

Lesson 20

The Millennial Kingdom

Revelation 20

Invite the Holy Spirit to teach and speak to you through the Word of God as you meditate on Revelation 20 every day this week.

As you read through the verses presented this week, look for a special verse to make your memory verse for the week. We will share our verses at the end of our discussion time.

1. What was a new or interesting thought from last week's lesson?
2. In Revelation 20:1-9 a specific period of time is mentioned. How long is this time period? How many times is this number given in this passage?

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:6

This one thousand year reign is often called the Millennium, based on the Latin word that means one thousand. Historically, there have been three main schools of thought on the Millennium. **Postmillennialism**, which refers to the belief that Jesus returns after the Millennium, is the belief that the world is getting better and better as the Gospel spreads and permeates all cultures and societies. When the whole world becomes saturated with the Christian message, the Millennium will begin. At the end of one thousand years, the Lord Jesus will return, hence post millennium. This view was popular toward the end of the nineteenth century, but has lost popularity as world history has proven this theory unrealistic.

The second major school of thought about the Millennium is **Amillennialism**, which literally means no millennium and spiritualizes all the concepts of the Millennium. This group believes there will not be a literal reign of the Lord Jesus on earth but that His reign happens only in a symbolic way.

The third school of thought on the Millennium is **Premillennialism**, referring to the belief that Jesus Christ will return to the earth after the events of the Great Tribulation and before (pre) the Millennium. It basically takes chapter 20 of Revelation at face value and interprets these verses

in a “normal” way. In this study, we will approach Revelation 20 from this view: the premillennial point of view.

3. What happens to Satan in Revelation 20:1 -3? Same as in lesson 19

4. The fact that Jesus will delegate positions of rulership in His kingdom is not new to this Scriptures. Who will rule with Him? What do Matthew 19:28, Luke 19:17, I Corinthians 6: 2 and II Timothy 2:12 have to say about this topic?

5. Take some time to consider each of the following passages about the Millennium and discuss.
 - ❖ Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:6- 9, 11:1-16,61:4-7 and 66:17-25

 - ❖ Jeremiah 23:3-8 and 32:37-44

 - ❖ Daniel 2:44, 7:13-14, 8:28, 12:2-3

 - ❖ Micah 4:1-8 and Acts 3:21

6. Read II Samuel 7:12-16. How will these promises to David be fulfilled in the Millennium?

7. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, what are we actually asking for in the first few sentences, Matthew 6:9-10?

8. What does Satan do when he is released after the Millennium? See Revelation 20:7-9. Has he been rehabilitated during his 1000 years in prison?

9. Consider that the people who rebel against God at the end of the Millennium have had a “perfect” environment, yet they rebel. What does that tell you about the importance of our environment and our human hearts?

10. Gog and Magog, Revelation 20:8, are mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Describe what you learn from the Ezekiel passage.

11. Why do you think God allows Satan to be released again upon the earth at the end of the Millennium?

12. Describe the final victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over Satan in Revelation 20:10.

13. Share the memory verse that you found through this week’s study and why you chose it.

14. From your meditation this week on Revelation 20, what do you want to remember?

Lecture Notes: