

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 19

REVELATION 19:19

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13:1.

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army."

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REVELATION 19:20

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13:1.

Revelation
13:11;
16:13;
19:20

Revelation
14:11.

Revelation
14:9ff
Harlot
burned
with fire!
Revelation
18:8
cf. Daniel
7:9-11

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone."

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REVELATION 19:21

NOTE: "the rest" were not cast into the "lake of fire" until 20:11-15 ... The final judgment!

"and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, (even the sword) which came forth out of his mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh."

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FINAL OUTCOME

- Dragon and his allies seemed invincible
- Fate of the **two beasts** "*Cast into the lake of fire*"
- Results of **Armageddon**
- **666** utter defeat!
- "**The rest**" "*Cast into the lake of fire*" (second death) (20:10,14,15, 21:8)
- By being alive a **sorer** punishment!
- Lake represents their **utter defeat**.


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FINAL OUTCOME OF ALLIES

- Fate of their **allies**:
 - Killed with the sword
 - Slain by the victorious Christ
 - Became the "main course" at God's great supper!
 - **Allies left for final judgment** – too late for Rome – doom has been determined.
 - One behind all the troubles **will not escape**!
 - The **Dragon**? – He will be dealt with next!

Revelation 20

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION:
CHAPTER 20**



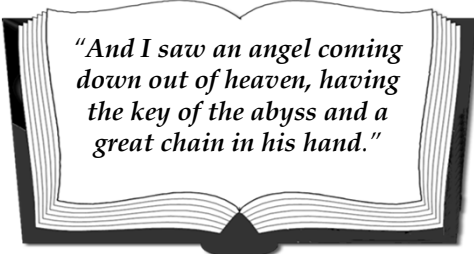
**VICTORY OVER THE DRAGON
AND HIS FOLLOWERS**

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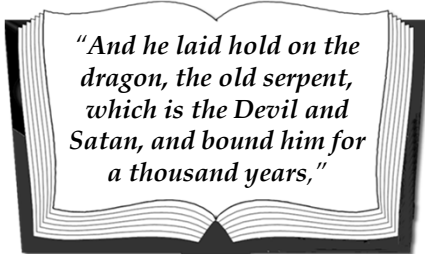
REVELATION 20:1



"And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand."

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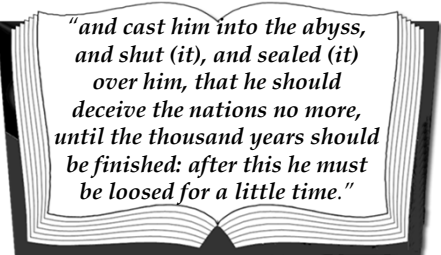
REVELATION 20:2



"And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,"

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REVELATION 20:3



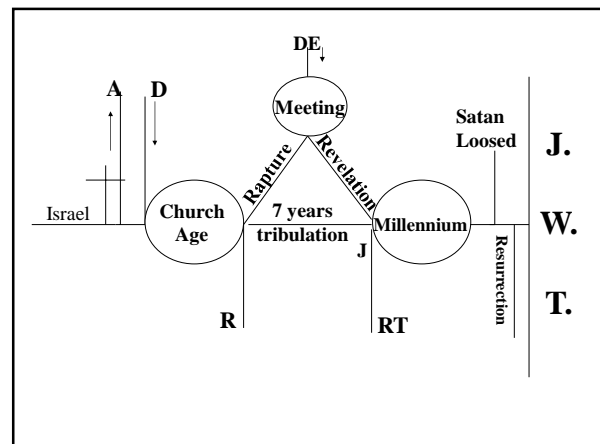
"and cast him into the abyss, and shut (it), and sealed (it) over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time."

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REVELATION 20 AND FALSE THEORIES

- The 4th Banner (14:13) – "Christians triumph"
- **Revelation 20** has been a favorite text for **religious speculators** for centuries.
- May be the most **abused** and **misunderstood** text in all of Scripture!
- Many **questions** are asked and the answers vary depending on who is asking the questions!

