

## Revelation 20

### I. Satan's Activities Controlled

A. Note: This chapter brings us to the great controversy over the "millennium."

1. Millennium means "1000 years."
2. Four positions have evolved over the years:
  - a. Historic Premillennialism.
  - b. Dispensational Premillennialism.
  - c. Postmillennialism.
  - d. A-millennialism – the historic position of the church since Augustine (400 AD.)
3. Prof. Engelsma's Standard Bearer articles on Eschatology has covered much of the controversy.
4. Quick guides can be found on the Web.
  - a. For a diagram, comparing the four: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennialism>
  - b. For a chart setting forth a comparison: [http://www.fivesolas.com/esc\\_chrt.htm](http://www.fivesolas.com/esc_chrt.htm)

B. The binding of Satan (Vss. 1-3)

1. What vision does John see?
2. What is the purpose of the binding of Satan?
3. What is the thousand years?
4. Verses 8 and 9 describe Satan deceiving the nations. Who are "the nations?"
  - a. What do they do when Satan "deceives" them?
  - b. So, what things can Satan not do in this time?
  - c. What things can he do?

C. The reign of the saints (Vss. 4-6).

1. Who or what are these "souls"?
2. Two important ideas in this chapter are "the resurrection" and "death." We read of the first resurrection and of the second resurrection. What are these? See also John 5:21 and 25.
  - a. What is described there? ["That is the first resurrection."]
  - b. What is the second resurrection? (See Rom. 8:11)
  - c. What is the "first death?" (See Gen. 2:17, Rom. 5:12).
  - d. The second death is described in Rev. 20:14; what is it?
3. Why does the second death have no power over these souls?
4. What do these saints do?

D. Satan is loosed (vss. 7-10).

1. What does he do then?
2. What do the nations do? Compare this with Rev. 16:13, 14, 16. Is there a connection?
3. What is the result of Satan's work finally?

### II. The Final Judgment (Vs. 11-15)

A. The judged.

1. Who are they?
2. How did they get there? (See also John 5:28, 29)
3. In vs. 13, the word for 'hell' is 'hades'. What is that?

## B. The Judge.

1. John sees a great, white throne.
  - a. Of what is a throne a symbol?
  - b. Why is it 'great'?
  - c. Why is it white?
2. He that sat on the throne is not identified.
  - a. What clues do we get from vs. 11?
  - b. See also ch. 4:3; 21:5. Who must this be?

## C. The Judgment.

1. The books are opened; what does the Belgic Conf., Art. 37 say these books are? What does this mean?
2. What are the books of life?
3. According to what is the judgment made?
4. What is the action of the Judge?
5. Is the judgment of the righteous described here? Where do we read of that?