

**MAPLE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY - The Revelation - Sunday December 5, 2021**

**Revelation 20 - "The Millennial Reign and Judgment at the Great
White Throne"**

Satan Bound 1000 Years (vv. 1- 3)

v. 1 - The meaning of "Then"

v. 3 - Satan is restrained in the abyss for 1000 years. This is not his final resting place – it is always referred to as a temporary place of incarceration. We have seen this before:

Luke 8:26-31

Matthew 8:28-29.

The lesson –See James 2:19 ("tremble" = "shudder")

v. 3 – why will he be bound? _____.

The Reign of Christ with His Saints (vv. 4-6)

The three groups of saints who will reign with Jesus :

- 1. Old Testament Saints – Daniel 7:27**
- 2. New Testament Saints – 1 Corinthians 6:2 & 2 Timothy 2:12**
- 3. Martyred Believers from the Tribulation – Revelation 20:4**

Who are "the rest of the dead"? The unbelieving dead from all the ages, whose resurrection to judgment and damnation is described in verses 11-15. Daniel described this scene in Daniel 7:9-10.

The resurrection of the saints from all the ages is called the first resurrection. John 5:29 describes the two resurrections.

How long is the millennial kingdom? _____ years literally. So when does this 1000 reign begin? Well, John tells us in verse 1 – "Then" – meaning after the tribulation. There are three theories of this issue, but only 1 gives meaning to all the words in the Bible:

1. **Premillennialism** – This is a literal 1000 year period during which Jesus reigns on the Earth.
2. **Postmillennialism** – The 1000 years is only a symbolic period of righteousness and spiritual prosperity, which is the church age, and comes to completion with the return of Christ.
3. **Amillennialism** – The 1000 years is symbolic. These people believe the Old Testament prophecies about the Kingdom are being fulfilled in the church today or by the saints dwelling on the earth.

Satanic Rebellion Crushed (vv. 7-10)

The Kingdom is beginning. Satan is bound. All who survived the Tribulation and enter the Kingdom will be believers. But, then we see a rebellion in a 1000 years. Why?

Satan is released from the abyss for one last time – to gather those who will sin, and then God will make a permanent end of all sin. It will be quick and decisive, and immediately followed by the Great White Throne Judgment and the eternal state – i.e., the creation of the new heaven and the new earth.

The Great White Throne Judgment (vv. 11-15)

Look at what happens to the world? (v. 11). This talks about the destruction of the sin contaminated universe. Peter described it in 2 Peter 3:10-13. The word dissolve is actually best translated _____ . The word “elements” is “what makes up matter.

We’ll see the earth and heavens made new in Chapter 22. See 2 Peter 3:15. But first, these verses also describe the final judgment of all unbelievers from all the ages. This is what Jesus called the “resurrection of condemnation” in John 5:29.

Whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life? These people are judged on their _____, their _____, and their _____. Can works save any man? Why not? See Galatians 3:10

Next Time (December 26) – All Things Made New (Revelation 21)