

# Note

## Revelation – Part 9 of 15

### Summary

Revelation 20:1-10 delves into sequence of events of the Millennial Kingdom. We see Satan bound by God in the bottomless pit so that he cannot deceive the nations – by ensnaring them with man’s dream for power – for 1,000 years. Then, we witness the first resurrection, where the saints and Jesus rule for 1,000 years. Following another 1,000 years, we see Satan’s release for a little while, where he deceives a huge number of people to rebel against Jesus. Finally, 1,000 years later, Satan is roundly defeated in a battle against Jesus and banished to hell to be tormented forever.

# Transcript

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Today we come to Revelation Chapter 20.

And I will deal with just the first 10 verses, because these first 10 verses speak of the Millennial Kingdom. And the Millennial Kingdom has caused more controversy in the church than almost any other topic; controversy between, often, good people.

Revelation 20:1-10:

Remember in Revelation (Chapter) 19, we saw the turning point of history where Christ comes as King and how Satan is totally defeated. From this point onwards, though it's just the last 3 chapters of the Bible, I think it's the most critical part. If we don't understand this, then what is the whole story about? What is the whole ending about?

Now John sees an angel coming with a key to the bottomless pit and a massive chain. And he binds Satan. Previously, you see Michael the archangel fighting with Satan, but now he is bound. Satan is totally helpless if God doesn't allow him to have power. All power comes from God. There's only one source of power and that is God. There's no other source of power. People say the sun is a source of power. Who gave power to the sun? So he's bound up and thrown into the bottomless pit, so that he cannot deceive the nations for 1000 years. How did Satan deceive the nations? He uses his agents, and his massive agent throughout history is Babylon. Babylon doesn't mean a city, Babylon is a stereotype or a type of man's dream to have power and possessions, and to control things for his own benefit. Every city works on that basis. The more power I have,

the more money I have, the bigger army I have, the more people I can conquer to serve me. That's exactly the opposite of the character of God. That's a character of satan - self, self-glorification. God's power is in the fact that He has a power to love others. He gave His Son, His son gave His life. So that's how he has deceived the nations and we have all fallen into that trap. All of us believe that if I have more money, I have more power, I will be happier. Lie, lie, lie! Deception. He has deceived the nations. People who have all the power in the world are not the happiest people of all. So for 1000 years he's bound so that he cannot deceive the nations. And after that, he will be released for a little while.

Now, John sees thrones and people seated on the thrones, having authority. That means they are ruling. How many thrones? I don't know but the moment you are seated, it speaks of you settled in a position of power. You only can sit when everything is settled.

Then he also saw those who were martyred for their testimonies and those that did not worship the beast, and had not received the mark of the beast. So this is another group. There is a big group seated on the thrones and there's another group of resurrected martyrs from the Great Tribulation, that horrible period that would take place before this time. Many people were killed during the time when the antichrist, the false prophet and satan were given free rein for a period of time, possibly seven years. These two groups reigned for 1000 years as priests of God. This is called the first resurrection - saints who have trusted Christ, resurrected to rule on the thrones and martyrs from the Great Tribulation, resurrected to rule in this Millennial Kingdom for 1000 years. (The word "millennial" - "mille" means thousand, and "nail" means annual.) So they are part of the first resurrection. They were dead, but resurrected in their new bodies to rule for 1000 years. Then he hears that the rest of the dead are not resurrected. Those who did not trust Christ are not resurrected until after the 1000 years. After the end of the millennium, there will be another resurrection. So there will be two resurrections; the first one - believers and martyrs so they can be part of the Millennial Kingdom; the rest still left in that waiting room, so to speak, for the next resurrection, the second resurrection when they will

rise to face another judgment. We will read about that later in Revelation 20, the Great White Throne Judgment.

And then after 1000 years, Satan is released for a little while. And during that time he manages to deceive a huge number of people, described like the sand of the sea. Who are these people? These are people born during the millennium. You say, "How come? I thought resurrected bodies don't get married and all that?" The resurrected ones don't. But there were Jewish survivors, and other gentile survivors during the Great Tribulation, who didn't die in the Great Tribulation. They were allowed to enter into the Millennial Kingdom and they reproduced. How wonderful the reign is! No environment of sin, no deception of satan, everything was beautiful. And yet when Satan comes for a short while, and encourages them to rebel against Jesus Christ and His delegated rulers, the saints and the martyrs, they followed satan. How many? Few? No, like the sand of the sea, a huge multitude followed satan. They are called the forces of Gog and Magog. This is a name given in Ezekiel Chapter 38; Gog and Magog speaks of the archetype, a type. Just like Babylon speaks a type of a city, it doesn't describe one city but is a type. Gog and Magog speaks of the rebellious heart of men, who want to rebel against authority, who want rule themselves. Then they gather together for the last battle. And interestingly, Armageddon is not the last battle. Armageddon was before this, when Jesus came in Revelation Chapter 18. But this is another battle after the millennium, 1000 years later. They gather to attack Jerusalem, and then the battle is just like the battle of Armageddon, it's a non-battle. Anyone who wants to fight against God is a moron. And then fire comes down from heaven and it's over in a flash.

And this time, satan is not bound in the bottomless pit, he is thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever and ever. That's another word for hell. And so he is sent to hell to join the antichrist and the false prophet forever and ever.

So what I've done is paraphrase Revelation Chapter 20:1-10. Actually, if you just look at the events, it is basically, satan is bound, Jesus and the saints rule for 1000 years, and then satan is released. Basically, it's these three major events, and the consequences of these three events. We move on to the controversial subject of the Millennial Kingdom.