

The Revelation

Six Week Study

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Millennial Kingdom (the Thousand Year Reign of Christ) 20:1-6

With the both the beast and the false prophet in the Lake of Fire the focus turns to the outcome of the dragon (the devil or Satan). An angel will bind Him and confines Him to the Abyss for a thousand years (a millennium). Some theologians believe that the thousand years is not literal, but rather symbolic. They argue that 1,000 is a large number and only represents a long time. However, compared to number 200,000,000 mentioned in Rev 9:6, the number “one thousand” is rather small and perhaps it should be understood as a short time. Not really! One thousand years means one thousand years. The fact that “one thousand” is stated six times in the first seven verses of Rev 20 indicates that he really wants us to know that it will be literally one thousand years.

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) **This is the first resurrection.**

⁶ Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.



Satan B_____ and incarcerated 1,000 years

Satan is bound and cast into the abyss the entire duration of the one thousand years and will be temporarily release after the one thousand years (20:1-3).



The Martyred Tribulation Believer’s

R_____ 20:4

The tribulation believers who were martyred will be resurrected before the one-thousand-year reign and reign with Christ the entire one thousand years (20: 4)

The Rest (Unbelievers) Resurrection After the M_____

There is another group called “the rest of the dead” (Rev 20:5) will be resurrected after the one-thousand-year reign (these are the Millennial saints—people who died in the thousand-year reign will be resurrected after the thousand years) . Both groups of resurrected saints are part of the “First Resurrection.” The “First Resurrection” also includes the resurrection of Christ (the “firstfruits” 1 Cor 15:20) and the resurrection of the church saints at the time of the rapture (1 Thes 4:17)—plus the Tribulation saints and Millennial saints (mentioned here) . The point is that the “first resurrection” is a term used for the resurrection of the righteous



unto life eternal. Daniel 12:2 spoke of two resurrections: First, the “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life”; and Second, the “others to shame and everlasting contempt.” The “Second Resurrection” will be the resurrection of the unrighteous to appear before the Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15).

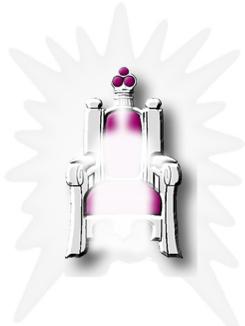
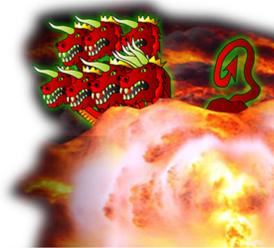
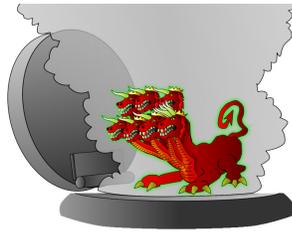
Both the phrase “reign with Christ” and “reign with him” tells us that Christ reigns for one thousand years (20:4-6). This is the “stone kingdom” of Daniel 2:44 (see also 7:22, 27).

After the Millennium

A S _____ Time -- Satan will be released from the Abyss for a short time to tempt those who had entered the Millennial kingdom in non-glorified bodies (Mat 25:33-34). Those who are unregenerate will side with Satan and rebel against Christ.

The Final R _____

They will make their final assault on the Kingdom of God and fail. (Rev 20:7-9). Satan will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and be tormented forever. (20:10).



The G _____ W _____ T _____ Judgment

The Great White Throne Judgment is the Judgment at which those who have been in the jail of Hades will be summoned for trial. The Judge is Jesus Christ and the unrighteous dead are resurrected to appear before Him at the Great White Throne (cf. Dan 12:2—the second resurrection).



There are books (plural) that are present and from which the resurrected unrighteous will be judge according to what they have done. These books, no doubt, are the records of the lives of the unrighteous. A second category of books is mentioned with only one book in the category: the book of life. This book contains the names of God's elect. If anyone's name was not found in the book of life they were thrown into the Lake of Fire – the second death (20:12-15).

The New H _____ and New E _____

The chapter break at 20:15 is unfortunate. In reality the Second Vision that the Apostle John received goes all the way to 21:8. The Third vision begins at 21:9. So the first words of chapter 21 indicate sequence, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea." Second Peter 3:10-12 indicates that the present universe will end in fire destruction of the loosing of the elements. So, the present heaven and earth will be dissolved (2 Pet ; Rev 21:1) and new one created.

⁷ When the thousand years are over, **Satan will be released** from his prison

⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰ And **the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur**, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

¹¹ Then I saw **a great white throne** and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

¹² And I saw **the dead, great and small, standing before the throne**, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is **the book of life**. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in **the books**.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

¹⁵ **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for **the first heaven and the first earth had passed away**, and there was no longer any sea.

² **I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as **a bride** beautifully dressed for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Now the dwelling of God is with men**, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, **for the old order of things has passed away.**"

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making **everything new!**" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. **To him who is thirsty** I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

⁷ **He who overcomes will inherit all this**, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

⁸ **But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.** This is the second death."



New J _____

John next sees the home of the church, heaven, or the New Jerusalem. It is prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband (21:2). There is a great contrast between this



city called the bride and the city Babylon/Rome which was called the prostitute (Rev 17:5). Babylon was full of abominations and blaspheme but the bride is clothed in righteousness.

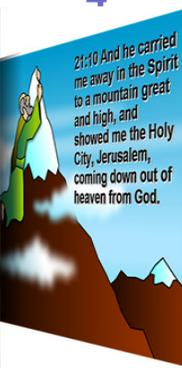
God dwells with his people in this city (21:3).

