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Series: The Hope of Heaven

Main text: [Revelation 20:1-10](#)

[Revelation 20](#): The calm after the storm (see timeline)

Three interpretations regarding the Millennium

1. Amillennialism: *the Millennium is pure symbolism*
2. Post Millennialism: *Jesus will come after the Millennium.*
3. Pre Millennialism: *Jesus must come before the church can enjoy a thousand years of peace on earth*

I. SATAN RESTRAINED ([Revelation 20:1-3](#))

A. The Person Bound ([Rev 20:1-2](#))

[1 Peter 5:8](#) – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

B. The Period when Satan is Bound

C. The Place where Satan is Bound ([Rev 20:3](#))

D. The Purpose for which Satan is Bound

II. THE SAVIOR’S REIGN

How the Millennium Begins

- Jesus returns physically to earth.

[Zechariah 14:4](#) – His feet stand on the Mount of Olives.

[Acts 1:11](#) – He will return in the same manner He left.

A. Execution of His Reign

[Jeremiah 23:5](#) – A righteous King will rule with justice.

B. Effect of His Reign

- Curse on creation lifted.

[Isaiah 35:1](#) – “The desert shall... blossom as the rose.”

- Harmony in the animal kingdom ([Isaiah 11:6–7](#)).
- No sickness ([Isaiah 33:24](#)).
- No crime, war, or fear.

[Isaiah 2:4](#) – “They shall beat their swords into plowshares...”

- Righteousness reigns; Satan removed.

III. THE SAINTS’ ROLE ([Revelation 20:4–6](#))

A. Positions of the Saints

2 groups will reign with Jesus:

1. The saints who have come back with the Lord ([1 Corinthians 6:2–3](#))
2. Those beheaded for their witness ([Rev 20:4](#))

B. Power of the Saints

Read [Rev 20:5](#), [20:6](#), [20:14–15](#)

IV. SINNERS REBEL ([Revelation 20:7–9](#))

A. Death of Rebels ([Rev 20:9](#))

B. Doom of the Devil

[Revelation 20:10](#) – Satan cast into the lake of fire forever.

[Matthew 25:41](#) – The lake of fire was prepared for the devil.

CONCLUSION

If we believe these truths, they should produce:

1. Anticipation – [Matthew 24:44](#).
2. Evangelism – urgency to reach others.
3. Examination – [2 Corinthians 13:5](#) “Examine yourselves...”