

## The Agents of the Apocalypse

The King

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Scripture: Revelation 20:1-6

### Introduction

- Last week we looked at the Victor as we read **Revelation 19:11-21** and seen Christ come in the Second Coming and defeat Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet.
- Tonight we are going to look at the King as we read **Revelation 20:1-6**.
- His is the period of time that we call the Millennium because it is a 1000 year time span.
- It is also mentioned in the Bible as the "the kingdom of Heaven" **Matthew 3:2; 8:11**, "the kingdom of God" **Mark 1:15**, "times of refreshing" **Acts 3:19**, "times of restoration" **Acts 3:21**, "the day of Jesus Christ" **Philippians 1:6**, "the fullness of the times" **Ephesians 1:10**, and "the world to come" **Hebrews 2:5**.
- Now let's read in **Revelation 20:1-6** how this foretold event will play out.

### Revelation 20:1-6

<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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**. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years** were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>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**.

<sup>7</sup>When the **thousand years** are over, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

### The Incarceration of Satan

- At the beginning of the Millennium, Satan will be bound and thrown into the Abyss.
- This will be Satan's home for the entire 1000 years as vv. 1-3 tell us.
- Satan will not be able to deceive the nations during this time, we will be completely under Christ's rule.

### The Administration of David

- Verses in the Bible such as **Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25**; and **Hosea 3:5** speak of David's potential administration in the Millennium.
- Jesus will be the only King, however David may be given a place of prominence in Jerusalem itself.

### The Participation of the Saints

- In vv. 4 and 6 of **Revelation 20** John saw resurrected saints reigning with Christ.
- The 12 Disciples were promised in **Matthew 19:28** to sit on 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The saints that we spoke about last week in **Revelation 19:14 and 19** that made up the armies of the Lord will also be given responsibility for governance during the Millennium.

- We must understand that there hasn't been a New Heaven and New Earth created at this time, so the world that we know right now will be a lot of the same during the Millennium.

### **The Elimination of War**

- There will be an elimination of war and conflict during the Millennium. **Michah 4:4 and Isaiah 19:23**
- There will be peace in the animal world as well as **Isaiah 11:6-8** speaks of.

### **The Realization of Prosperity**

- "The millennium kingdom will have no need for rescue missions, welfare programs, food stamps, or relief agencies. The world will flourish under the hand of the King of heaven. (**Isaiah 35:2,7; 30:23-25; 62:8-9; 65:21-23...**)

### **The Integration of Holiness**

- Everything about the Millennium will be holy – the land, the king, the capital city, the temple, the redeemed subjects of the King.
- There will be non-Christians born during the Millennium, however everyone will conform to Christ's holiness and standards during the 1000 years.
- This is why Satan will be released after the Millennium, so that the people can for once be tested.

### **The Prolongation of Life**

- People's life spans will increase because of the eradication of sickness, war, and lack of essentials.
- The lifespan of the people will go back that like we seen in the Old Testament.
- A person who dies at age 100 will be considered a child. **Isaiah 65:20**

### **The Celebration of Joy**

- Joy will be celebrated by all, the sorrow and pains of the current world will be eliminated during Christ's reign.
- Joy to the World, was written 250 years ago, not as a Christmas song, but as a song of the Millennium. a

### **The Centralization of Worship**

- Jerusalem will be the world's center of worship during the Millennium according to **Isaiah 2:2 and Micah 4:1**.
- The Jews will be leading the worshipping efforts as **Zechariah 8:23** implies.

### **The Continuation of the Kingdom**

- At the end of the 1000 years Christ will surrender the earthly kingdom to God the Father and the earthly and heavenly kingdoms will merge to become one everlasting kingdom.
- The Garden of Eden will be restored and everything will be back to how God created it to be so many millennia ago.