

Revelation 20:1-10 (part 1) - The Millennium

Intro - the last couple of weeks in Rev. have been big topics - 2nd Coming and Armageddon. The 2nd coming was for His people and Armageddon was for the birds (literally). The trend continues today for Rev. 20 deals with the Millennium. The Millennium is a hot topic but it is also a much debated topic

I had a nice 6 point outline for these verses - Millennial ARGUMENT, Satan's CONFINEMENT, Saints ENJOYMENT, Resurrection POSTPONEMENT, Magog's DEPLOYMENT, Eternal TORTURE. Too much for 1 message so going to try and touch on the first 2 - ARGUMENT & CONFINEMENT

Millennial ARGUMENT

- Bible Prophecy is an amazing aspect of our faith The Scripture foretells the future
 - o Many prophecies already fulfilled - nations/people/events/Messiah
 - Convincing proof that the scriptures are the Word of God
 - o Many prophecies to be fulfilled in future (Rev. 1:19 write what will take place later)
 - o The fulfilled prophecies in past time give confidence to fulfillment in future time
- The Bible (OT & NT) has a lot to say about the KINGDOM
 - o Promises to Israel about the land Promises to the church about land - inherit earth
 - o Promises to David about everlasting kingdom David's Son sitting on throne
 - o Promises concerning Jerusalem universal tranquil rule nations going to it & God
 - o The Kingdom was coming...kingdom is at hand...Kingdom was described/anticipated
 - o Taught to pray- "Thy kingdom come..." (pray for coming KING and Kingdom)
 - o Rev 19:11-21 = Coming King Rev. 20:1-10 = coming Kingdom (chronology to Rev.)
- The Millennium is the Culmination of the Kingdom
 - o Millennium = 1000 years Latin *mille*=1000 *annum*=years (annual)
 - 1000 yrs in mentioned 6 times in 20:1-7 - Satan bound for M, not deceive for M, saints reign M, not resurrected for M, reign for M, after 1000 Satan is released
 - o Emphasis is placed on 1000 years
 - o Culmination of the Kingdom. Christ is reigning and ruling now at the Father's right hand but when He come He will reign upon the earth...and His people will reign with Him
- There is much debate over the meaning of the 1000 yrs and what/where this "reigning" is
 - o Give a broad brush explanation of the debate/argument about interpretation
 - o Is the passage in Rev.20 (and others) to be interpreted LITERALLY or SPIRITUALLY? Are the 1000 years a: figure/description/analogy/representation or is it 1000 years?
 - Figure - 2 Peter 3:8 Ps. 50:10 Ps. 84:10 Ps. 91:7
 - Literal - take it at face value no need to spiritualize the language
 - some things in Rev. are obvious symbols ... this is not one of them

- Other passages to consider
 - o Isaiah 2:1-4 Is. 9:6-7 Is. 11:1-10 Is. 65:17-25 Jer. 33:14-21
 - o Daniel 2:44-45 Micah 4:1-4 Matt. 5:5 Rev. 2:26-27 Rev. 5:10
- Rev. 20 describes a time when: Christ reigns, the Saints rule, the nations are in subjection, and Satan is in confinementall this for a period of 1000 years. Millennium
 - o Politics/society has yearned for utopia - it is coming - tranquil/ healthful/millennial
 - Earth restored, health restored, a government that is just, Jesus on the throne
 - o Thy kingdom come! Even so come Lord Jesus!

Satan's CONFINEMENT

- No Millennium until the great Menace is taken care of 20:1-3
 - o When Christ comes He will: 1]wage war on nations 2] throw beast and false prophet in lake of fire and 3]He will confine Satan in the Abyss for 1000 yrs
- 4 names for Satan
 - o The Dragon- ferocious, powerful, bloodthirsty (12 x's in Rev)
 - o Ancient serpent- deceiver in the Garden of Eden - "did God say?" (2 Cor. 11:13-15)
 - o Devil - the slanderer
 - Father of lies (John 8:44) those who slander/lie are speaking his language
 - o Satan - The Adversary against God and His people (the accuser 12:10) Zech. 3:1
- Now our great enemy is loose
 - o Prowls about like a lion 1 Peter 5:8
 - o Going back and forth throughout the earth Job 1:6; 2:2
 - Prince and power of the air Eph. 2:2
 - o Access to heaven Job 1:6
- War in heaven -
 - o Satan cast out and on the earth Rev. 12:12-13 knows he has a short time
 - o When Jesus comes to earth Satan is cast out of the earth
- Abyss
 - o Prison for demons Luke 8:31
 - o Some are there now Jude 6
 - o Some will be let out for a time Rev. 9
 - o Satan will be confined there Isaiah 24:21-23
- No more deception 20:3
 - o Now Satan is actively deceiving the nations. Satan's confinement will prohibit that
 - o He will be set free and will deceive for a short time

Millenium = 1000 yrs of: earth restored, health restored, just government with Jesus on the throne, Saints ruling with Him and no devil

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The devil is here and out to deceive so you won't believe.