

Text: Revelation 20

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³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

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Revelation 20:1-6

A MIGHTY ANGEL OF GOD

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Revelation 20:1-3

1. He held a key and a great chain

- a) The key to the bottomless pit
- b) A great chain

2. He arrested Satan the Devil

- a) The dragon
- b) The serpent of old

3. The sentencing of Satan

- a) He was cast into the bottomless pit
- b) He would be bound for 1000 years
- c) He would not be allowed to deceive for that millennium
- d) He would then be released for a short while

REIGNING WITH THE LORD

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Revelation 20:4-6

1. Thrones in heaven

- a) There were people appointed to sit on them
- b) They were given authority to judge

2. The souls of the martyrs of the Lord

- a) They were witnesses of the Lord
- b) They stood for the word of God
- c) They had not worshipped the beast
- d) They did not receive the mark of the beast
- e) They lived and reigned with the Lord for the Millennium

3. The first Resurrection

- a) A reference to those who were raised by the Lord
- b) Those who were not saved remain dead
- c) They would be resurrected to receive judgment from God
- d) Blessed indeed are those who believe
 - i) They will not be resurrected only to be sentenced to death (This is known as the "second death")
 - ii) They shall be priests of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - iii) They will reign with Him during the Millennium