proves God’s point – those who serve and love God will do so because they *want* to; those who do not won’t *exist* in His kingdom, be it man or angel. Hallelujah!

VV11-15

Who does John see sitting on the throne?

Who does John see standing before the throne of God?

Are these the ones who took part in the first resurrection? V5

What books are these that will be opened? Why are they needed?

Will they be used to determine how much money someone had? Or whether they were royalty in their prior life?

Where did all the dead people come from? Who would be the dead that were in the sea? How is “death” and “hell” different?

Is death and hell one and the same as the bottomless pit or lake of fire?

What will eventually happen to the death and hell?

So, what exactly is death and hell?

What will happen to those whose names are not in the book of life?

Will those who are cast in the lake of fire be dead and just cease to exist?

LESSON:

- 1) Be in the first resurrection;
- 2) If you fail at point 1, live life now in such a manner as to avoid the lake of fire – get your name in the Lamb’s book of life!