

"The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 1

Revelation 20:1-6

Introduction: Today in our journey through Revelation we have the blessed privilege of looking into a very interesting chapter. We have come to chapter 20 in which we shall see several main topics. The first topic we shall consider is the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Now before we step into this chapter I want to look to a different subject.

In God's Word we are warned repeatedly concerning false teachers and their deceptive doctrines.

2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Then Paul spoke of the false teachers in Corinth.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³ For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

I show you these verses because I want you to know that there are those today who will twist and distort the verses we are about to look at and it is my responsibility to warn you of the false teaching.

In the text before us we shall see the fulfillment of many promises of the Old Testament.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Zechariah 14:3-4, 9

³ Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

⁴ And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Then in Daniel there was the dream which Nebuchadnezzar had, and Daniel interpreted. Nebuchadnezzar saw a huge statue in his dream. It had a golden head, arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass and the legs of iron and the ten toes of clay and iron.

1. The golden head was Babylon.
2. The silver arms were the Medes and the Persians.
3. The belly and the thighs of brass was Greece.
4. The legs of iron were the Roman Empire.
5. The ten toes of iron and clay is the revived Roman Empire.

Then there was a stone that smashed the entire statue.

Daniel 2:34-35

³⁴ Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

³⁵ Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Now watch what Daniel said concerning the stone which destroyed the statue.

Daniel 2:43-44

⁴³ And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

This stone made without hands is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ which is recorded in Revelation 20. I show you these verses to help you to see that this Kingdom is an earthly Kingdom. It will fill the earth and it will destroy all other kingdoms. That is why Jesus is called KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

We have already looked at the destruction of all the other kingdoms as we have made our way through Revelation chapters 6-19.

Now before we step into these verses I want to point out that the words, "**thousand years**" are used 6 times in this passage. This is a reference to the length of the earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

I. Satan Bound

Notice Revelation 20:1-2

Here we see that Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for the entire 1000 years of the earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ. You see Satan will not be free to have any influence during the 1000-year Kingdom of our Lord. Now in the beginning I gave you the verses pertaining to the warning about false teachers and here is where that warning comes in. There are those who do not believe in a literal 1000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. They believe this Kingdom exists today and Jesus Christ is ruling from heaven. These people also teach that Satan was already bound at the cross. These people are known as;

Amillennialists

These people believe that the chain in the hand of this angel is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it is in the power of the church to now be sure that Satan is bound. This is also the view of the Preterist.

Listen to the words of one Amillennialist;

*"It is not difficult to ascertain by what means Satan is bound. The chain is the Gospel. Wherever a soul is released through the preaching of the Gospel there Satan is restrained and limited. . . . Unfortunately the Church of today does not realize the power that Christ has given her. Christ has placed in her hands the chain by which she can bind Satan. She can restrain his influence over the nations. But today the Church bemoans the fact that evil is becoming stronger and stronger. She bemoans the fact that the world is coming more and more under the control of the Devil. Whose fault is that? It is the Church. She has the chain and does not have the faith to bind Satan **ever more firmly**. Satan is bound and the Church knows it not! Satan can be bound **ever more firmly**, and the Church does it not!"*

Now I read this for you because I want you to see how wrong this teaching is. If Satan was bound at the cross, then there are many verses that would not make much sense. Let me show you a few of the verses that I am speaking of.

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

⁷ *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

⁸ *For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.*

⁹ *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

If their teaching is true, then the GREAT APOSTLE lacked the faith to bind Satan.

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

² *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Ephesians 4:25-27

²⁵ *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

²⁶ *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

²⁷ *Neither give place to the devil.*

James 4:7

⁷ *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

I show you these verses to help you to understand that the teaching of the Amillennialists is not correct. The binding of Satan which we read of here in this text is yet future and it will happen when Jesus returns to set up His earthly Kingdom on the earth.

Let me take this a little further to show you how strange this teaching is. Listen to the words of another Amillennialist:

*"The term thousand years in Revelation Twenty is a figurative expression used to describe the period of the Messianic Kingdom upon earth. It is that period from the first Advent of Christ until His Second Coming. It is the total or complete period of Christ's Kingdom upon earth. . . If the binding of Satan began with the first coming of Christ, then it follows that the thousand years began with His first coming. . . Now the natural objection to this view is that the period from the first coming of our Lord to the present time can hardly be described as a Millennium. For one thing wars have not ceased and wickedness is still very much prevalent. As someone has stated: "if Satan is bound he must have a long tether." **All***

appearances seem to be against the view that we are in the millennium now. The trouble is that we have altogether a too materialistic concept of the millennial blessings."

Listen how one Bible teacher responds to this teaching:

"Again, we meet with amillennialism's characteristic denial of reality. We are actually in the Millennium now: our error is that we just don't happen to realize it! This detachment from reality can reach ridiculous extremes: "Gentry actually believes we are in some way in the new heavens and the new earth of Revelation 21-22. If this is true, then we all must be living in the ghetto side of the New Jerusalem. But there is no ghetto in the New Jerusalem. In this rush to assert that every work of God has already come to pass, Amillennialists devalue the promises of God. If this is the sum total of God's kingdom on earth, then what's there to get excited about? If most of the people living on earth in the kingdom have no idea they are even in such a kingdom—much less know and acknowledge the king—how can it be a kingdom in any real sense?"

Now let us get back to our text. This binding is yet future and as I had said when Satan is bound so are the other fallen angels.

Isaiah 24:19-22

¹⁹ The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

²⁰ The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

²¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

²² And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

During the Kingdom there will be no demonic influence at all. Satan has been busy through out history deceiving the nations. It all started in Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This is where the battle started. Satan was told by God that there would be a MAN who would come from the woman who would ultimately destroy him. He then launched an attack upon the promise of God in an attempt to stop the coming of the Messiah. He led the world deep into sin in Noah's day. He raised up Nimrod to lead the world's population against God. He deceived Pharaoh to kill all the baby boys of the people of Israel. When Jesus was born He worked in Herod and had all the kids from the age of 2 and under killed in an attempt to kill Jesus Christ. He is working today also to deceive the nations and mainly to cause nations to turn against Israel.

His greatest deception will come in the Tribulation when he will counterfeit the covenant, he will then work through the Anti-Christ and he will raise him from the dead. He will do many miracles through the False Prophet. He will deceive the earth dwellers to take the mark of the Beast. Let us also understand that his deception will be very powerful and is even today.

Let me show you how powerful.

Revelation 14:6-7, 9-10

⁶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

The people are warned by an angel from God and yet Satan still deceives them into taking the Mark of the Beast.

Conclusion:

Some of Satan's greatest deceptions today:

1. You have lots of time to prepare for eternity.
2. You are good enough to get into heaven.
3. My heart will never be hardened.

