

BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 20: 1-6

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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In **Revelation 19**, **Christ** comes and **kills** all the **armies** of the **Beast** gathered by **Demons**.

Jerusalem at 2nd Coming and the **Lord** will be **King** over all the **Earth**, **Zechariah 14**

Also, **Christ** will gather all the **Nations** against **Jerusalem** and **it** will be captured, **Zech 14:2**

Then **Christ** will fight against those **Nations**, **Zech 14:3, 14:12-13**

Then **Christ** comes and stands on the **Mt. of Olives** and **it** will be spit in two causing a large Valley, **Zech 14:4**

Then the people of **Jerusalem** will flee East by that **Valley**, to Azel (Azal), **Zech 14:5**

In that **Day**, there will be **No Light**, but at evening time, there will be **Light**, **Zech 14:6-7**

It will come about, that **Living Waters** will flow from **Jerusalem**, both East and West, **Zech 14:8**

In that **Day**, the **Lord** will be **King** over all the **Earth**, **Zech 14:9**

In that **Day**, **Israel's Land** will be changed into a **plain**, But **Jerusalem** will **rise up**, **Zech 14:10, Micah 4:1**

In that **Day**, people will live in **Jerusalem** with **No Curse** and in security, **Zech 14:11**

Then, all of **Nations** not **killed**, will go up to **Jerusalem** and **worship the Lord**, **Zech 14:16**

Then, **everyone** will celebrate the **Feast of Booths**, or be punished by **the Lord**, **Zech 14:16-19, Lev 23:42-43**

Israel's unequalled **Time of Distress**, and **their** Resurrection, **Daniel 12**

At that time **Michael**, who guards **Israel**, will arise. It will be an unequalled **time of distress** for **Israel**, **Dan 12:1**

But everyone of **Israel** in the **Book of Life**, will be **rescued**, **Dan 12:1**

At that time many **dead** will be **Resurrected**, either to **everlasting life** or **everlasting contempt**, **Dan 12:2-3**

How long will it be until the End of these wonders ?, **Dan 12:6**

The **time of distress** for **Israel** will be **3 ½ years** (1260 **days**), until **Israel's** shattering is completed, **Dan 12:7**

From the time that the **regular sacrifice** is **abolished**, and the **abomination of desolation** is set up,

there will be **1,290 days** (1260 **days** + 30 **days**), **Dan 12:11, Rev 13:1-10**

Blessed is **he** who waits and attains to the **1,335 days** ! (1260 **days** + 30 **days** + 45 **days**), **Dan 12:12**

The (30 **days** + 45 **days**), is the **Time** between the **End** of the (1260 **day**) **Tribulation** of **Israel**, **Rev 18**,

and the setting up for the **Millennial Kingdom**, **Dan 7:27**

The (30 **days** + 45 **days**), is probably when the **Sheep** and **Goat Judgment** occurs, **Matt 25:31-46**

The **Sheep** go into the **Kingdom** and the **Goats** go to **eternal punishment**, **Matt 25:46**

The (30 **days** + 45 **days**), a transitional period between the **End** of the **Tribulation**, **Rev 19:11-21**,

and the **Beginning** of the **Millennial Kingdom**, **Rev 20:4**.

Revelation 20 covers **many major events** that occur over a **1000 year** period.

I. **The Millennium Kingdom**, the **Resurrections**, the **Judgments**, and the **2nd Death**, **Rev 20:1-15**

A. **Satan** is bound by an **Angel** and thrown into the **Abyss** for a **1000 years**, **20:1-3**

B. **1st Resurrection**, **Saints**, **reign** with **Christ** for a **1000 years**, **20:4-6**

1. **Millennial Kingdom**, Many OT Passages refer to the **Millennium**, and the **Nation of Israel**

2. **Israel** is **Resurrected**, **comes to Life** out of graves, **Ezek 37:1-14, Dan 12:2, Isa 26:19, Rev 20:4**

3. **Israel** is **gathered**, **Judged**, and brought into the bond of **Covenant**, **Ezek 20:33-44**,

4. **Israel** is **Restored**, **Deut 3:30-31, 4:25-31, 30:1-10, Ezek 11:13-21, 16:60-62, 20:33-34, 28:25-26, 34:11-31, 36:16-3, Jer 30:1-24, 31:23-40, 32:36-44, 33:7-26, Zech 13:1-9, 14:1-21**, and others.

5. When **Jesus** comes, **He** will take away **Israel's sins** and **All Israel** will be **saved**, **Rom 11:25-32**

6. **Christ** builds **Temple** (**Ezekiel's**), in **Jerusalem**, on **Mt. Zion**, **Zech 6:12-13, Ezek 40:1-43:27**

7. The **Promised Land** will be divided for **Israel** in the **Millennial Kingdom**, **Ezek 47:13-48:23**

8. The **New Covenant** will be **fulfilled** for **Israel**, **Jer 31:31-34, Ezek 36:24-28**, and Many more Passages

See my personal website, <http://allscriptureinspired.com/covenants-bible-study/>

9. The **Abrahamic Covenant** will be **fulfilled** for **Israel**, my website, **Gen 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22**

