

INTRODUCTION

Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: King Jesus Reigns! Scripture: Revelation 20:1-6

Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, April 21, 2024

Revelation 20:1-10

Note: It is MORE IMPORTANT TO <u>LOVE</u> your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ well than it is to be RIGHT on all the details related to The Millennial Reign of Christ!

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, <u>but have not love</u>,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, <u>but have not love</u>, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, <u>but have not love</u>, I gain nothing."

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Note: While we are going to address the details found in the text, we are going to work hard to connect those details to big, over-arching themes and principles that are <u>clearly</u> presented here!

I. THE REIGN OF KING JESUS AND THE DEFEAT OF THE DRAGON

Revelation 20:1-3 -

1) Far from being victorious, Satan is a defeated enemy; his destruction is <u>quickly</u> coming!

2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 5:8-9

Revelation 20:4-6 -

2) In spite of how things may appear, JESUS REIGNS and He will continue to reign! He will reveal the glory, strength, and majesty of His kingdom, and His people will reign WITH Him!

Jeremiah 3:16-18; Matthew 19:28-30; Matthew 24:14; Revelation 20:3

Premillennialism has that little prefix "pre" meaning that Jesus will return to earth <u>BEFORE</u> the 1,000 years, before the Millennial Reign of King Jesus.

Postmillennialism has that little prefix "post" meaning that Jesus will return to earth <u>AFTER</u> the 1,000 years!

Amillennialism has that little prefix "a" meaning "without" or "not". This view teaches that there will not be a literal reign of Christ on this earth for a thousand years but that Jesus is <u>already</u> (currently!) ruling and reigning from heaven and in the lives of His people, His Church.

Revelation 20:6 -

3) There is immense joy and blessing to be found in "belonging" to God, in being "holy" (set apart) to Him! Those in Christ are resurrected to eternal fellowship, access, and intimacy with God. The "second death" (eternal death, <u>separation</u> from God) has no power over them!

Revelation 2:26; 3:21; 5:10

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. What does 1st Corinthians 13:1-3 teach us about the importance of love? What is Paul's point?
- 2. As you read Revelation 20:1-10, what is clear and obvious in these verses? What questions do you have?
- 3. What do we know to be true of Satan from this text? What will his future be?
- 4. What do we know to be true of Christ and His people from this text? What is their future like?
- 5. In light of what this passage shows us, how do you think God wants you to live today?