

The Final Days and the End
of Satan
Revelation 20:1-10
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The Millennial
Kingdom
1000 year reign
of Christ
3 views

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Amillennialism

- ▶ No millennial kingdom at all
- ▶ No literal millennium
- ▶ No figurative millennium

The 1000 years is symbolic of a perfect time in which satan is taken away

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Post-Millennialism

- ▶ No literal millennial reign of Christ
- ▶ A figurative millennial reign of Christ

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Post-Millennialism

- ▶ We are currently in the millennial kingdom
- ▶ Jesus is reigning in the world today through the hearts of Christians
- ▶ After a certain time period is over, Christ will come to earth to judge the world

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Pre-Millennialism

- ▶ A literal 1000 year reign of Christ on earth
- ▶ Jesus will be King of the earth and other Christians will reign over the world with Him
- ▶ After the 1000 years are over, Jesus will judge the inhabitants of the earth - both the living and the dead

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

- ▶ An angel comes from heaven with the key to the abyss
 - ▶ This is likely the same angel as 9:1-2
- ▶ The angel holds a great chain.
- ▶ The dragon is seized and chained up

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

- NOTE!
- ▶ There are 4 names referring to satan
 - ▶ Dragon
 - ▶ Ancient serpent
 - ▶ Devil
 - ▶ Satan
 - ▶ See Rev 12:9

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

- ▶ Satan is thrown into the Abyss which is locked and sealed over
- ▶ There is no access to the earth from there

NOTE! The imprisonment of satan was to prevent him from deceiving the people of the earth

- ▶ What does this mean?

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

- ▶ There seems to be people on earth who are not believers

Question:

Where did they come from and who are they?

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

- ▶ Satan is bound for 1000 years
 - ▶ This is the second mention of 1000 years
- ▶ Satan will be released after the 1000 years for a short time

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

Questions for thought:

1. If this is allegorical (figurative) when and how is satan bound for 1000 years?
2. How does the abyss play into it? Is the abyss figurative too?

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Satan is Bound - vs 1-3

Questions for thought:

3. If satan is bound and kept from deceiving people on the earth, what do we do with
1 Pet 5:8 if the 1000 years is figurative or allegorical, meaning that we are in the millennium now

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

- ▶ Jesus begins His earthly rule
- ▶ Thrones are set up and some are given authority to judge
- ▶ Question: Who are those who rule with Christ?

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Toward an answer:
Clearly these judges are not judging the hearts and minds of people because we know that only God can do that. So, this is not a judgment unto eternal life or eternal punishment. That is what Jesus does later in the chapter

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Toward an answer:

- ▶ They are rulers of the earth in some way.
- ▶ Perhaps ruling the nations on thrones that are vacated by the kings who gathered with the antichrist from the battle of Armageddon
- ▶ See Dan 7:23-27

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Toward an answer:

- ▶ Perhaps they are those that have been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus
 - ▶ Those who had not worshipped the beast or taken his number

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Toward an answer:

- ▶ Perhaps they are the 12 apostles
- ▶ See Matt 19:28

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Toward an answer:

- ▶ Perhaps they are all the saints
- ▶ See 1 Cor 6:1-3, Rev 3:21; Dan 7:23-27

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Conclusion:

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Question:

Who are they that have come to life and reigned with Christ for 1000 years?

Who are those of the first resurrection? Verse 5

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Towards an answer:

- ▶ All those who were faithful during the Great Tribulation
- ▶ See Rev 6:9-11; 13:15; 14:1-7

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Towards an answer:

- ▶ All the saints for all times
- ▶ See 1 Cor 15:50-57; 1 Thess 4:13-17
- ▶ Also, the second death has no power over them
 - ▶ This would be the case for all Christians

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The Reign of Christ and His Saints

Conclusion:

- ▶ Once again there is some uncertainty, yet it is clear that Christ will be reigning on earth, seated on His throne with believers both judging and reigning with Him for 1000 years

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The Judgement and End of Satan

- ▶ After 1000 years is ended (4th time it is used) satan will be released from the abyss
- ▶ He will deceive people and seek out those who would want to rebel against Jesus and the saints who are reigning on the earth

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The Judgement and End of Satan

- ▶ Satan gathers an army for battle against the kingdom of Jesus and the saints
- NOTE! People are still willing to rebel against God!
- ▶ The army will be innumerable in number
 - ▶ They will surround the city of God - Jerusalem, where Jesus has His throne

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The Judgement and End of Satan

- ▶ There is no battle that takes place
- ▶ Fire comes down from heaven and devours them all
- ▶ Satan is then thrown into the lake of burning sulfur to be tormented day and night (unceasingly) forever and ever

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Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ There is a time to come when Jesu will physically reign on earth after the battle of Armageddon for 1000 years
- ▶ The saints will be resurrected and reign with Him, some seated on thrones to judge the world
- ▶ The kingdom of Christ will replace the kingdom of the Antichrist

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Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ The whole world will experience the rule of the Messiah! He will fulfill the expectations of the prophecies
- ▶ There will be a new world order
- ▶ Yet, there will still be unbelievers

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Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ Satan will be released and will deceive these unbelievers into battle against Jesus and the saints
- ▶ Satan will be destroyed by the fire of God only to be tortured by that fire for ever and ever

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Further Reading - Millennium

- ▶ Ezekiel 37-48
- ▶ Isa 11-12

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