10. The **Davidic Covenant** will be fulfilled for **Israel**, my website, 2 Sam 7:8–17, 1 Chron 17:1-16, Psalm 89
11. The **Deuteronomic Covenant** will be fulfilled for **Israel**, my website, Deut 29 & Deut 30
12. **Thrones** for **Judgment** were set up, for **All Saints**, both **Jew** and **Gentile**, 20:4
13. Then the **souls** of **Martyred Tribulation Saints** are Resurrected, 20:4
 - a. This is the **1st Resurrection**, which is for **Saints**, 20:5
 - b. All **Non-Tribulation Saints** were **Raptured/Resurrected** previously, 1 Thes 4:13-18, I Cor 15:51-54
14. **All Saints**, both **Jew** and **Gentile**, **reign** on **thrones** with **Christ**, for **1000 years**, 20:4
 - a. **They** will be **Priests** of **God** and of **Christ**, and **Reign** with **Christ**, 20:6
15. **Christ Reigning** on **Throne** in **Jerusalem**, on **Mt. Zion**, in **Temple (Ezekiel's)**, Zech 6:12-13, 8:3, Isa 9:6-7, Jer 33:14-17, Luke 1:31–33, Isa 2:1–4, Micah 4:1–3, Ezek 34:22–24, 43:1-7,
 - a. The **12 Apostles** and **David** will be **reigning** on **thrones** with **Christ**, Matt 19:28, Jer 30:9, Ezk 37:24
- C. After **1000 years**, **Satan** will be released from **Abyss** to deceive and gather **Nations**, 20:7-8
- D. **Satan** and **Gog** and **Magog Nations** and **their armies** surround **Saints** and **Jerusalem**, 20:9
 1. then **Fire** from **Heaven** consumed **their armies**, 20:9
- E. **Satan** is thrown into **Lake of Fire** to be **tormented forever**, 20:10
- F. **Great White Throne** for **Christ** set up and **Earth** and **Heaven** have fled away, 20:11
 1. **Unbelievers** from **Death** and **Hades** are **Resurrected** and **Judged** for **their Deeds**, 20:12-13
 2. This is the **2nd Death**, **Judged Unbelievers** are thrown into **Lake of Fire**, 20:14-15

an **angel** comes from **heaven**, and seizes and binds **the dragon** for a **thousand years**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 20:1-3** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 20:1-3

- I. 1 Then **I (John)** saw an **angel** coming down from **heaven**, 10:1,
 - A. holding **the key** of the **abyss** and a **great chain** in **his hand**. 1:18, 9:1-2, Jude 6,
 - B. 2 And **he (angel)** laid hold of (seized) **the dragon**, Rev 12:9,
 1. **the serpent** of old, who is **the devil** and **Satan**, Gen 3:1, Rev 12:7-9
 2. and **bound him** (Jude 6) for a **thousand years**; 20:3, 20:4, 20:5, 20:6, 20:7
 3. 3 and **he (angel)** threw **him** into the **abyss**, Lk 8:31, Rom 10:7, 9:1-2, 9:11, 11:7, 17:8, Jude 6,
 4. and shut it (**abyss**) and sealed it over **him**, Isa 24:22, 2 Pet 2:4,
 - C. **so that** (Reason) **he (Satan)** would not **deceive the nations** any longer,
 1. **until the thousand years** were **completed**; 20:7
 - D. **after these things he (Satan)** must be released for a **short time**. 20:7

an **angel** coming from **heaven**, holding **the key** of the **abyss** and a **great chain**, Rev 20:1

Then **John** saw an **angel** coming down from **heaven**, like the **angel** in Rev 10:1.

This **angel** was holding **2 things**, **the key** of the **abyss** and a **great chain** in **his hand**. 1:18, 9:1-2, Jude 6,

“**the key** of the **abyss**” is Not a metal **Key**, but a **Metaphor** > a figure of speech in which a word or phrase

literally denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness, **Websters**

“**Key**”> the means for gaining access to something by their owner, as in the **Key** to success or **Key** to your heart.

This is like the **5th Trumpet Angel** in Rev 9:1-2

“**the key** of the **bottomless pit** was given to **him**” and “**He** opened the **bottomless pit**”

Jesus has the “**the keys** of death and of **Hades**”, Rev 1:18. **Keys** give access to a **place** or **thing** by their owner, here a **Metaphor** and **Death** is a **Condition** and **Hades** is a **place**, the **Grave**, the abode of the **Dead**.

“**the abyss**”, (Grk. **Abussos**), is the **bottomless pit**, Rev 9:1-2, the dwelling place where certain **Demon Angels** and here **Satan** are kept or in “**prison**”, Rev 20:7, “in **bonds**” temporarily or eternally, Jude 9.

“**the abyss**”, is where “the **angel (Demon)** of the **abyss**; “**Abaddon**” or “**Apollyon**” comes from, Rev 9:11.

“**the abyss**”, is where “the **Beast (Antichrist)** comes out of, to **kill** the **2 witnesses**, Rev 11:7, Rev 17:8

“**the abyss**”, is where **Satan** is kept or in “**prison**”, Rev 20:7, “in **bonds**” temporarily, for a **1000 years**, until **he** is released by **God** to deceive **the Nations**, Rev 20:7-8.

“the abyss”, is where **God** “committed **them (Demons)** to pits of darkness, reserved for **judgment**” 2 Pet 2:4

The “**great chain**” is Not a metal **Chain**, but a **Metaphor** > a figure of speech in which a word or phrase literally denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness, **Websters**

“**Chain**” > something that confines, restrains, or secures, **Websters**

as in “My baby's got me locked up in **chains**” “Whoa, these **chains** of love”, from song **Chains** by the Beatles.

The **angel** laid hold of **the dragon**, and bound **him** for a **thousand years**, Rev 20:2

Then the **angel** laid hold of or seized (ESV) **the dragon, Satan**.

Here are 4 names for **him, the dragon, the serpent** of old, who is **the devil** and **Satan**, Gen 3:1, Rev 12:7-9

This is the **great dragon** thrown out of **heaven** with **his angels (Demons)**, Rev 12:9, for the previous 3 ½ **years**.

The **angel** “laid hold of” or “seized” and “**bound**” **the dragon** with a “**great chain**”

The “**great chain**” in this case, is something that **restrains**, or keeps one under control, a **Metaphor**.