<p style="text-align: center;">Revelation 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REVELATION 20 AND FALSE THEORIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is the battle of Armageddon? • What is signified by the 1,000 year reign? • Why must Satan be let loose after he was sealed in the abyss? • First seven verses are the only ones in Scripture to mention a 1,000 year reign. • Whatever answers are found, they must be consistent with the rest of the Bible. • Also in harmony with the theme and purpose of the book of Revelation! • Theme of chapter 20 – the defeat of Satan – not the 1,000 year reign! (cf. 1:18; 12:7-11; Hebrews 2:14-15)
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<p style="text-align: center;">The Errors Of The Premillennial View Of The Rapture</p> <p>Too many <u>comings of Christ</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bible says Christ will come a second time (Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Corinthians 15:23-24). 2. The premillennialist has Christ coming a second and third time and try to justify this by saying it is the second coming in phases.

<p style="text-align: center;">The Errors Of The Premillennial View Of The Rapture</p> <p>Too many <u>resurrections from the dead</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because of the misunderstanding of Revelation 20:4-6, dispensationalists by necessity must teach a plurality of resurrections. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Church raised at the rapture. (2) OT saints and tribulations saints raised when Christ comes to set up his kingdom. (3) Wicked raised after millennium.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Revelation 20:1-6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This <u>context is dealing with Christians</u> who have been martyred. b. This is picturing the victory of the martyrs underneath the altar (Revelation 6:9). c. Those who had suffered under the great persecution are victorious in Christ.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Revelation 20:1-6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. The <u>cause for which they died</u> has made them triumphant, and this is the first resurrection, that of the cause. e. This is a spiritual resurrection and not a physical one; there is no justification for making this a bodily resurrection.
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REVELATION 20 AND FALSE THEORIES

- Premillennialists ignore many specifics that are stated and embellish the text with many assumptions
- Text **DOES NOT** mention:
 - Second coming of Christ
 - Bodily resurrection
 - Reign “on earth”
 - Literal throne of David
 - Jerusalem or Palestine
 - “Us” instead of “they” who lived and reigned
 - Christ on the earth

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Revelation 6:9-11	Revelation 20:4-6
Souls of slain Under the altar Crying for judgment Scene of defeat	Souls of beheaded On thrones Given judgment Scene of victory

Chart adapted from Ferrell Jenkins, *Studies in the Book of Revelation*, page 33

LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE – WHICH?
Revelation 19-20.

1. A WHITE HORSE AND RIDER. 2. ARMIES, HORSES, WAR 3. SWORD, OUT OF MOUTH 4. RULE, ROD OF IRON 5. TREAD THE WINE PRESS 6. NAME ON HIS THIGH 7. FOWLS FLY TO SUPPER 8. EAT FLESH, KINGS, 9. FOWLS FILLED WITH THEIR FLESH COMPASSED 10. BEAST, MARK, IMAGE	11. ANGEL COMING DOWN 12. KEY, CHAIN, PIT 13. DRAGON, TAIL, STARS 14. FROGS OUT OF MOUTH 15. BOUND – BOTTOMLESS PIT 16. SHUT – SEALED 17. THRONES – BEHEADED 18. PRISON, LOOSED, MEN, HORSES BATTLE 19. CAMP OF SAINTS 20. FIRE AND BRIMSTONE
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GOD'S PROPHETIC WORD, by Foy Wallace, page 285

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BINDING OF SATAN

Theme of chapter 20 – the defeat of Satan – not the 1,000 year reign! (cf. 1:18; 12:7-11; Hebrews 2:14-15)

- Angel came down out of heaven
- Key to “bottomless pit” (*abyss*)
- Great “chain” in his hand
- Literal – or Figurative?
- **Key** – authority over the abyss
- **Chain** – ability to limit the power of Satan
- **Confining** to the abyss!

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BINDING OF SATAN

- Angel “laid hold” on the dragon – *power over* the dragon
- **Identified**: dragon, serpent of old (Genesis 3), and Satan
- Bound for “1,000 years” – until completed
 - Absolutely complete
 - Bound – constrained (confined) – limited
 - Not literal (Psalms 50:10; Deuteronomy 7:9)

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BINDING OF SATAN

- Why is he “bound or limited”?
- Might not “deceive the nations” any more
- Earthly ministry of Jesus (Matthew 12:28-29) – power of Christ greater
- Resurrection (Hebrews 2:14-15) bondage of sin and death broken
- His ability to destroy the church with deception (*as in Rome*) was taken away
- No “world empire” ever sought to destroy the church as Rome did!