

# Revelation 20

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## SERMON NOTES

### Revelation: The Hope of Glory

<u>Vision</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Content</u>
1	1-3	7 churches
2	4-8:1	7 seals
3	8:2-11	7 trumpets
4	12-14	Battle against Satan
5	15-16	7 bowls
6	17-19	Downfall of Babylon
7	20-22	New Heavens & New Earth

*“By setting Armageddon before us as a vision of salvation, this pastor prevents us from thoughtlessly reducing salvation to good behavior, supposing that the consequence of salvation is to make us nice, install good manners in everyone, and make us all docile consumers. It is difficult to see how people who read scripture for very long can come up with such a tame view of salvation.”*

- Eugene Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*

### Revelation 20

- The Millennium
- The Ultimate Defeat of Satan
- The Great White Throne Judgment
- The Lake of Fire
- The Book of Life

### 4 views of interpretation of biblical prophecy:

- Preterist
- Futurist
- Historical
- Idealist or Parallel

Premillennialism  
Postmillennialism  
Amillennialism  
Dispensationalism

*“From the beginning to the end of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, there is the enduring truth of God’s sovereignty and providence. Evil may run rampant, accidents will happen, disappointments and setbacks may dismay the best of us, and at times there may seem to be no meaning to it all. But there is always the relief of the recurring words ‘But God,’ and the tirelessly repeated reassurance that is backed by a thousand reasons: ‘Have no fear.’”*

- Os Guinness, *Carpe Diem Redeemed*

**What is clear:**

1. God is sovereign over all things.
2. God’s judgment is certain, imminent, righteous and ultimate.
3. Whatever the precise sequence of the End Times events, Christ is returning personally, visibly, and gloriously; so we should all stand fast, remain watchful, get busy, and stay hopeful!
4. We should be more focused on preparing than predicting.

*“History is not a random series of meaningless events. It is rather a succession of periods and happenings which are under the sovereign rule of God, who is the God of history.”*

- John Stott

*“Prophecy is not designed just so we can build our time lines and figure out what is going to happen. Prophecy is designed to show us the character of God (His justice, mercy, sovereignty, etc.) and to cause us to turn to Him.”*

- Hampton Keathley IV

**In Revelation 20 we have seen 3 things:**

- Limited activity of Satan
- Absolute sovereignty of God
- Eternal security of believers

*“If you live in the light of Christ’s return each day of your life, it does wonders for your perspective.”*

- Chuck Swindoll, *Hope Beyond the Culture*

**For further study of scriptures, prayerfully read Bible books like:**

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Joel, Amos
- Zechariah

In the NT:

- Matthew 24
- Mark 13
- Luke 21
- Acts 1
- 1 Thessalonians 4
- 2 Thessalonians 2
- 2 Peter 3
- Revelation

**Other books:**

- *The Bible and the Future* by Anthony Hoekema
- *The Last Days According to Jesus* by R. C. Sproul
- *Contemporary Options in Eschatology* by Millard Erickson

**Search these websites:**

- [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org)
- [Bible.org](http://Bible.org)