

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 20 PT. 1: Millennial Kingdom

Revelation 20:1-6 (NASB) - “¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

Review:

In Chapter 19, we saw the:

- Fourfold Hallelujah. (All The Saints Praise Yeshua/Jesus)
- Marriage of the Lamb. (MUST have the Correct Garments, Accept the Invitation & RSVP to the correct Person)
- The Coming of Christ. (Like the Days of Noah)
- Doom of the Beast and the False Prophet. (Both Thrown Alive into Lake of Fire)

Note: As we start off Chapter 20, we have seen that the Just Judge was Faithful and True to His promises, and He keeps His covenants. **The Antichrist (Beast) and False Prophet** are finally getting what they deserve. So great was the judgment that was released in the earth that birds were commanded to eat the flesh of those being judged.

Verse 1

Then John Saw the Angel Coming Down From Heaven



- The Angel is holding the Key to the Abyss.
- The Angel is holding a great chain in his hand.

Question: Who did the angel get the Key from?

Answer: The Lord Jesus.

Revelation 1:18 (NASB) –“...I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore and **I have the keys of death and of Hades.**”

Keys-(Greek)-*kleis*-metaphor; In the NT it is used to denote **power, authority, and access to spiritual realms.**

Note: Yeshua gives this same power, authority, and access to anyone that is doing His Purpose and His plans. Peter accepts this same delegated authority directly from Jesus.

Peter’s Confession of Christ (Matthew 16:13-20: READ ALL)

Matthew 16:19 (NASB) – “I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Chain-(Greek)-*halysis*-to restrain, a bond by which the body, or any part of it is bound.



Verse 2

Revelation 20:2 (NASB) - “And he **took hold** of the dragon, **the serpent of old**, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ...”

Laid Hold (KJV)-*krato*-to have power, be powerful, to be chief, be master of, to rule, to hold in check, restrain.

Understanding: This Angel is walking in the very same delegated authority over darkness that Jesus has. This same authority is given to all of His children.

Luke 10:19 (NASB) – “Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and *authority* over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.”

Note: Unfortunately, this is how most Christians handle the authority.



Verse 3

Revelation 20:3 (NASB) - “and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, **so that he would not deceive the nations any longer**, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”



Abyss-(Greek)-*abyssos*-bottomless pit; the lowest part of the earth, used as the common receptacle of the dead; also the abode of demons.

- Satan does not have preference on whom he will deceive.
- He is no respecter of persons.
- He deceives nations.

Deceive-(Greek)-*planao*-cause to go astray, to lead astray, to lead away from truth, to lead into error.

Key: Satan has power, but what he is best at is his ability to deceive. He takes old tricks, wraps them in new packages and calls it something different; and it works for most. His deception is to make you believe he has greater power than G-d.

Satan's Arsenal of Choice:

- Fear
- Doubt
- Unbelief

Verse 4

Revelation 20:4 (NASB) – “Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And *I saw* the souls of those who had been **beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands**; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Note: These are people that believed on Christ during the 7 Year Tribulation.



Verse 5

Revelation 20:5 (NASB) - “The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. **This is the first resurrection.**”

- **First death:**

This is the physical death that all humans experience, separating the soul from the body.

- **Second death:**

This is a spiritual death, representing eternal separation from G-d.

Key: Believers die once and live twice; Unbelievers live once and die twice!

Verse 6

Revelation 20:6 (NASB) - “Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”



The End