

Revelation 20:1-6
Rootwork
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done

- (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!
- (Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
- (Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!
- BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the “Digging Deeper” conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 20 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website and watch the mini conference. If you the handout, please email me and I will send it to you.
- Review all of chapter 19 to get an overview and reminder of what it contains, and note the transition in the timeline and time period!
- Read all of Chapter 20, make sure to highlight key repeated words, anything that stands out to you that gives the main thought!

- Review your timeline of the events of Revelation! Where are we at right in these verses on our timeline?
- Read just Revelation 20:1-6 and come up with a chapter theme or just a section theme for this section!
- We discussed in detail the Millennial kingdom and what it entails! Below I am going to give you each point we covered and then some cross reference scriptures to look up! Make sure you look at each in context, make sure you write how each cross reference supports each point and sheds light on the time of the Millennium! If you have time, do a search on different cross reference scriptures about the Millennial Kingdom and find what point they go under. Also, there may be a point you want to add, please do and share with us at Rootwork night! Remember there are over 400 cross reference scriptures that tell us about what the 1000 year reign will look like so there will be more than the 11 I listed! Have fun and how amazing is it that we will be apart of this?! So... what will the Millennial Kingdom be like?
 - 1) Christ will rule and reign!
 - Luke 1:32-33
 - 2) Israel will be the leading nation in all the earth! The center of Israel will be the mountain of the LORD's house – the temple mount, which will be the “capital” of the government of the Messiah.
 - Zechariah 8:3
 - 3) There will be no more war!
 - Isaiah 2:1-2
 - Micah 4

- 4) The conditions will be as the garden of Eden ! It will be a time of peace, joy, and comfort! A little child will be safe and able to lead a wolf or a leopard or a young lion or a bear. Even the danger of predators like cobras and vipers will be gone.
 - Micah 4:2-4
 - Isaiah 32:17-18
 - Isaiah 61:7, 10
 - Isaiah 40:1-2
 - Ezekiel 17:22-24
 - Isaiah 11:1-10

- 5) The citizens of earth will acknowledge and submit to the Kingship and Lordship of Jesus.
 - Isaiah 2:1-5
 - Isaiah 9:3-7
 - Isaiah 11:1-10

- 6) Only believers will enter the millennial kingdom. Because of this, it will be a time of obedience, holiness, truth and and the knowledge of God!
 - Jeremiah 31:33
 - Isaiah 35:8
 - Isaiah 65:16
 - Isaiah 11:9
 - Habakkuk 2:14
 - Isaiah 35:1-10

- To CLARIFY- Those who occupy the millennial kingdom with glorified bodies are:
 - 1) The church, whose bodies were either resurrected or changed at the rapture
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - 1 Corinthians 15:21-23, 51-53
 - 2) Tribulation martyrs, who are resurrected after Christ returns to earth
 - Revelation 20:4-6
 - 3) Old Testament saints
 - Daniel 12:2
- Those who occupy the Millennial kingdom with earthly bodies have survived the tribulation and are believing Gentiles and believing Jews. (1/3 of Jews make it through the Tribulation, you will see in verses below) Their children will enjoy long lives, and still have to make a choice to follow Jesus or not since they still have a sin nature!
 - Isaiah 65:20
 - Revelation 20:7-8
 - Zechariah 13:6-9
- Stop here and think about this for a minute! There will be no influence from the enemy, no tempting and luring of the flesh, no plan going on behind the scenes trying to get people to sin, and they will see and experience Jesus as King of all Kings physically, yet there will be many who choose not to follow Him!
- How do you think this can even happen?

- What does that tell you about your heart?
- What does that tell you about the doctrine that gives satan so much credit for every single sin?
- How has this challenged you? Convicted you, and changed your perspective about the heart?
- Spend time looking up and recording scriptures about the heart? What does the Bible say about our hearts? Record as many as you can!
- 7) There will be blessing and security for national Israel! All promised covenants with Abraham, and David will be fulfilled in occupying the land which God has given them!
 - Amos 9:11-15
 - Genesis 12:1-3
 - Deuteronomy 30:1-10
 - 2 Samuel 7:10-13
- 8) The Millennium will be a time of purity and devotion to God!
 - Zechariah 13:6-9 (again)
- 9) There will be a rebuilt temple and restored temple service on the earth as a memorial of God's work in the past! God will restore and fulfill all things!
 - Ezekiel 37:26-28
 - Ezekiel 40-48
 - Amos 9:11
 - Ezekiel 20:39-44

- 10) Saints, in their resurrected bodies will be given responsibility in the Millennial Earth according to their faithful service.
 - Revelation 2:26-28
 - Luke 19:11-27
 - Revelation 20:4-6
 - 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

- 11) Satan will be bound during the millennial time.
 - Rev. 20:1-6

- In class we covered three major views (I briefly touched on a 4th) held by various people on when the Millennium takes place and what happens during that time! What are they?

