

REVELATION 20

Satan Crushed

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REVELATION 20: PREMILLENNIALISM

- Jesus came to the earth but was rejected and He would come back and establish His Kingdom and reign on the earth for a literal 1,000 years at some point in the future. (Not yet).
- Daniel 2.31-45: Kingdom would be established during Roman Empire.
- Mark 9.1: Kingdom will come with power during their lifetime.
- Acts 2.29-36 and Ephesians 1.20-23: He is NOW ruling.
 - John 18.36-38: He reigns in a Kingdom not of this world.
- Ephesians 3.10-11: The Church was in God's eternal plan.
- Matthew 16.16-18: The Church is the Kingdom.

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- Colossians 1.13: Described as Christians as already in the Kingdom.
- ***The “End”***
 - 1 Corinthians 15.24: “Then comes the end, when He delivers up the Kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.”
 - 1 Thessalonians 4.14-18: “...caught up in the clouds with Him...”

REVELATION 20: GENERAL COMMENTS

- “1000 Years”: A complete period; God Knows it’s end.
- “First Resurrection”: They (souls martyred) overcame.
- “Lived and Reigned”: The cause of Christ is vindicated (Hebrews 12.28).
- “Satan Bound”: He can be resisted (1 Peter 5.8-9; James 4.7).
 - Emperor worship no longer forced on the world.
- ***Time Line***: (Saints Possess the Kingdom (1000 years) Daniel 7.18,22,27).
 - Christ died on the Cross.
 - Armageddon: Beast and false prophet taken (1000 years—Complete period).
 - Saints “Bound”
 - Saints “Reigned”
 - Satan loosed (for a little while). Luke 17.26.
 - The End (Judgment).

REVELATION 20: 1-6

■ ***The Binding of Satan:***

- His power over sin and death was destroyed at the death and resurrection of Christ
 - Hebrews 2.14-15
 - Revelation 12.7-9
- His power to prevail against the saints and destroy the church on earth was squashed at the battle of Armageddon when the beast (Rome) and the false prophet (emperor worship) failed.
 - Daniel 7.18; Daniel 2.44; Daniel 7.18-28.
- The binding of Satan seems to be a Vindication of the cause of Christ in overcoming the persecution.

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■ **The First Resurrection**

- The emergence of the cause of Christ out of apparent defeat.
- Instead of the church being abolished, it was resurrected, and her persecutors shall be brought to an end.
 - See Ezekiel 37.10-14: Israel's emergence out of the valley of dry bones.
- The thrones that John saw were occupied by those who had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus.
 - “They” are under consideration here not “Us” (a people of later times).

REVELATION 20: 7-10

- ***The Loosing of Satan:***

- Occurs at the end of the 1000 years.
- The last great effort of Satan before final judgment.
- **Perhaps:** It signifies there will be a period of great wickedness immediately prior to the 2nd coming of Christ.
 - **Perhaps:** It could be comparable to the days of Noah (Luke 17.26-27).

- **Gog/Magog:** Ezekiel 38 and 39.

- Stood symbol
- Symbolically as the pagan force which fought against the forces of God.
- Revelation: They represent the spiritual forces against the cause of Christ.
- 1000 years: Why take this number literally when all the other numbers were understood to be symbolical??
 - Ex. “key”, “bottomless pit”, the “chain”, etc.