The “**great chain**” that restrains, is called “**eternal bonds**” when applied to **Demon angels**, in **Jude 6**

“And **angels** who did not keep **their** own domain, but abandoned **their** proper abode,

He has kept in **eternal bonds** under darkness for the **judgment** of the **great day**”, **Jude 6**

Satan had freedom, in the **Garden**, in **Job**, in the **OT**, in the **Gospels**, and for the last **2000 years**,

but after **Christ Comes** again, **he** is “**bound**” in the “**the abyss**” temporarily for a **1000 years**.

Satan's thousand years, is mentioned **6 times**, in **Rev 20:2, 20:3, 20:4, 20:5, 20:6, 20:7**

a **thousand years**, as interpreted Non-Literally by **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**

How long does the **millennium** last?

See **Lesson 04**

There can be **no doubt** that it began with the completed work of Christ on earth.

Why, then, does Revelation use the expression a **thousand years**? In terms of **biblical numbers**,

ten represents fullness, and a **thousand** is ten times ten times ten, hence fullness times fullness times fullness.

It seems to equal a **vast number of years** without being a precise chronology of human history.

Nowhere else does Scripture limit the binding of **Satan** and the success of the church's mission

to a specific period of time before the end of the age. [**Strawman Argument**]

Moreover, there are other places in Scripture where the word **thousand** is used without being a literal number.

In **Psalms 50** this same number is employed in a different context, where it says that God owns “the cattle on a **thousand hills**” (v. 10) [**Hyperbole**]. It is an expression for fullness. It is the same in **Psalms 68:17**, [**thousands?**].

.....The message in **Psalms 50** and **68** is one of fullness, and it is the same in **Revelation 20**.

One day, the fullness of the elect will be brought into **the church**, and then the end will come.

It is not a matter of literally **one thousand years**, but of God's **secret timing** as to the gathering of His people into union with Christ, however long that may take from our human perspective.

Ligonier Ministries, <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/binding-satan>

thousand years—As seven **mystically** implies universality, so a **thousand** implies perfection, whether in good or evil [Aquinas]. **Thousand symbolizes** that the world is perfectly leavened and pervaded by the divine;

since thousand is **ten**, the number of the world, raised to the third power, **three** being the number of God.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary, on Rev 20:2

The interpretation of the **1000 years** in **Revelation 20:1-15**.

(3) that it is a **symbol** with a definite meaning--not of a period of time but a **symbol** of the complete and perfect rule of Christ over the lives of all fully surrendered Christians. *Norris' Commentary on the Book of Revelation*

These **Non-Literal interpretations** by **Reformed (Covenant) Theology** break most rules of **interpretation**.

They **interpret**, out of **context**, **add** and **subtract** meaning that is Not in scripture, and **spiritualize**, **symbolize**, and give **mystical** application to the plain straight forward meaning as literally presented in the text.

They open the door to be **cursed**, by **adding** and **subtracting** from the words of this book, **Rev 22:18-19**,

18 I testify to **everyone** who hears **the words of the prophecy of this book** (Revelation):

if **anyone** **adds** to them, **God** will **add** to **him** the plagues which are written in this book;

19 and if **anyone** **takes away** from **the words of the book of this prophecy**, **God** will **take away** **his** part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are **written in this book**. **Rev 22:18-19, Deut 4:2, 12:32**

a **thousand years**, as interpreted **Literally**

“**thousand**”, (Greek, *chilioi*, 5507), 9 times, **2 Pet 3:8, Rev 12:6, 14:20, 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**

“**thousand**”, (Greek, *chilias*, 5505), 22 times, **Lk 14:31, Acts 4:4, 1 Cor 8:10, Rev 5:11, 7:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11:13, 14:1, 14:3**

“**Chiliasm**” is derived from (Greek, *chilias*, 5505), a “**thousand**”.

Chiliasm is a teaching that **Christ** will **reign** for a literal **1000 years** on **earth** after **his 2nd coming**.

Numbers without using “**s**”, is Using a **Number** as an **adjective**

When you say you have a **thousand dollars**, you have exactly a **thousand dollars**.

When you say you have a “**thousand (adjective) dollars**” you’re using “**thousand**” as an **adjective**

You’re describing, using an **adjective**, as to How Many dollars you have exactly.

1. *chilioi* (χιλιοι, 5507), “a thousand,” occurs in **2 Pet. 3:8; Rev. 11:3; 12:6; 14:20; 20:2–7**.

2. *chilias* (χιλιοι, 5505), “one thousand,” is always used in the **plural, chiliades**, (See verses above)

but translated in the **singular** everywhere, except in the phrase “thousands of thousands,” **Rev. 5:11**.

Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, pp. 630–631).

Rev 5:11, is better seen in KJV as,

11 ... and the number of them was

ten **thousand** (*urias*, 3461) ~~times~~ ten **thousand** (*urias*, 3461) (100,000,000),

and **thousand(s)** (*chilias*, 5505), ~~of~~ **thousand(s)** (*chilias*, 5505) (1,000,000).

(*chilias*, 5505), means “one **thousand**” exactly, (*chilioi*, 5507), means “one **thousand**” exactly,

and (*urias*, 3461), means “ten **thousand**” exactly.

Numbers using “**s**”, is Using a **Number** as a **Noun**

When you say you have **thousands of dollars**, you don’t have exactly a **thousand dollars**.

When you say you have “**thousands (noun) of dollars**” you’re using “**thousands**”, as a **noun**.

You’re describing, using a **noun**, as to How Many dollars you have approximately.

You’re saying approximately How Many dollars you have **plural**,

This means you could have, either **2 thousand** or **10 thousand** or **100 thousand dollars**.

Conclusion

The word “**thousand**”, in Greek, when used as an **adjective**, describes an **exact number**.