- Below are the points of each, and in class we had a timeline of events for each as well! Review the following and write out any notes or questions you have that we can cover in our Rootwork night! Then write out what we (as River Rocks/Calvary Chapel and many other believers) believe? And why?
 - **Premillennialism**. The word millennium comes from the Latin words mille (thousand) The prefix “pre” is before -meaning Christ will return before the millennium! The first 3 centuries of the church held to this view! What they believe...
 - Christ will return to the earth at the end of this age, at the end of the great tribulation, with His saints to reign for a thousand years as King.
 - In the millennium, Israel will experience the blessings God promised to Abraham and David pertaining to Israel’s land, nationality (seed), and king (throne). New Testament believers will likewise share in these covenant blessings having been grafted into the one people of God Read Romans 11 and record what you find about Israel and us as gentiles!

- The church today is not completely experiencing the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel. Certain aspects of these covenants have been inaugurated, but others await future fulfillment.
- The millennial kingdom is the thousand-year period in which Jesus Christ will rule over the earth as the promised Messiah, the seed of David. Read 2 Sam 7:14-16 and record what you find.
- This kingdom will be started at Christ's second coming and at the end of the tribulation. Read Rev 19:11-21 and record what you find.
- The millennium is an intermediate kingdom of a thousand years before the establishment of the eternal state- new heaven and new earth. Read Rev 20:1-6; 21-22 and record what you find!
- **Historic Premillennialism**- They believe Rapture and Second Coming happen simultaneously. They believe..
 - Christ returns to reign on earth.
 - They believe that the millennial is now and it is also to come.
 - Some distinction between Israel and church... but mostly the church is spiritual Israel.
- **Amillennialism**. The prefix "a" means "no," and therefore amillennialism holds that there will be no literal reign of Christ on earth for a thousand years. They Believe..
 - The millennium or kingdom reign of Christ and His saints is in existence for the period of time between Christ's first and second coming.
 - We are in the millennium right now.

- The kingdom is either realized in the church on earth (Augustine's view and held to by the Roman Catholic Church as well as a lot of reformed believers) and/or the saints in heaven (B. B. Warfield's view). There will be no future reign of Christ on the earth prior to the new heaven and new earth.
- The word "thousand" is a symbolic number indicating a long period of time, but not 1000 years.
- The promises to Israel about a land, seed, and throne are being fulfilled now in a spiritual sense in the church. (Replacement theology, the church has replaced Israel)
- God's promises to Israel were conditional and have been transferred to the church because Israel did not meet the condition of obedience.
- Christ is ruling now in heaven where He is seated on the throne of David, and Satan is presently bound - This binding relates primarily to Satan's inability to stop the preaching and spread of the gospel to the nations.
- They tend to believe everything else is scripture is literal but prophecy is not.
- **Postmillennialism.** The prefix "post" means "after," and thus postmillennialism means that Christ's second coming will occur after the millennium. (NAR, Womack, extreme Pentecostals) They believe.....
- The church is not the kingdom, but it will bring in the kingdom (a utopian, Christianized condition) to the earth by preaching the gospel.
- They believe it is their duty to christianize the world- take over the schools, government, and all economic areas so that the

“kingdom now” mentality can reign and be established by the help and ushering of the postmillennials.

- They do not expect a literal and historical second coming.
- Christ will not be on the earth during the kingdom. He will rule in the hearts of His people, and He will return to the earth after the millennium.
- The millennium will not necessarily last for a literal thousand years. The word thousand is symbolic of a long period of time. This is similar to amillennialism.
- The church, not Israel, will /receive the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham and David in a spiritual sense. (Also replacement theology)
- Why is it dangerous to NOT take the entire Bible as literal? To believe what it says and not just decide what is allegory and what is a symbol (if it does not say it is a symbol)?
- We are premillennial or dispensational premillennialists (meaning we believe that there are different seasons of time that God has related with man) and we will teach premillennial because we believe that is what the scripture teaches- why is it vital that we know the different viewpoints?
- Now, let's dive back into Revelation 20, look at Revelation 20:1. What did John see?
- In Acts 1:6 the disciples were asking when Jesus would restore the kingdom of Israel, and what did Jesus tell them?
- It is the same message for us! How does this challenge you and really help give a clear indication of what God's perfect will is for you?

