

End Times Prophecy

This Week:

Lesson: Revelation 20

Next Week: Revelation 21-22

Revelation 20 – The Millennial Reign

Vs 1-3 Satan bound for 1,000 years

Vs 4-6 The Old Testament promised Kingdom Age – one brief verse is all we get here, but we already have plenty in the Old Testament.

Vs 7-10 The end of the Millennial Kingdom

Vs 11-15 The Great White Throne judgment

Discussion:

- **Discuss** the 1,000 years symbolic or literal?
 - Word used is Greek work chilioi = thousand
 - Specified as 1,000 years in vs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
 - Compare with Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31, 2:3 – repeated specific time – to be taken literally.
 - Vs 4 reign includes a select group – no other time period exists for this reign by martyrs and tribulation-faithful
 - Vs 7-10 make no sense without the 1,000 year period

- **Discuss** the implications of Amillennial belief:
 - This is the kingdom Jesus rules now
 - No tribulation period – no judgment from God on the world
 - All denominations and religions should join to make a better kingdom
 - Rapture goes from now to Rev 21, basically skipping chapters 4-20.
 - Church replaces Israel in unfulfilled prophecies/promises
 - The Bible is not interpreted literally, to mean what it clearly says.

- **Note** that those who are not written in the Book of Life are judged by their works and are, without exception, condemned

Open Question:

Discuss the implications of a literal interpretation of vs 11-15.