Sometimes “**thousand**” *singular* in Greek, is interpreted as “**thousands**” in our English Bibles,

as in **Lk 12:1, Acts 21:20, Jude 14**, where “**thousands**” = “**ten thousand**”, in Greek,

and in **Rev 5:11**, where “**thousands**” = one “**thousand**”, in Greek.

Therefore, “**ten thousand**” or “**thousand**” *singular* in Greek, is used as an **adjective**,

and describes an **exact number**.

The word “**thousands**”, when used as a **noun**, describes an **approximate number**,

But “**thousands**” is Not used as a **noun**, in the NT, But always used as an **adjective**, in the NT.

Therefore, a **thousand years**, in **Rev 20**, means **exactly** a **thousand years**, no more and no less,

and the **Millennial Kingdom** will last **exactly** a **thousand years**.

The **angel** threw **the dragon**, into the **abyss**, **Rev 20:3a**

Then the **angel** threw **the dragon (Satan)** into the **abyss**, **Lk 8:31, Rom 10:7, 9:1-2, 9:11, 11:7, 17:8, Jude 6**,

and shut it (**abyss**) and sealed it over **him**, **Isa 24:22, 2 Pet 2:4**,

The **angel** had **the key to the abyss**, and then **he “laid hold of”** or “**seized**” **the dragon**,

and then **he “bound” the dragon** with a “**great chain**”, and then **he shut the abyss**,

and then **he sealed the abyss over the dragon**. See discussion on “**abyss**”, see **Rev 20:1**, hereon.

The **angel** threw **the dragon**, so that **he** would not **deceive the nations** any longer, **Rev 20:3b**
Then the **angel** threw **the dragon (Satan)** into the **abyss**, so that (Reason) **the dragon** would not **deceive the nations** any longer, until the **thousand (chiloi, 5507) years** were **completed**, when **he** does **deceive them**.
after these things he must be **released** for a **short time**. **20:7**

the dragon (Satan) is “who **deceives the whole world**” when thrown down from **Heaven**, in **Rev 12:9**
the serpent has been **deceiving the world** since the **Garden of Eden**, **2 Cor 11:3**

When the **thousand years** are completed, **Satan** will be released from **his prison (the abyss)**,
and will come out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of **the earth**, **Rev 20:7–8**
to **deceive** > to cause someone to believe something that is not true, to gain some personal advantage.

Those on Thrones, beheaded, without **mark of Beast**, came to **Life**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 20:4** (Portion of Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 20:4

- I. 4 (4a, sentence) Then **I (John)** saw **thrones**, and **they** sat on **them**, **Dan 7:9, Rev 3:21, 5:10, 20:6, 22:5**,
A. and **judgment** was given (granted) to **them**. **Dan 7:22, 1 Cor 6:2-3, 2 Tim 2:11-12**,
- II. And **I (John)** saw **the souls** of **those** who had been **beheaded** **6:9, 7:14, 11:7, 13:7, 14:13, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24**,
A. **because** (Reason) of **their** testimony of **Jesus** **Rev 1:2, 1:9, 6:9, 12:11, 12:17, 19:10**,
B. and **because** (Reason) of **the word of God**, **Rev 6:9, 12:11, 12:17**
C. and **those** who had not worshiped **the beast** or **his image**, **Rev 14:13**
D. and (**those**) had not received **the mark** on **their forehead** and on **their hand**; **7:3, 9:4, 13:16, 14:1, 13, 22:4**
- III. (4b, sentence) and **they** (the dead) came to **life** **Lk 14:14, Phil 3:11**,
A. and **reigned** with **Christ** for a **thousand years**. **Rev 2:26, 3:21, 5:9-10, 11:17, 20:6, 22:5**

In the **Greek**, **Rev 20:4** is **2 sentences**, labeled here as (4a, sentence) and (4b, sentence).

It seems that (4a, sentence) could have been split into a few more **Verses**, as is often done elsewhere.

John saw **thrones**, with **persons**, and **judgment** was given to **them**, **Rev 20:4a**

Then **John** saw **thrones**, and **they** sat on **them**, **Dan 7:9, Rev 3:21, 5:10, 20:4b, 20:6, 22:5**

The **Pronoun “they”** can’t be interpreted by the previous **Context** as is usually done.

The **“they”** here must refer to all **Saints** who **rule** in the **Millennial Kingdom** both **Jew** and **Gentile**.

Dan 7:27 ‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole **heaven** will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; **7:10, 7:18, 7:22, Rev 2:26, Rev 20:4**

Dan 7:18 ‘But **the saints of the Highest One** will receive the kingdom

and possess the kingdom forever, for **all ages to come**.’ **7:22, 7:27, Rev 2:26, Rev 20:4**

Dan 7:22 until **the Ancient of Days** came and **judgment** was passed in favor of **the saints of the Highest One**,
and **the time arrived** when **the saints** took possession of the **kingdom**. **7:10, 7:18, 7:27, Rev 2:26, Rev 20:4**

The Book of **Daniel** here, concern’s **the saints of Daniel’s People**, the **Nation of Israel**. See **Lesson 11**

Believers/saints reigning on **thrones** with **Christ** is mentioned, in **Rev 3:21, 5:10, 20:4b, 20:6, 22:5**

The **“they”** must refer to all those **Saints**, both **Jew** and **Gentile**, who will **rule** in the **Millennial Kingdom**.

