

Revelation Chapter 20

The Final Coming of Jesus

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- The Bible says nothing about a secret return of Jesus

The Millennium

- The number 1000 is also used in the Bible to tell the story of God's complete Lordship this side of heaven. // Newman, "What the Last Book of the Bible Really Means"
- Psalm 50:10
- Psalm 90:4 (2 Peter 3:8)
- Isaiah 7:23
- There is not a separate 1000 years for the devil and a separate 1000 years for believers who reign with Christ. The 1000 years—the millennium—is now. It is the time between Jesus' first coming and His glorious return for the final judgment. // Newman, "What the Last Book of the Bible Really Means"
- Matthew 12:22-27
- According to the four gospels, then, the devil was bound, conquered, judged, and cast out as a result of Jesus' saving ministry, culminating in his death on the cross and his resurrection. Therefore, the binding of Satan, the dragon, took place at Jesus' victory, accomplished by his ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension—at the beginning of the "thousand years" // Dr Brighton, "Revelation"
- This teaching is called "Amillennialism"
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- Acts 1:11 and Matthew 24:27

First and Second

- The first resurrection is the reign the saints have with Jesus until He comes again. It precedes the resurrection of all the dead and the final judgment. God's redeemed are risen with Christ, safe in His presence, and rejoicing in heaven as they await the final bodily resurrection of all people. Newman, "What the Last Book of the Bible Really Means"
- Who are all these who live and reign with Christ during the thousand years? They are the whole people of God, who follow his Christ, both those still on earth and those already in heaven. All Christians live and reign with Christ for a short time already while they live on earth during the thousand years (the NT or church age), and then upon their physical death they are brought before his heavenly throne where, at peace, they continue to live and reign with him and the Heavenly Father. // Dr. Brighton, "Revelation"
- The first is the present, spiritual resurrection of all believers, and the second is the future, physical resurrection of all the dead on the Last Day. // Dr. Brighton, "Revelation"
- Ephesians 2, Colossians 3, Romans 6 all refer to being "raised to life" spiritually in Christ here and now.
- The "second death" is defined in 20:14 as "the lake of fire." Those who have been spiritually resurrected with Christ will not be touched by the torments of hell. // Dr. Brighton, "Revelation"

Tribulation

- God will permit Satan to assault and nearly destroy his people so that he can show his might and saving grace as he delivers his church and judges Satan and casts him into hell. God will use this testing of the church and her fidelity to her Lord Christ as a way to demonstrate the power of the Gospel and to judge Satan visibly. // Dr. Brighton, “Revelation”
- Mark 13:22-27
- Through her sufferings and persecution the church now reflects the suffering of Christ on the cross as she witnesses to that event, and by her steadfast faith and hope she exhibits the resurrection and life of Christ as she proclaims the saving message of Christ’s victory. // Dr. Brighton, “Revelation”

The Great White Throne

- The Scriptures testify abundantly, then, that at the End the physical world as well as the human race will be confronted by the judgment of God. // Dr. Brighton, “Revelation”
- The last phrase of Rev 20:12 implies that all “the dead,” both the wicked and God’s own saints, are judged on the basis of what is recorded in the “books,” for all stand before his judgment throne. But while the wicked are found guilty and sentenced because of their “works” recorded in the books, God’s own people are acquitted—declared innocent and righteous—not on the basis of their works, but on the basis of “another book,” because their names are recorded in the book of life. // Dr. Brighton, “Revelation”