The old has gone—the new has come (21:4-5)

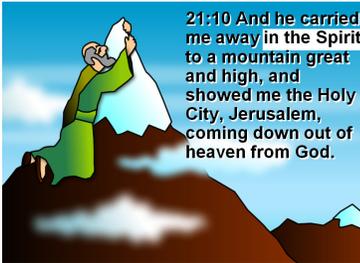
Overcomers are R _____ in this city (21:4-7)

The U _____ **take their place in hell.** (21:8)



Pro- logue	Vision 1	Vision 2	Vision 3	Vision 4
				
1:1-8	1:9-3:22	4:1-16:21	17:1-21:8	21:9-22:5

IV. Vision 4: The Vision of Christ in His City 21:9-22:5



Having introduced the concept of a New Jerusalem at the end of the previous vision, John is once again “in the Spirit” and carried by an angel to a high mountain from which to see clearly the city of God that comes down from heaven (21:9). That the fourth vision begins here is evident from the fact that each of the last three Visions are introduced by an imperative to “Come “ (4:1, 17:1; 21:9).



The Bride and the New Jerusalem are synonymous, like the concept of the King and a kingdom and like the concept of the Prostitute is the great city that rules over the earth. The New Jerusalem is the home of the Church (Phil 3:20).

The remainder of this vision is a [DESCRIPTION OF HEAVEN](#) itself:

- 1—D _____ down from heaven in glory (21:10-11)
- 2—G _____ (21:11)
- 3—High W _____ (21:12)
- 4—Twelve G _____ (21:12-13)
- 5—Twelve F _____ (21:14)
- 6—C _____ is a square (not cube) with width, length, and height equal (cube, pyramid, or combination) 21:15-16
- 7—W _____ described (21:17-20)
- 8—G _____ described (21: 21)
- 9—S _____ described

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "**Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.**"

¹⁰ And he carried me away **in the Spirit to a mountain** great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven** from God.

¹¹ It shone with the **glory** of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

¹² It had a great, **high wall** with twelve gates, and with **twelve** angels at the **gates**. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.

¹⁴ The wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.

¹⁶ The city was laid out like **a square**, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.

¹⁷ He measured its **wall** and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.

¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.

¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

²¹ The twelve **gates** were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The **great street** of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² **I did not see** a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³ The city does not need the **sun** or the **moon** to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

²⁵ On no day will its **gates ever be shut**, for there will be **no night there**.

²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

²⁷ **Nothing impure** will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, **but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life**.

Revelation 22:1 Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**, as clear as crystal, flowing from the **throne of God and of the Lamb**

² down the middle of **the great street of the city**. On each side of the river stood **the tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

³ **No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb** will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for **the Lord God will give them light**. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Things M_____ from the city (21:22-27)

-A T _____

-The S _____

-The M _____

-Shut G _____ (always open)

-N _____

-I _____ of any kind are all missing. In fact, the only ones in the New Jerusalem are those written in the Book of Life.

More things in Heaven:

10—The River of L _____ 22:1

11—The T _____ of God 22:1

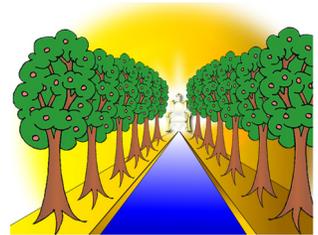
12—The G _____ Street 21:2

13—Tree of L _____ 21:2

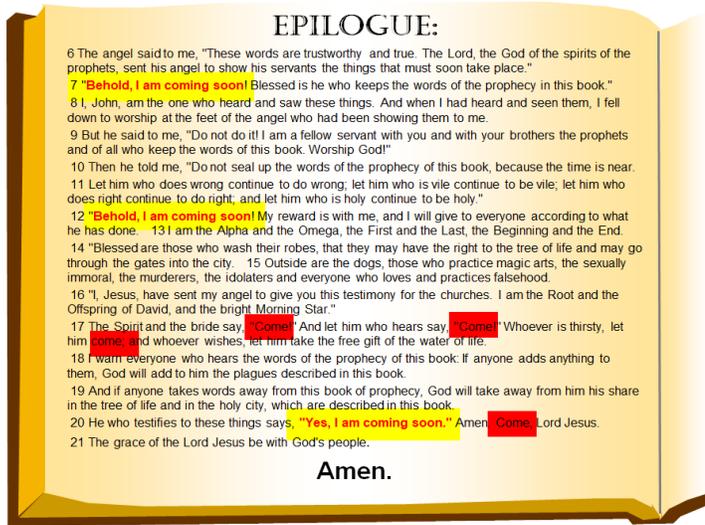
13—No C _____ 22: 3

14—God will L _____ it up 22:3-5

15— Reign F _____ 22:5



EPILOGUE 22:6-21



FOCUS OF THE EPILOGUE: Jesus is coming soon (22:6-15)

- Three times Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon!" (22:7, 12, 20)
- Come to Jesus (Come mentioned three times in 22:17).
- The point is Jesus is coming soon—come to Him now! Don't delay!

1—Because He is Coming Soon **KEEP HIS W** _____! 22:7-11

Only W _____ Jesus 22:8-9

Prophecy is C _____ 22:10-11

2—Because He is Coming Soon **KEEP L** _____ **PURE!** 22:12

Because of Who J _____ is 22:13

Because of who Y _____ are 22:14

Because of W _____ you are (inside, not outside) 22:15

Because of Who is S _____: Jesus and the Spirit 22:16

Because of the W _____ 22:17-19

3—Because He is Coming Soon **KEEP E** _____ **HIM!** 22:20-21

6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

7 **"Behold, I am coming soon!** Blessed is he who **keeps the words** of the prophecy in this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

12 **"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.**

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

17 The Spirit and the bride say, **"Come!"** And let him who hears say, **"Come!"** Whoever is thirsty, let him **come**; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, **"Yes, I am coming soon."** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

