
The Book of Revelation: Session 26

Revelation 20:1-6

YouTube: “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 20:1-6 | Gary Hamrick”
(taught on January 27, 2021 | 39:38 minutes)

Notes:

Different views of the Millennium:

1. Amillennial (No literal Millennium): The thousand years are just symbolic of the Church Age, the period which we are presently living in. Thus, Satan is currently bound, the Tribulation is still to come, after which Jesus will judge the living and the dead. Then, there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth (Augustine, Roman Catholics, and some Baptists hold this view).
2. Postmillennial: Christ returns after the thousand years. The thousand years are seen as literal and thought to be the greatest harvest of souls, leading up to the return of Christ.
3. Premillennial: Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation, which marks the beginning of the millennial period. Jesus then establishes His kingdom on earth for a literal thousand years. Believers will rule and reign with Him during this time.

“All of those saints who have died before the Tribulation, and those saints who have died during the Tribulation – all the saints throughout history ... are considered part of the first resurrection.”

“In the Millennial Kingdom, there will be no more political powers, no more presidents or kings of prime ministers or dictators. There will be one Monarch, and that King will be Jesus ... over the whole world.”

Life during the Millennial Kingdom:

- Satan is bound for 1000 years (Rev 20:1-3)
- Jesus will rule from Jerusalem, and the saints will rule and reign with Him (Rev 20:6)
- The Tribulation survivors will be judged (Matt 25:31-41)
- It will be a time of great peace and joy (Isa 2:1-5)
- The animals during this time will be tame (Isa 11:1-10)
- It will be a time of longevity (Isa 65:19-25)
- It will be a time of worshiping Jesus in Jerusalem (Zech 14:16-21)

Questions:

1. Read Revelation 20:1-3. At present, Satan is leashed by God, but not “bound.” Give examples of how you see Satan predominantly at work in our world right now? Read Luke 11:14-20. How does it impact you to realize that one day Satan will be bound “by the finger of God”?

2. Read Revelation 20:4-6. In the Millennial Kingdom, Old Testament saints (Daniel 7:27), New Testament saints (1 Corinthians 6:2), and Tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4) will rule and reign with King Jesus. Warren Wiersbe comments: “For many centuries, man has dreamed of a golden age, a utopia in which the human race will be free from war, sickness, and even death. Men have tried to achieve this goal on their own and have failed. It is only when Jesus Christ reigns on David’s throne that the Kingdom will come and the earth be delivered from the oppression of Satan and sin.” Read some passages from Isaiah about this coming Golden Age:
 - Isaiah 2:2-4
 - Isaiah 11:1-10
 - Isaiah 32:14-20
 - Isaiah 35:1-10
 - Isaiah 60:1-22
 - Isaiah 65:17-25

3. In Matthew 6:10, Jesus prays, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” In case we have forgotten, what is our role as Kingdom citizens, as we wait for God’s Kingdom to come? How can we pray for one another, in this regard?

Want to dig deeper? Engage with these sermons by John MacArthur, taught in 1994:

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-73/the-coming-earthly-kingdom-of-the-lord-jesus-christ-part-1>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-74/the-coming-earthly-kingdom-of-the-lord-jesus-christ-part-2>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-75/the-coming-earthly-kingdom-of-the-lord-jesus-christ-part-3>