The Restoration and Resurrection of the Nation of Israel, in Ezek 36:1-38, Ezek 37:1-14

Israel's Restoration, Ezek 36:8-15

Israel's great **sin** and **scattering**, by the **wrath of God**, Ezek 36:16-20

the Lord's concern for **His Holy Name**, profaned by **Israel**, among **the Nations**, Ezek 36:16-20

the Lord vindicating **His Name**, but Not for **Israel's** sake, but **His** sake, Ezek 36:16-23, 36:28

the Lord gathering **Israel** back into **the Land** and **cleansing them**, Ezek 36:24-25

the Lord giving **Israel** a **New Heart** and **New Spirit** (**New Covenant**), Ezek 36:26

the Lord giving **Israel** the **Holy Spirit** within **them**, to observe **His** ordinances, Ezek 36:27, John 3:5-8

the Lord giving **Israel** the **Land** of **their forefathers**, Ezek 36:28

Israel will be **the Lord's people** and **the Lord** will be **their God**, Ezek 36:28

the Lord multiplies grain and fruit and produce for **Israel**, Ezek 36:29-30

the Lord does this, but Not for **Israel's** sake, Ezek 36:32, 36:22.

the Lord **cleansing Israel's sin** and **its cities restored**, Ezek 36:33

the Land of **Israel** becomes like the **Garden of Eden** and **rebuilt**, Ezek 36:34

the Valley of Dry Bones, **Israel** coming to **Life** out of the **graves**, or **Resurrected**, Ezekiel 37:1-14

the **Dry Bones** coming **alive**, with breath and **skin**, and standing on **their** feet, Ezek 37:1-10

these **Bones** are **the whole house of Israel**, Ezek 37:11

the Lord opens **Israel's graves** and causes **them** to come out of the **graves**, Ezek 37:12-13

the Lord puts the **Holy Spirit** in **them**, **they** come to life, and **they** are put in **their own Land**, Ezek 37:14

“and **judgment** was **given** (granted) to **them**, both **Jew** and **Gentile**, (**Believers**)”. 1 Cor 6:2-3

These **Believers** will be sitting on **thrones reigning** with **Christ** and will be **granted by God**

to **Judge** others in and during the **thousand year Millennial Kingdom**.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2 Or do you not know that **the saints** will **judge the world**?

If **the world** is **judged** by **you**, are **you** not competent to constitute the smallest law courts?

3 Do **you** not know that **we** will **judge angels**? How much more (**judge**) matters of this life?

Then **John** saw **the souls** of **those beheaded** who had Not worshiped **the Beast**, Rev 20:4a

Then **John** saw **the souls** of **those** who had been **beheaded (killed)** 6:9, 7:14, 11:7, 13:7, 14:13, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24,

They were **beheaded** because (Reason) of **their** testimony of **Jesus** Rev 1:2, 1:9, 6:9, 12:11, 12:17, 19:10,

and **because** (Reason) of **the word of God**, **they** were **martyred saints**. Rev 6:9, 12:11, 12:17

and **those (Believers)** who had not worshiped **the beast** or **his image**, Rev 14:13

and (**those**) had not received **the mark** on **their forehead** and on **their hand**; 7:3, 9:4, 13:16, 14:1, 13, 22:4

The **souls** of those **beheaded (killed) martyrs**

The **soul** is the immaterial part of a person, the heart, mind, conscience, as in Matt 10:28, 2 Cor 5:8, Rev 6:9.

These **martyrs** > are the **Tribulation saints slain** or **killed** during the **7 year Tribulation**.

They are first **souls**, 20:4a, absent from **the body**, 2 Cor 5:8, but have now “**come to life**”, 20:4b,

or been **resurrected**, because of **their testimony** during the **7 year Tribulation**, in Rev 20:4.

These **martyrs** > are the **killed Tribulation saints** mentioned in Rev 6:9, 7:14, 11:7, 13:7, 14:13, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24.

These **martyrs** > are Not **the Church Gathered/Resurrected** before the **7 year Tribulation**,

because the **Rapture** there includes those **alive believers** being “**caught up**” to **Christ**,

without being **killed** as **martyrs**, in 1 Thes 4:13-18 and in 1 Cor 15:50-54.

Reformed Theology's 4 Views believe that the **Rapture saints** and these **martyred saints** were both

“**caught up**” and “**rise**” at this point in Time, but I see No one being “**caught up**” **alive** here.

There is No mention of **the Rapture** of BOTH, **those** “**raised**” Dead and **those** “**caught up**” **Alive** “**in Christ**”

in the Book of Revelation. See **Lesson 19** for more detail on the **Rapture**.

they (the dead) came to **life** and **reigned** with **Christ** for a **thousand years**, Rev 20:4b
Then **they**, the dead **martyred Tribulation saints**, came to **life** or were resurrected from the grave.
All **believers**, when **they** die, **their spirits** go to be with **the Lord**, but **their bodies** go to the grave, 2 Cor 5:8.
All **believers**, when **they** are resurrected, **their New spiritual Bodies** are united with **their spirits**,
spirits that are already with **the Lord**, 1 Cor 15:50-54. See Lesson 19 for more on the resurrected.
The dead **martyred Tribulation saints** came to **life** and begin to **reign** with **Christ** for a **thousand years**.

The **Saints** or **Overcomers** will **Reign** with **Christ** during the **Millennial Kingdom**, Rev 20:4b
The **saints**, will be **given authority** over **the nations**, Rev 2:26
The **saints**, will **sit down** with **Christ** on **His throne**, Rev 3:21
The **saints**, will be a **kingdom** and **priests** to **God**; and **they** will **reign** upon **the earth**, Rev 5:9-10
The **saints**, will be **priests** of **God** and of **Christ** and will **reign** with **Him** for a **thousand years**, Rev 20:6

Christ will **Reign** on **His throne**, in **Jerusalem**, during the **Millennial Kingdom**

Christ Reigning is mentioned in many passages, as in Isa 2:1-4, Isa 9:6-7, Isa 11:1-4, Isa 42:1, Ps 72:1-11,
Jer 23:5-8, Dan 7:13-14, Mic 4:1-8, Mic 5:2-5, Zech 14:9-11, Lk 1:31-33

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 The word which **Isaiah** the son of Amoz saw concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.

