

THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM REVELATION 20

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The Coming Earthly Kingdom -

(1) EXTENT (2) EXPLANATION (3) EVALUATION (4) ESSENTIAL

(1) THE EXTENT OF THE COMING EARTHLY KINGDOM

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for **a thousand years**. He threw him into the abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations any more until **the thousand years** were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**. (the rest of the dead did not come to life until **the thousand years were ended**.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for **a thousand years**. When **the thousand years** are over, Satan will be released from his prison.”

SATAN IS NOT YET BOUND IN THIS PIT.

(Note 1 Thessalonians 2:18, 1 Peter 5:8)

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- **Tribulation Believers - resurrected and reign with Christ.**
- **Old Testament Believers.** (Note: Daniel 7:9)
- **The Twelve Apostles.** (Note: Matthew 19:28)
- **New Testament Believers.** (Note: 2 Timothy 2:12)

(Rev.20:6) “Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”

(2) THE EXPLANATION OF THE COMING EARTHLY KINGDOM.

VIEWS –

(1) A-MILLENNIAL (2) POST-MILLENNIAL (3) PRE-MILLENNIAL

Christ reigns over a reconstructed earth demonstrating what the earth can be like. Christ sets up his Kingdom for a thousand years on earth.

Jesus' binding of Satan on the cross is valid for a believer –

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Satan is ‘thrown Into The Abyss’ (*seven times*) a prison of evil spirits. Five verbs - *seized, chained, thrown, locked, sealed*.

“After that, he [*Satan*] must be set free for a short time.” (v.3c)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM REIGN -

- **PEACE.**
- **CREATION**

(Isaiah 11:6) “The Wolf Will Live With The Lamb, The Leopard Will Lie Down With The Goat.” (11:8) “The Infant Will Play Near The Hole Of The Cobra, And The Young Child Put His Hand Into The Viper’s Nest.”

- **CLIMATE.**

(Isaiah 35:1) “The Desert And The Parched Land Will Be Glad; The Wilderness Will Rejoice And Blossom.”

- **DISABILITIES.**

(Isaiah 35:5-6) “The Eyes Of The Blind Be Opened And The Ears Of The Deaf Unstopped. Then Will The Lame Leap Like A Deer, And The Mute Tongue Shout For Joy.”

- **LONGEVITY.**

(Isaiah 65:20) “Never Again Will There Be In It An Infant Who Lives But A Few Days, Or An Old Man Who Does Not Live Out His Years, He Who Dies At A Hundred Will Be Thought A Mere Youth.”

At the end of this golden age Satan Is loosed from the Abyss.

(Rev.20:7-8) “When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth. Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle.” (Note: Ezekiel 38-39)

(Rev.20:10) “The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

(3) THE EVALUATION OF THE EARTHLY KINGDOM.

(Revelation 20:11-15) A FINAL JUDGMENT (*The Great White Throne*)

(Verse 12) “I saw the dead great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened.” (*A second death*)

(Verse 14-15) “Then death and hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

(4) THE ESSENTIAL OF AN EARTHLY KINGDOM.

- To Redeem Creation From The Curse.
- To Fulfil Promises To Israel.

GOD WILL MAKE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH.