

REVELATION 20 - LESSON 26

REVELATION 20:1-6

Bible teaches that after tribulation and second coming that there is going to be a 1000 year period of time where Jesus establishes His kingdom on earth for 1000 years.

- 1) Amillennial - They believe it's merely symbolic of church age. They believe it period, presently living. They believe Satan is currently banned and tribulation is still to come and then judgement of living and dead, and then a New Heaven and New Earth.

- 2) Post - Millennial view - Christ returns after the 1000 years and believe it's literal and it's a time of a great harvest of souls leading up to the return of Christ.

Problem - Bible doesn't teach a great harvest but actually a great apostasy.

II Tim 3:1-7

II Tim 4:1-8

- 3) Pre Millennial view - Christ returns at end of 7 years of tribulation and this marks the beginning of the millennial kingdom. Jesus will establish a literal kingdom here on earth for 1000 years and believers will rule and reign with Him during this time.

Rev 20:1-6 - "Saw" - uses it 5 times.

Vs 1 - "Angel" - not Jesus but has authority to bind Satan and has been given key to the bottomless pit."

NIV says Abyss" - not "bottomless pit".

Greek word "Abyssos" - used only 9 times in the entire Bible.

It's used 1 time in Gospel of Luke and 8 times in Revelation.

Bible teaches the worst of the demons are kept in the bottomless pit.

Jude 6

There was a coup and Jude 6 tells us they are kept under chains and in darkness until judgement of the great day.

It appears God in His mercy kept the worst of them under lock and key.

Vs 2 - Notice ALL the terms used here for Satan:

“Dragon”

“Serpent of Old”

“Devil”

“Satan”

Serpent = Gen 3

Devil - “Diabolos” = Accuser

Satan = Hebrew name meaning “Adversary” or “Enemy”.

Vs 3

Vs 7 - 8 - it's basically Armageddon 2.0.

4a - “Thrones” - “they sat on them”.

“They” and “Judgement was committed to them”.

Who are “they”?

1 Cor 6:2 - “Saints shall judge the world”.

Believers will assist Him in judging the world.

Vs 4b - They are also believers but he makes a distinction between those that died before the tribulation versus those that died during the tribulation.

These are those that were martyred for their faith!

“Didn’t worship the beast”

“Didn’t receive the mark”

Rev. 15:2

John sees this group of Martyrs in Heaven around the throne of God.

Vs 5

“Rest of the dead” = THE UNSAVED DEAD!

“First Resurrection” - those that have died before that judgement.

All the Saints that died before and during the tribulation are a part of the First Resurrection.

Vs 6

“Second death” - when unbelievers are cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 1:6 - something very similar

Ch 5:9-10

It's all very similar language.

What will life be like or look like during the millennial kingdom?

There will be righteous survivors that go into the millennial kingdom.

The Saints will come back with Jesus and will have glorified bodies and help administer the nations, rule and reign with Christ.

But there will be people who did not and have not experienced death and they will have jobs and to go school, have children, and go on vacation, play sports, etc. . .

1 - Satan will be bound for 1000 years.

The people who come into the millennial kingdom who haven't died and don't have a glorified body will still have a sinful nature.

There will still be sin because individuals still have sinful natures and want to gratify and appease their flesh.

2 - Jesus rule from Jerusalem and Christians will rule and reign with Him (Vs 6).

3 - Judgement of Tribulation Survivors (Matt 25:31-41)

Everyone that survives the tribulation is not right with God. There will be plenty of people who did not receive and trust Christ.

So there are people who survive that are believers and some who are not believers.

But saved and lost come through and there will be a judgement.

4 - A Time of Peace and Joy (Isaiah 2:1-5)

5 - A Time where Animals are Tame (Isaiah 11:1-10)

6 - A Time of Great Longevity (Isaiah 65:19-25)

7 - A Time of Worshipping Jesus in Jerusalem
(Zech 4:16-21)

In the O. T. it was a feast that looked forward to what Christ would do.

It will be feasts that look back at what He did do.

Why is it that Satan will be released at the end of the 1000 years?

It will be great! Jesus is King, Prince of Peace is Ruling and Satan is burned.

Other than their flesh, there is no real choice because it's Jesus on the throne.

They are going to be given a choice in order to come freely to the Lord.

So Satan will be released one last time to deceive the nations.

What's sad is that these Nations gather!

Why? It's the wickedness of the human heart and the power of his lies and delusions.