2 Now it will come about that **in the last days**

The **mountain (Zion)** of **the house** of **the Lord** Will be established as **the chief of the mountains**,
And will be **raised above the hills**; And **all the nations** will stream to it (**Zion**).

3 And many **peoples** will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to **the mountain (Zion)** of **the Lord**, To **the house** of **the God** of **Jacob**;

That **He** may **teach** us concerning **His ways** And that we may walk in **His paths**.”

For **the law** will go forth from **Zion** And **the word of the Lord** from **Jerusalem**.

4 And **He (the Lord)** will **judge** between **the nations**, And will **render decisions** for many **peoples**;

And **they** will hammer **their swords** into plowshares and **their spears** into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up **sword** against **nation**, And never again will **they** learn **war**.

Those on **Thrones**, beheaded, without **mark of Beast**, came to **Life**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 20:5-6** (Portion of Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 20:5-6

- I. 5 (5a, sentence) The rest of the dead (**Unbelievers**) did not come to **life** 20:12-13
 - A. **until the thousand years** were **completed**. 20:7,
 - B. (5b, sentence) This is **the first resurrection**. Lk 14:14, Phil 3:11,
- II. 6 (sentence) **Blessed** and **holy** is **the one** who has a part in **the first resurrection**; Rev 14:13
 - A. over **these the second death** has no power, Rev 2:11, 20:14,
 - B. but **they** will be **priests of God** and (priests) of **Christ** Rev 1:6,
 - C. and (**they**) will **reign** with **Him** for a **thousand years**. Rev 3:21, 5:10, 20:6, 22:5,

In the **Greek**, Rev 20:5 is 2 sentences labeled here as (5a, sentence) and (5b, sentence).

But Rev 20:6 is just **one sentence**.

The rest of **the dead** did not come to **life** until the **thousand years** were **completed**, Rev 20:5a

Then the rest of **the dead**, meaning all those Not included as **martyred believers** in Rev 20:4,

did not come to **life**. These other **dead persons** must then be seen as **Unbelievers**.

Death is a Condition and **Hades** is a **place**, the **Grave**, the abode of the **Dead**, where **Unbelievers** temporarily go after **Death**, until **they** are **raised**, **Judged**, and **condemned**, Rev 20:12-15.

These **dead Unbelievers** will Not be raised until the **thousand years** were **completed**.

This is **the first resurrection**, Rev 20:5b

This (5b, sentence) at first glance seems to **refer back** to what was just said, concerning “the rest of the dead”, the **Unbelieving Dead**, but instead it **refers** to **believers**, in Rev 20:4, 20:6. With this in mind, “This is **the first resurrection**”, refers to the **martyred believers**, in Rev 20:4, and to the **Blessed** and **Holy Ones** that are **priests of God** and **reign** with **Christ**, in Rev 20:6.

The **Resurrection of the righteous** or the **Resurrection of Life**, occurrences **Christ** was “the **First fruits**”, the **First Resurrected**, 1 Cor 15:23
Then the **resurrection** of many **bodies** of dead **saints**, Matt 27:52–53, John 5:29
Then the **caught up/resurrected** of **the Church**, 1 Thes 4:13–18, John 5:29
Then the **resurrection** of the **two witnesses**, Rev 11:3, 11, (assumes **they** were not **resurrected** before.)
Then the **resurrection** of the **martyred dead Tribulation saints**, Rev 20:4–5, John 5:29
Then the **resurrection** of OT **saints**, as in (Isa 26:19–21, Ezek 37:12–14, Dan 12:2–3), not mentioned in Rev 20.

Reformed Theology View

Therefore, we confidently affirm that the “**first resurrection**” here is a **spiritual (Non-Physical) resurrection**, having reference to the conversion of sinners through the preaching of the gospel.

Coffman’s Commentary on the Bible

<https://www.studylight.org/commentary/revelation/20-5.html>

Blessed and **holy** is **the one** who has a part in **the first resurrection**, Rev 20:6

Blessed and **holy** is **the one (believer)** who has a part in **the first resurrection** (of **believers**). Rev 14:13

over **these (believer’s)** **the second death** (**Lake of Fire**, 20:14) has no power, Rev 2:11, 20:14,

but **they (believer’s)** will be **priests of God** and (priests) of **Christ**, as in Rev 1:6,

and (**they**) will **reign** with **Him** for a **thousand years**. Rev 3:21, 5:10, 20:6, 22:5,

The **Saints** or **Overcomers** will **Reign** with **Christ** during the **Millennial Kingdom**. See previously, Rev 20:4b

The Millennial Kingdom, WHO will be there ?

The Rapture caught up/resurrected all who had come to Christ, from Pentecost, Acts 2 to Rev 4.

This resurrection resurrects all the Dead Tribulation saints who come to Christ, from Rev 6 to Rev 18.

All saints, once resurrected, are Glorified > in a final state of high honor and esteem, Rom 8:29-30

What remains is all the Alive (Not Killed) Tribulation saints who come to Christ, from Rev 6 to Rev 18.

These Alive Tribulation saints join all the previously resurrected saints, and all enter the Millennial Kingdom.

The Millennial Kingdom begins with resurrected believers and alive believers only,

and without resurrected Unbelievers and without alive Unbelievers, John 3:5, Matt 5:20, 7:21, 18:3.

The separating of alive believers and alive Unbelievers happens at the Sheep and Goat Judgment,

Matt 25:31-16, where all the alive nations are gathered before Christ on His throne, 25:31.

The Sheep will inherit the kingdom (Millennial), 25:34, and eternal life, 25:46.

The Goats will depart to the eternal fire, 25:41 and eternal punishment, 25:46.

