

## Revelation – Week 6 Millennium

### *Introduction – Ron*

John makes the statement again to open chapter 20, ***“then I saw”*** signifying another **transition**; this time into the **millennium**. This time of peace on earth is known as lasting **“1000 years”**. You will find that term **6 times** in Revelation chapter 20.

- Jesus called it **“The Regeneration”** in Matthew 19:28
- The Apostle Paul called it the **“Restoration of all things”** in Acts 3:21
- This is the culmination of the **redemptive process**

If the earth had a purpose statement, this would be it, “The millennium, to get back to what God intended in the first place.”

But from the origins of creation, there has been a problem and his name is Satan.

So in the opening verses of chapter 20 that problem is dealt with.

Scripture reading – **Revelation 20:1-10**

- **Satan’s Incarceration:**

John saw an angel with a key and a great chain in his hand.

The identity of the angel is not given; but this very well could be **Michael the Great Archangel** an adversary of Satan.

Verse 2 says, “*He laid hold of the dragon.*”

In my mind, I imagine a violent act of authority and justice on a supernatural scale. Evil doesn’t go away without a fight.

Verse 3, “*And he cast him into the bottomless pit.*”

- **Translation into the Millennium:**

Now that Satan is bound, the world is under the rule of Christ and His saints.

There will be **mortals** that survive the **Tribulation** there.

There will be **saints** who are immortal and return with Christ.

There will be the offspring of mortals who procreate and live for hundreds of years.

For a thousand years Satan will be bound. I've never understood why the Lord turns him loose after 1,000 years, but Revelation 20:3b says, "*he must be released for a little while.*"

1. **Greg**

2. **Ron – What will life be like in the Millennium?**

The **restored** world will be a reconstructed earth that will match what the Lord had in mind for us in the beginning.

**Peace will prevail** – some mortal men will choose to sin, but sin will not be public. Because the leadership of the world will deal with it swiftly at all levels of government (the president will not call to congratulate homosexuals for public displays of sin).

- the **courts** will be free of **all corruption**
- the **saints** will rule with Christ
- the earth will no longer groan under the curse of sin (climate change won't be a topic)

We won't have a "climate of sin".

**Imagine a perfect world**

MacArthur writes, "*Humanly speaking that description may seem far-fetched, a **utopian** fantasy that could never be reality. Yet it accurately describes conditions during the future earthly kingdom of the Lord.*"

Isaiah 11

- verse 6 "*the wolf shall dwell with the lamb*"
- verse 7 "*the lion shall eat straw like the ox*"
- verse 8 "*the nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole*"
- verse 9 "*for the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord*"

People will live and work and worship in peace. God's creation will be enjoyed the way He intended.

3. **Greg**

4. **Ron – The Great White Throne Judgment**

Revelation 20:11-15

**Chronologically** this is after the **millennium** and before **eternity**.

The saints of God are **not** a part of the Great White Throne Judgment. The **“criteria”** is listed in verse 15, *“Anyone **not** found written in the book of life.”*

This is the most **tragic passage** in the entire Bible.

After the Great White Throne Judgment, God will never act as judge again.

**Earth** and **heaven** fled away – this is the end of creation or the **un-creation**.

**All unbelievers** from all time are **resurrected** to **stand trial**. There will be **no debate, no defense, and no parole!**

The great lie that Satan told Eve in Genesis 3:4 will be vetted **“You surely will not die”**.

The throne is great because it is the greatest power of all time.

White because of the purity of the word of God

Verse 14, *“Then death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.*

The word **“fire”** is used **twenty times** in the New Testament to depict **Hell**.

Scripture also depicts Hell as a place of **darkness**.

If the depiction of fire is **symbolic**, the main truth to grasp is that Hell is a **horrific place**.

God desires that we avoid the reality of this judgment.

**Greg's Conclusion:**