



Park Community Church

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# BOOKENDS

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The Great White Throne  
Revelation 20:1-10

# Summary

In Revelation 20:1-10, we are introduced to the millennium, the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth that marks the final chapter of earthly history. There are three defining features of this period: Satan will be completely bound and rendered powerless, all believers who have previously died will be raised to reign with Christ in the first resurrection, and Jesus will reign over all creation, bringing peace and blessing to a world long subjected to sin and suffering. Pastor Mike, in his sermon, addressed the brief release of Satan after the thousand years, which serves to reveal the unchanged hearts of those who only endured Christ's reign without submitting to it. Satan is ultimately thrown into the lake of fire, sealing his defeat that was accomplished at the cross.

## Questions

1. Pastor Mike described the millennium as the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth. Before this sermon, what did you know or believe about the millennium, and did anything in this passage surprise you?
2. Satan is described as being completely bound during the millennium, rendered totally powerless. How does knowing that Satan is currently active in the world, prowling like a roaring lion, affect the way you live your daily life right now?
3. Pastor Mike emphasized that all believers who have died will be raised to reign with Christ in the first resurrection. How does the promise of resurrection shape the way you think about death, grief, or loss?
4. Pastor Mike suggested that one reason Jesus reigns on this earth for a thousand years is to redeem creation itself, since the earth has suffered greatly under sin. How does that idea change or deepen the way you think about God's care for the physical world?
5. The image of the wolf lying down with the lamb and a child playing safely with a cobra paints a picture of total peace under Christ's reign. What area of your life or our world do you most long to see transformed by the peace of Christ?
6. After the thousand years, Satan is released and immediately gathers people who had only endured Christ's reign without truly submitting to it. What does this reveal about the nature of the human heart, and what does it challenge you to examine in your own life?

7. Pastor Mike used the image of ballast on a ship to describe what Revelation 20 is meant to do for believers. It provides soul-steadying hope for the journey. What truth from this passage feels most like ballast for you personally right now?
8. This text ultimately reminds us that Satan has been a defeated foe ever since the cross, and that his final judgment in the lake of fire simply confirms what Christ already accomplished. How does living with that confidence in Christ's victory change the way you face spiritual opposition or discouragement?

## Application

This week, identify one area of your life where fear, discouragement, or spiritual opposition has been wearing you down. Write down one truth from Revelation 20 that speaks directly to that area. Place it somewhere visible, such as your phone lock screen, a sticky note, or a journal, and return to it each day as a reminder that Christ reigns, Satan is a defeated foe, and your hope is secure.

## Key Takeaways

1. During the millennium, Satan will be completely bound and removed from all influence, marking a radical change from the world we experience today where he actively deceives, oppresses, and accuses.
2. All believers who have died will be raised in the first resurrection to reign with Christ on earth, and no believer will face the second death, which is the lake of fire.
3. Jesus will reign over all creation on this earth for a thousand years, redeeming not just people but the physical world that has groaned under the weight of sin and suffering.
4. The brief release of Satan after the millennium and his swift defeat confirms that Christ's victory over Him was accomplished at the cross and is absolute and eternal.
5. Revelation 20 is meant to function as ballast for the believer's soul, providing a growing weight of hope, confidence, and joyful anticipation that steadies us through the challenges of life.