The Millennial Kingdom begins with only alive and resurrected believer's and with No Unbelievers.

Alive Unbelievers will have already departed to the eternal fire, Matt 25:41

Dead Unbelievers will Not be raised (resurrected) until the thousand years is completed, Rev 20:5.

During the Millennial Kingdom, alive believers will have children, some of those children will be believers

and some of those children will be Unbelievers, like it is now in this present age.

When the 1000 years is completed, Satan will deceive the Nations, there will be Unbelievers

as the sand of the sea, Rev 20:7-9.

During the Church Age > the past 2000 years, the fulness of the Gentiles (believers) has come in, Rom 11:25.

Once that fullness comes in, the mostly Gentile Church will be Raptured/resurrected, 1 Thes 4:13-18.

During the Millennial Kingdom Age > the future 1000 years, All Israel will be saved, Rom 11:26-32,

and All the OT saints will be resurrected, Dan 12:2, Ezek 37:1-14, Isa 26:19.

Christ will be King in Jerusalem, on Mt. Zion, in His Temple, on the throne of David,

and all the nations will stream to Mt. Zion, and there will be peace for a 1000 years. Isa 2:1-4

During the Millennial Kingdom Age > Israel is Restored, Deut 3:30-31, 4:25-31, 30:1-10, Ezek 11:13-21, 16:60-62, 20:33-34, 28:25-26, 34:11-31, 36:16-38, 37:1-14, 37:15-28, Hos 2:14-23, 3:1-5, Isa 65:17-25, 66:10-24, Jer 30:1-24, 31:23-40, 32:36-44, 33:7-26, Joel 3:1-2, 2:18-21, 3:18-21, Amos 9:11-15, Micah 7:11-20, Zeph 3:11-20, Zech 13:1-9, 14:1-21, Mal 4:1-3, and others.

After the 1000 years is completed, Satan is released, peace ends, and he wars against Jerusalem, Rev 20:7-9.

Then the Present Earth and Heaven have fled away, Rev 20:11, been destroyed, 2 Pet 3:7, 10, 12.

Then the Great White Throne of Christ Judges all resurrected and alive Unbelievers,

and they are all thrown into the Lake of Fire, Rev 20:11-15, 21:8. Therefore, No more Unbelievers.

During the Eternal Kingdom Age > the future eternity, the New Heaven and New Earth are created.

The New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven, from the "Father's House", where Jesus has prepared

a dwelling place for the disciples and All Believers, John 14:2

The Millennial Kingdom, between Rev 20:6 and Rev 20:7

When Christ returns to the earth after His 2nd Coming, and establishes Himself as King in Jerusalem, on Mt. Zion, in His Temple, sitting on the throne of David, Luke 1:32-33, Isa 2:1-4.

At this time All of the Covenant Promises that were given and belong to Israel, Rom 9:4, will be fulfilled.

The Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22) promised:

the LORD will make Abraham a great nation (Israel), a great name, and a great blessing, Gen 12:2, Gen 18:18

the LORD will give Land of Canaan, to Abram and his (Physical) Descendants, Gen 12:7, 13:15, 13:17, 15:18, 17:8

the LORD will give Israel all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, Gen 17:8, 12:7, 15:8, Acts 7:5

the LORD will through Abraham, all the nations of the earth will be blessed, Gen 12:2, Gen 18:18

The Deuteronomic Covenant (Deut 29 & Deut 30) promised:

Israel would return and obey the Lord with all their heart and soul (New Cov.), Deut 30:2.

the LORD will restore Israel from captivity, and have compassion on Israel, Deut 30:3

the LORD will gather Israel from all the peoples where the LORD has scattered Israel, Deut 30:4

the LORD will bring Israel into the land which their fathers possessed, and Israel shall possess it; Deut 30:5

the LORD will prosper Israel and multiply them more than their fathers, Deut 30:5.

the LORD will circumcise Israel's heart (New Cov.) and the heart of Israel's descendants, Deut 30:6, Rom 2:29, to love the LORD their God with all their heart and with all their soul, so that they may live, Deut 30:6.

The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7:8-17, 1 Chron 17:1-16, Psalm 89) promised:

the LORD will appoint a place (Land) for My people Israel and will plant them, 2 Sam 7:10a, 1 Chr 17:9

that they (Israel) may live in their own place (Land) and not be disturbed again, 2 Sam 7:10b

the LORD will raise up (David's) descendant (seed) who will come forth from David, 2 Sam 7:12c, Ps 89:30

the LORD will establish (David's seed's) kingdom, 2 Sam 7:12c, 7:16, 1 Chr 17:11

the LORD will establish the throne of (David's) kingdom forever, 7:13b, 1 Chr 17:12, 22:10, Ps 89:4, 29, 36-37

The New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34, Ezek 36:24-28, Heb 8:6-13, 10:16-17) promised:

The Days are Coming, in the Future, when the Lord will make a New Covenant with Israel & Judah (12 tribes),

Jer 31:31, Jer 32:40, Lk 22:20, Heb 9:15, 10:16, 12:24, 1 Cor 11:25, 2 Cor 3:6, Heb 8:8

the LORD will make a New Covenant not like the (Mosaic) covenant, Jer 31:32

This is the New Covenant which the LORD make with the house of Israel after those days, Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10

the LORD will put and write His law within Israel and on their Heart, Jer 31:33, 2 Cor 3:3, Jer 24:7

the LORD will be Israel's God, and Israel shall be His people, Jer 31:33, Jer 24:7, 30:22, 32:38