- Isn't it crazy how when we submit our lives to the Spirit of God, all we do will be His doing? It doesn't matter what job, what school, what hobby....if we are filled with the Spirit of God then we will have no problem glorifying God in our entire being, accomplishing all that He desires! It is so freeing!
- So, where are you at? Are your days marked as a woman of God letting the Spirit of God guide and move you in every word and every decision?
- If not, what do you think the hinderance is? Pray about it and spend some time with the Lord in surrender!!
- Looking again at verse 1, Who is it? What do they have? Does this angel have a name?
- What does that tell you about the power of satan?
- What does that tell you about who God is?
- What is the abyss? It is mentioned seven times in the book of Revelation, look them up and record what you find:
 - Rev. 9:1,2,11
 - Rev. 11:7
 - Rev.17:8
 - Rev. 20:1,3
- Look at verse 2, And what did he do? It is as if the angel is reading the list of accounts as a prisoner would be read before being locked up! Go through each name of satan and look up what they mean. Why do you think the Lord had John write all these details about who this was that was being thrown into the abyss?

- Look up “laid hold” and “bound” in this verse as well in your Blue Letter Bible app (if you need help looking up the original language in this app please let me know and I will help you)
- So often you will hear phrases people will say or pray such as, “I bind you satan in the name of Jesus” this is nowhere in scripture and has been passed through man! The place where they often get ANY idea of this: (which it is taken out of context and the phrase binding and loosing has nothing whatsoever to do with demons.)
- First, when Jesus told the disciples, “Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” Matthew 16:19 and in Matt 18:15-20, He was not talking about demons, but discipline. In other words, in the context of church discipline, those who repent are to be “loosed” Those who persist in sin are to be “bound” Demons are totally foreign to the context.
- Furthermore, humans are not authorized anywhere in Scripture to bind or loose Satan. Rather they, like Michael, should pray, “The Lord rebuke you” (Jude v. 9)
- However, if you want to shut him up, bind him from having access in your life, obey the Lord! Follow Him with your whole heart, repent quickly, forgive quickly and he will have nothing to lure you with!
- What areas in your life do you need to change so you can walk in freedom and shut that enemy up quickly?
- Read verse 3, what else does this angel do? (Look up each word)
- Why was he sealed during this time?
- This is his main goal- remember, deception is only powerful if it is bought as the truth- half-truths is the worst enemy to truth! No one buys into deception knowing and believing it is deception - it is a lot more manipulative than that! Think on this for a while! When have

you personally walked through deception and how did you get free of that? How did the enemy doup you?

- What did you do to walk in the beauty of that freedom through Christ? Spend some time worshipping the Lord for what He has done!
- What is the only way to know what the truth is? And once you have read it, is that enough?
 - Who is susceptible to deception?
 - What needs to take place in your life personally so that you know every detail of the truth so you will not be deceived?
- Look at the end of verse 3, what do we see “after these things”?
- Read verse 4-5, who are the ones on the thrones and who are the ones that have been beheaded? We see two groups here, this is the first resurrection! Read the following verses:
 - Daniel 2:12, 7:18
 - Luke 22:29-30
 - 1 Cor. 6:1-3
 - 2 Timothy 2:11-13
 - Revelation 5:8-10
 - Cor. 15:20, 23
 - 1 Thess 4:14
 - 1 Thess 4:17
- (Note) The 1st resurrection- is not a single event -it begins with the resurrection of Christ as the first fruits, it continues to those who believe in Christ before the rapture, believers who are alive during the rapture, and then here for those who are martyred during the tribulation. So ALL Believers in Jesus enjoy the first resurrection unto glorified eternal life. Unbelievers experience the second death (eternal separation from God) at the final judgment.

- Read verse 6, look up “blessed” and “holy” and record what you learn about us! This verse is one of the beatitudes of Revelation! If you were not here to make a bookmark of the beatitudes of Revelation, consider doing that now! Look up all the “blessed” phrases throughout this book and record them! This is the only book with it’s personal blessing for reading it! God’s Word is so incredible!!
- Look at the second part of this verse, Believers have 2 births - and 1 death- first resurrection....Unbelievers have 1 birth and 2 deaths! How does this work?
- Read Matt. 6:31-34, as you think and reflect on the things to come think on these verses, what do they say?
- Unbelievers worry about their own life, their own kingdom...however, believers are commanded to SEEK FIRST the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness!! Look up the word “Seek” and record it’s meaning!
 - What does that look like in your life personally?
 - What are you seeking first?
 - Who or what is ruling you?
 - How is your relationship with The King?
- You and I were made for a different world, for a different kingdom..it is so vital we do not try to be comfortable in this one! It is temporal and passing away! The Kingdom of God is eternal and never passes away...lift your eyes up my sister and friend, there is so much joy awaiting!!