

## SERMON OUTLINE

**In Revelation 20:1-10 we are shown 3 events surrounding the thousand-year millennial reign of Christ.**

- I. Satan is bound *prior to the thousand years*.**
  - A. Satan is bound by an angel (vs. 1-2a).**
  - B. Satan is bound in order to prevent him from deceiving the nations (v. 2b).**
  - C. Satan will be released after the thousand years (v. 2c).**
- II. Risen saints will reign with Christ *during the thousand years*.**
  - A. They are vindicated for their faithfulness to Christ in life (v. 4a & b).
  - B. They share in the first resurrection after their faithfulness unto death (vs. 4c, 5, 6a).
  - C. They reign with Christ as priests over whom the second death has no power (v. 4d, 6b-d).
- III. Satan is released *after the thousand years*.**
  - A. To deceive the nations (vs. 7-8a)
  - B. To gather the nations for battle against saints (vs. 8b-9a).
  - C. To be judged by God and sentenced to eternal torment in the lake of fire (v. 9b-10).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 3, 2019

Passage: Revelation 20:1-3

Memory Passage: Revelation 20:2-3

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 20:1-10.** I want you to read vs. 1-10 every day this week and next so you read them many times over the next 2 weeks, but here is our schedule: I will cover Rev. 20:1-10 in my sermons on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, and on both of those Sundays we will gather together for Sunday school in the worship center to discuss the differing views of the millennium.

(b) Ask Good Questions: Read all 10 verses at least 3 times today and write down at least 10 good questions about the text.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 20:1-10.** What is the relationship between Rev. 19:11-21 & 20:1-10 (e.g. recapitulation or chronological) and how do you know (in other words, support your answer from the text of the book of Revelation)?

(b) Are the key, the pit, a great chain, a door to be sealed, a dragon, and a serpent to be understood literally (i.e. should we expect to see a real key, chain, etc.)? How do you know?

(c) Because our prima facie approach to numbers in apocalyptic is that they are symbolic, do you see anything in our context that causes you to doubt taking a different approach in Revelation 20:1-10? If so, what evidence do you see?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 20:1-10.** Biblical Theology: Let's take a look today at one aspect of NT eschatology that will help us form our opinions about Revelation 20, namely, the concept of two ages. Sometimes the words are clearly "this age and the age to come," and sometimes the words are different but the same concept is clear, such as "this time and the age to come." Still others mention one of the ages. I will have you look at only a few of these passages, but I will list many more you can examine if you desire to be thorough. For each passage, record what is true about this age and what is true about the next age.

(b) The Gospels: Matthew 12:32 (par. Mark 3:29); 24:3; Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30; 20:34-36 (see also Matt. 13:39-40, 49; 28:20).

(c) Paul: Rom. 12:2 ("world" in ESV is lit. "age") 1 Cor. 1:20; 2:6-8; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 1:21; 1 Tim. 1:16-19 (1 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Tit. 2:12; Heb. 6:5),

(d) What does "this age" entail and when does it end? What does "the age to come" entail and when does it begin?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 20:1-10.** Today we will remind ourselves of passages we have already studied in Revelation in an effort to help us understand what is going on in Revelation 20:1-10.

(b) Read Rev. 1:17-18, 9:1-11, & 12:7-12. How have these passages prepared us to understand Rev. 20?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 20:1-10.** It is impossible to fully cover a passage like Revelation 20:1-3 in just a few questions, and it is my hope that our time in Sunday school and worship will be beneficial in gaining clarity.

(b) Return to the questions you asked about this text on Day 1. Identify all that have to do with vs. 1-3 and answer them.

(c) According to these verses, when is Satan bound, and to what extent is his deception limited (cf. 11:2, 18; 16:12-16; 17:12-17)?

(d) When and for what purpose is Satan released?

(e) As you can imagine, asking application questions depends much on how one views the particulars of the millennial reign. The question is not "Do you believe in the 1000-year reign" (because everyone who believes what they read in Scripture does), but "What do the words of Revelation 20 actually *mean*?" You have now come to some (albeit tentative?) conclusions about what Revelation 20:1-3 meant to the 7 churches in Asia Minor and what they mean to us today, so based on your conclusions, please write down at least 4 applications you will attempt to implement in your life in the weeks to come (or at least until you come and learn more on Sunday!).

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