APOCALYPSE: "Heaven on Earth"

Revelation 20:1-3

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

- I. The TROUBLER is Removed.
- II. The **TIME** is Revealed.

The Millennium is the 2nd Phase of HEAVEN in God's Eternal Plan:

- 1. The <u>DIMENSION</u> of Heaven (Rev 4-5)
- 2. The *KINGDOM* of Heaven (Rev 20)
- This is thought by most to be the 2nd highest topic of Scripture.
- The Kingdom was the main thrust of Jesus' teaching ministry.
- We can learn details about the Millennium, in many Old Testament chapters:
 - o Jeremiah 3; 23; 30-31
 - o Ezekiel 34; 40-48
 - o Daniel 2; 7; 12
 - o Hosea 1; 2; 14
 - o Zechariah 14
 - o Joel 3
 - o Amos 1; 9
 - o Nahum 1
 - o Habakkuk 3
 - o Haggai 2
 - o Micah 1; 4
 - o Isaiah 2, 4, 9, 11, 26, 32, 33, 35, 40, 42, 52, 56, 49, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66
- The ETERNAL Heavens (Rev 21-22)

The Millennium PERSPECTIVES:

- "Amillennialists" Believe there is no LITERAL Millennium.
- "Post-Millennialists" Believe we must USHER IN the Millennium.
- "Pre-Millennialists" Believe that CHRIST alone will start the Millenium.

The Millennium PROGRESSION:

- Second Coming of Christ Armageddon. (Rev 16,19)
- Jerusalem HQ Millennial Temple constructed (Eze 40-48)
- Judgement of Nations Sheep & Goats. (Matt 25:31-46)

- Satan is bound & imprisoned in the Abyss. (Rev 20:1-3)
- Kingdom Age begins OT & Trib. Saints resurrected. (Rev 20:4-6)

I. MILLENNIAL TROUBLER is Removed.

- This will demonstrate many things:
 - o **SOVEREIGNTY** of GOD (Rom 8:31) He alone in <u>ultimate control</u>.
 - o **CEASEFIRE** from war (Isa 2) Satanic influence will be totally removed.
 - o <u>SINFULNESS</u> of man (v.) Rebels will still persist in <u>rejecting Christ</u>.

II. MILLENNIAL TIME is Revealed.

- 1,000 years- Lat. "mille annum" -
- "Golden Rule" of Interpretation "The Plain Sense is the Main Sense."
- <u>Isaiah 2:1-5</u> NLT "This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of <u>all</u> the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills.."

 (TRANSFORMATION Zech 14:4)
- "... and people from all over the world will stream there to worship." (ADORATION Phil 2:9-11)
- 3 "People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem." (INSTRUCTION Psalm 1; 138:2)
- 4 "The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes."
 (MEDIATION Isaiah 11:3-4)
- "They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore." (PACIFICATION - Isaiah 9:6)
- 5 "Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (APPLICATION)