Revelation 20:1-10

Topic:

The Millennium.

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A Kingdom Compendium

A Peak at a Program You Won't Want to Miss!

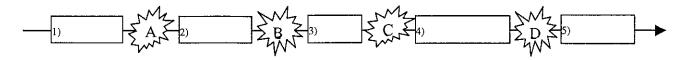
20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

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. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 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.

7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth-Gog and Magog-to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (NIV)

- 1. What is the Millennium?
- 2. Where is the Millennium?
- 3. Why Have a Millennium?

4. When is the Millennium?



5. How Does God Pull Off the Millennium?

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

1. The Millennium is the culmination of all that God had promised to his people thousands of years ago. How does God's faithfulness to these ancient promises effect your thinking about God?

In what areas have you struggled to "wait on God" for his intervention in his time?

2. It is a biblical thing to get excited about the future that God has planned for us (Tit.2:13). How much would you say you anticipate with excitement the return of Christ and the establishment of his Kingdom? What can you do to increase your anticipation?

Read First Corinthians 2:9. How can this verse change your perspective and increase your desire to see God's Kingdom come?

- 3. God will one day remove our spiritual enemy from the world scene, but for now we must be vigilant about his tactics and schemes. Read First Peter 5:8-11. What practical implications does this have for your life?
- 4. According to the Bible, the bodies we live in are naturally drawn toward sinful behavior. What have you found to be an effective counterattack in your struggle to live a holy life?

Supplemental Chart

From time to time throughout our Revelation study we have provided this chart in various stages of completion. Though we are not quite to the end of the book, a completed chart has been provided to help orient us to where we have been and what remains in chapters 20-22.

