

The Lesson of a Millennium

1. When the 1k years are ended we will know

until - Rev 20:3, 5, 7

2. that our problem is not the Devil

Rev. 20:1 ¶ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.

Rev. 20:2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the **devil** and Satan, and **bound** him for a thousand years,

Rev. 20:3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, **until the thousand years were ended**. After that he must be released for a little while.

Devil

- Rev 12:9-10 (deceiver, accuser)

- 1 Pet 5:6-9 (active today)

- 2 Cor 4:3-4 (not bound)

bound

- 2 Peter 2:4 (held until judgment)

- Jude 6 (no deceit, accusation, adversary)

3. that our problem is not the culture

Rev. 20:4 ¶ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were **those to whom the authority to judge was committed**. Also I saw the **souls of those who had been beheaded** for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and **reigned** with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:5 **The rest of the dead** did not come to life **until the thousand years were ended**. This is **the first resurrection**.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and **they will reign** with him for a thousand years.

those with auth.

- 1 Cor 6:1-3 (co-reigners)

those beheaded

- Rev 6:9-11 (trib. martyrs)

the rest of dead

- Rev 20:11-15 (res. of judgment)

first resurrection

- Acts 24:14-15 (2 kinds of res.)

they will reign

- Matt 25:31-45 (over survivors)

- zech 14:16-21 (in a godly culture)

- Isa 2:1-4; 65:19-25 (of good intentions)

4. that our problem is us

Rev. 20:7 ¶ And when **the thousand years are ended**, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev. 20:8 and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the **four corners of the earth**, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; **their number is like the sand of the sea**.

Rev. 20:9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,

Rev. 20:10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever

sand of sea

- Jn 8:44 (we don't need the devil)

- Jn 7:1-9 (we don't need the world)

- Matt 5:17-20, 48 (the problem is us)

- Matt 19:16-26 (no rehabbing fallen Man)

5. This is the lesson of a millennium

- Rev 7:9-12 (salvation is of the Lord)

innocence - fall - paradise lost

conscience - thoughts evil - flood

government - babel - confusion languages

Law - broken - slavery, dispersion

millennium - rebellion - final judgment

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intro:

one of the hardest lessons of the Bible is that
you are the common denominator in all your problems - video

Problem:

Eph 2:1-3 - we have three enemies and we are one of them - and the Mill. Kingdom will prove it

Main Idea:

When the thousand years are ended we will know
that our problem is not the Devil
that our problem is not the culture
that our problem is us

Application: Matt 19:16-26

Christian

you don't need a better spouse, job, income, opportunity, set of friends...
you need Jesus to continue making you into His image

non-Christian:

Hell will not make you sorry
and Heaven will not make you saintly
you need Jesus to make you a new creation

Implication: Rev 7:9-12

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salvation is of the Lord

End: Heb 12:27-29

Jesus is a consuming fire
He will consume the Devil and save us from His deception
He will consume the world and save us from its influence
and He offers to consume you and save you from yourself
to cause you to be born again as a new creation made for Heaven

Articles for further study:

<https://www.tms.edu/m/TMS-Spring2016-Article-01.pdf>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/millennium.html>