Israel will all know the LORD, from the least of them to the greatest of them, Jer 31:34 Heb 8:11

the LORD will forgive Israel's iniquity,

and sin and remember it no more,

Jer 31:34 Heb 8:12, Jer 50:20

the LORD will Never Cast Off the offspring

of Israel for What they have Done,

Jer 31:35-37, Rom 3:1-4, 9:1-4, 11:1-11, 11:25-32

The Millennial Kingdom will be

a time of peace, Micah 4:2-4; Isa 32:17-18,

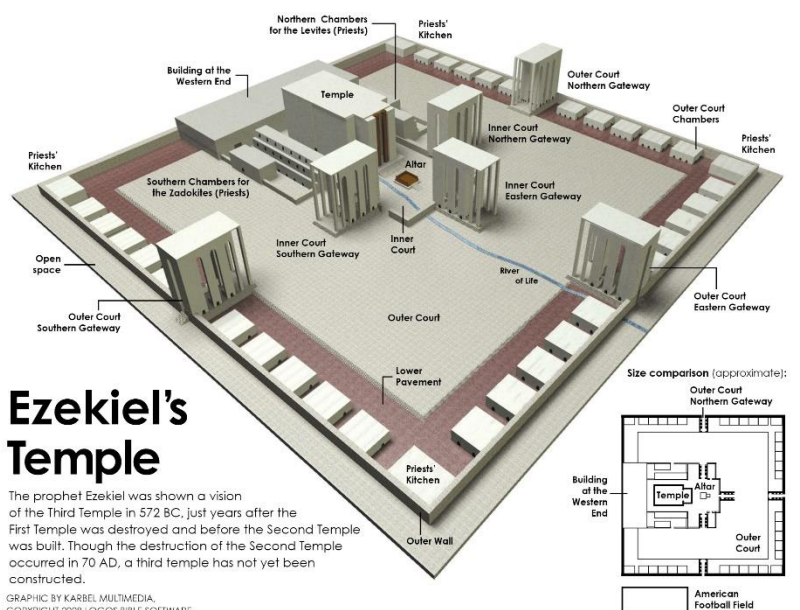
a time of joy, Isa 61:7, 10,

and a time of comfort, Isa 40:1-2.

There are many, many, other passages

that explain what the Millennial Kingdom

will be like.



The Millennial Kingdom

Isaiah 65:17-25

- 17 "For behold, **I** create new heavens and a new earth (remodeled Millennial earth);
And the **former things** will not be remembered or come to mind. **Isa 43:18**, (They Forget the Past Earth)
- 18 "But be glad and rejoice forever in what **I** create;
For behold, **I** create **Jerusalem** for **rejoicing** And **her** people for **gladness**. (They will Rejoice in gladness)
- 19 "**I will** also **rejoice** in **Jerusalem** and be **glad** in **My people**;
And there will no longer be heard in **her** (**Jerusalem**)
The voice of **weeping** and the sound of **crying**. (No crying in **Jerusalem**)
- 20 "No longer will there be in **it** an **infant** who lives but a few days,
Or an **old man** who does not live out **his** days;
For the **youth** will **die** at the age of **one hundred** (Longevity)
And the **one** who does not reach the age of **one hundred** Will be thought accursed. (They will Live Long)
- 21 "**They** will build houses and inhabit them;
They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. (They will Live in Houses)
(They will Work and Eat)
- 22 "**They** will not build and another inhabit, **They** will not plant and another eat; (They benefit from their Labor)
For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of **My people**,
And **My chosen ones** will wear out the work of **their** hands. (They will Live Long)
(They will Work)
- 23 "**They** will not labor in **vain**,
Or **bear children** for calamity;
For **they** are the **offspring** of those **blessed** by **the Lord**,
And **their descendants** with **them**. (They will Work)
(They will bear children)
(They will have offspring)
(They will have descendants)
- 24 "It will also come to pass that before **they** call, **I will** answer;
and while **they** are still speaking, **I will** hear. (The Lord will answer prayer)
(The Lord will hear prayer)
- 25 "The **wolf** and the **lamb** will **graze** together, **Isa 11:6-7**,
and the **lion** will **eat** straw like the **ox**;
and dust will be the **serpent's** food. (Animals at Peace, vegetarians)
(Animals vegetarians)
(Serpent still cursed, **Gen 3:14**)
(No **evil** or **harm** in **Jerusalem**)
- They** will do no **evil** or **harm** in all **My holy mountain**," says **the Lord**.

Present Kingdom Age and the Millennial Kingdom Age

Present Kingdom Age or Church Age > about 2000 years.

Christ Reigning from Heaven, over a Theocratic Kingdom on Earth, about 6000 years.

Some worshiping Christ, in all Nations.

Original Created Earth, with Nations, Kings, and People.

All Creation Cursed, Man, Creatures, and Ground, Gen 3, crying, mourning, pain, and labor.

All Die, in Adam all Die, 1 Cor 15:22, All People in Earthly Bodies, Lifespan typically less than 100 years,

Some People will come to Christ, Mostly Gentiles with some Israelites.

No People in Resurrected Spiritual Bodies,

All Covenant Promises are Not Fulfilled Yet

Millennial Kingdom Age > exactly 1000 years.

Christ Reigning on Earth, from Jerusalem, in New Temple, exactly 1000 years.

All worshiping Christ, from all Nations, in Jerusalem. Zech 14

Remodeled Original Earth, with Nations, Kings, and People.

Some Creation Cursed, Man, Creatures, and Ground, Gen 3, Some crying, mourning, pain, and labor.

Those in Adam all Die, 1 Cor 15:22, All People in Earthly Bodies, Lifespan typically more than 100 years,

Some People will come to Christ, Israel will be Resurrected and saved.

Some Saints in Resurrected Spiritual Bodies,

Most Covenant Promises are Fulfilled

Israel and Nations will celebrate 3 Feasts > the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles), Zech 14:16-19, Lev 23:42-43,
Ezek 45:25, the Feast of New Year, Ezek 45:18-20, and the Feast of Passover, Ezek 45:21-25,