

Revelation 20
From the Binding of Satan
To Judgment Day

Revelation 20: How we got here

Revelation to the apostle John

- Message to seven churches
- What must soon take place
 - Persecution by Roman empire
- Call for patient endurance and faithfulness
- Blessings to those who overcome

Revelation 20: How we got here

Some characters we have seen:

- Son of Man; Lamb:
- Angels:
- Martyrs:
- Dragon:
- Two beasts:
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- Prostitute: Babylon the Great:

Revelation 20: How we got here

Some characters we have seen:

- Son of Man; Lamb: **Jesus Christ**
- Angels: **Angels (Really!)**
- Martyrs: **Christians executed by Rome**
- Dragon: **Satan**
- Two beasts:
 - **Roman empire, emperor worship**
- Prostitute: Babylon the Great: **Rome**

Revelation 20: How we got here

Remarkable events

- Opening of scroll with seven seals
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- Seven trumpets: plagues
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- Seven bowls of wrath
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Revelation 20: How we got here

Symbolism of events

- Opening of scroll with seven seals
 - Warnings: God was about to intervene
- Seven trumpets: plagues
 - Warnings to the Roman Empire
 - Roman Empire does not repent
- Seven bowls of wrath
 - Final judgment on Roman Empire

Revelation 20

More symbolism in events in chapter 20:

- Binding of Satan
- Thousand year reign
- Final defeat of Satan
- Judgment day
- Death and Hades destroyed

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

- *Rev 20:1-2 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He **seized the dragon**, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years.***

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

- *Rev 20:3 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.*

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Angel binds Satan

- For 1000 years
- To keep him from deceiving the nations
 - Rev 13:14
 - Matt 24:24
 - 2 Thes 2:9-11

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Binding of Satan:

- Restraining his activity

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Has Satan been restrained before?

*Job 1:12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, **but on the man himself do not lay a finger.**"*

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*Job 2:6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; **but you must spare his life.**"*

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*Mat 12:29 "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions **unless he first ties up the strong man?** Then he can rob his house.*

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Has Satan been restrained before?

Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Has Satan been restrained before?

1Co 10:13b ... And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Has Satan been restrained before?

*Rev 12:9 **The great dragon was hurled down** —that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Has Satan been restrained before?

- Yes!
- God has always held power over Satan
- Rev 20:1-3 A single angel
 - Seized Satan
 - Bound Satan
 - Threw him into the abyss

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

Facts about the Revelation 20 binding:

- When?
 - After the fall of the Beast (Roman Empire)
- Why?
 - Prevent him from deceiving nations
- How long?
 - 1000 years (symbolic)

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

How had Satan deceived the nations earlier?

- Raised Beast from the sea
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- False prophet / second beast
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Now bound – cannot do this again!

Revelation 20: Binding of Satan

How had Satan deceived the nations earlier?

- Raised Beast from the sea
 - Roman empire, ruled kingdoms of the world
- False prophet / second beast
 - Caused to worship first beast
 - Tried to exterminate the church!

Now is bound – cannot do this again!

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Rev 20:4 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.**

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Reigning with Christ for 1000 years

- Who?

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- When?

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Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Reigning with Christ for 1000 years

- Who?
 - Martyrs (beheaded because of testimony)
 - No one else!
- When?
 - Beginning after fall of Roman empire
 - Until just before Satan is thrown in lake of fire

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Reigning with Christ for 1000 years

- Where?

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Reigning with Christ for 1000 years

- Where?
 - *“I saw the souls...”* – not bodies
 - Souls were in heaven
 - *Rev 6:9 under the altar*
 - *Rev 7:15 before throne of God*
 - *Rev 14:3 before the throne*
 - No longer waiting under the altar
 - With Christ

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

*Rev 20:6 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.*

Revelation 20: 1,000 years

Reigning with Christ

- Where is Christ?
 - At the right hand of God
 - Mk 16:19, Acts 7:56, Heb 8:1-2, 1 Pet 3:22
- What is he doing?
 - High priest (Heb 4:15)
 - Interceding for us
 - Heb 7:25, Heb 9:24, 1 Jn 2:1

Revelation 20: Satan released

At the end of 1000 years

- Satan released for a “little while”
- Goes out to deceive nations again
 - Gog and Magog
 - Gather for battle
 - Like sands on the seashore
- Surrounds God's people
- Fire from heaven destroys Satan's army
- Satan is thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20: Satan released

What happens when Satan is loose?

- Few details supplied in Rev 20
- No explanation in other scriptures
- We have all the info God wants us to have
 - Surrounds and threatens the church
 - God intervenes with fire from heaven
 - Nothing revealed about harm done to church

Revelation 20: Satan's End

*1Jn_3:8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.***

Revelation 20: Satan's End

Joh 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Joh 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Revelation 20: Satan's End

Rom 16:20a The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Revelation 20: The Last Day

Resurrection!

*Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened**. Another book was opened, which is the **book of life**. The dead were judged according to **what they had done** as **recorded** in the books.*

Revelation 20: The Last Day

Resurrection!

*Joh 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up **at the last day.**"*

Revelation 20: The Last Day

Resurrection!

*Joh 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when **all who are in their graves** will hear his voice*

*Joh 5:29 and come out—those who have done good will **rise to live**, and those who have done evil will **rise to be condemned.***

Revelation 20: The Last Day

Two kinds of books

- Books were opened
 - What they had done
 - Judged according to what they had done
- Another book: Book of Life
 - Just has names written in it
- Lake of fire:
 - Those whose names are not in Book of Life

Revelation 20: The Last Day

The Book of Life

*Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Revelation 20: The Last Day

The Book of Life

Luk 10:20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Revelation 20: The Last Day

The Book of Life

*Rev 3:5 **He who overcomes** will, like them, be dressed in white. **I will never blot out his name from the book of life**, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.*

Revelation 20: The Final Victory

Final victory!

*1Co 15:24-26 Then the end will come, when he **hands over the kingdom** to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign **until he has put all his enemies under his feet.** The **last enemy** to be destroyed is **death.***

Revelation 20: The Final Victory

The last enemy is destroyed!

*Rev 20:14 Then **death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.** The lake of fire is the second death.*

Revelation 20: The Final Victory

The enemies have been destroyed!

- The beast (Roman Empire)
- Satan
- Death and Hades

The kingdom is handed over to the Father!

Revelation 20: What's Next

Next class: Our eternal home!

- New Heaven
- New Earth
- The New Jerusalem