

Revelation 20

A. 1000 Years and the First Resurrection (20:1-10)

1. Satan bound for 1000 years—after 1000 years loosed for a short period of time; Angel holds the keys (v. 1).
2. Verse 4: Those who have been beheaded—symbolic of those who have died for the Word of God—all of those who have suffered—those who have kept the faith—they have not compromised their convictions.
 - a. Did not worship the beast or receive the mark.
 - b. Granted Life!—Reign with Christ! First Resurrection!
3. Gog and Magog—two cities that symbolize all the nations in alliance with the great prostitute (Chapter 17).
 - a. Satan rouses these two camps against the saints.
4. “Wall of Fire”—protection for the heirs of the “New Jerusalem”

B. Final Judgment (20:11-15)

1. The Lamb’s Book of Life (heavenly Book of Judgment).
2. Final Judgment—“Is your name in the Book?”

C. Views of the Millennium

3 Broad Schools of Thought:

- a. Premillennialists—Believe Jesus will return to establish a specific thousand-year kingdom.
 - b. Amillennialists—Believe that the thousand-year kingdom is symbolic for the present age.
 - c. Postmillennialists—Believe that Christians are helping to establish the thousand-year reign on earth prior to Christ’s return.
- Does one of the views completely cancel the other two views out?
 - Or is truth found in each of the views.
 - All of the great theologians from the Early Church Fathers (Origen, St. Augustine)—through the Reformation (Luther, Calvin, and Wesley)—to the great religious minds of the present era—all have different views on the millennium.
 - CHRIST IS AT THE CENTER (THE TRIUNE GOD OF GRACE).
 - *Millennium offers future hope—Messianic Age—Foretaste of Eternal Life—Inheritance—sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ—the blood of the New Covenant.*

