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Title: Keepin' it 1000

Text: Revelation 20

Target: Peace on the earth comes only when a kingdom is ruled by a King.

I. The Restraint of Satan: “*Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven...*” (Vs. 1a) *Possibly Michael the Archangel

A. The Chasm & Chain of Satan: “*holding in his hand **the key** to the bottomless pit and a great chain.*” (Vs. 1b) ***Revelation 9:1-2**

B. The Characteristics of Satan: “***seized** the dragon (12x), the ancient serpent (Gen. 3), who is the devil (slander), and Satan (adversary).*” (Vs. 2a)

C. The Captivity of Satan: “***bound** him for a thousand years, and **threw** him into the pit, and **shut** it, **sealed** it over him.*” (Vs. 2b-3a)

II. The Rule of the Saints: “*so that he might **not deceive** the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.*” (Vs. 3b)

A. God's Peace Restored: Curse is Lifted!

B. God's People Reigning: “*Then I saw **thrones**, and seated on them were those to whom the **authority** to judge was committed...but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.*” (Vs. 4, 6b)

1. **12 Apostles:** “*will sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*” (Matt. 19:28) ***God's covenant with Israel was fulfilled.**

2. **All Saints:** “*I will give authority over the nations.*” (Rev. 2:26) ***non-resurrected believers from the tribulation.**

C. God's People Rewarded: “***blessed** and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over the second death has no power.*” (Vs. 6a)

III. The Righteousness of a Savior: (Vs. 7-14)

A. The Great Rebellion: “*And when the thousand years are ended Satan will be released from his prison.*” (Vs. 7) ...to gather them for **battle** their number is like the **sand of the sea.**” (Vs. 8)

1. **Deception of Satan:** “***surrounded** the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them.*” (Vs. 9)

2. **Destruction of Satan:** “*and the devil who had **deceived** them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*” (Vs. 10)

B. The Great Resurrection: “*and I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne (Great White Throne) (Vs. 12a) ...the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death and Hades** gave up the dead who were in them.*” (Vs. 13)

C. The Great Revelation: “*the dead were **judged** by what was written in the books according to what they had done.*” (Vs. 12b) ...” they were judged each one of them according to what they had done.” (Vs. 13b)

D. The Great Rejection: “*This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Vs. 14b) “And if anyone's name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*” (Vs. 15)

Take Away: You tell me?