

Today's Theme

“Millennial Kingdom Begins”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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1. The devil is *dealt with* - For a *while*.

(1) An angel has the *keys & power*.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

(2) The evil one is *captured & locked up*.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, . . .

(3) The evil one's *influence* is gone for a time.

Rev 20:3 . . . to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

What this all says/accomplished:

Ps 110:1 The Lord says to my lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

1. Jesus takes over His *rightful* place on earth.

2. Satan is *powerful* but not all powerful.

3. The devil being locked away *changed* a lot.

(The evil world present system is *gone*)

4. No more *excuses* for sin.

(No one can say; The *devil* made me do it)

5. The only ones *left* are God & Man.

(Those *resurrected* & Believing *survivors*)

2. The millennial kingdom is *different*.

(1) Who *enters* the millennial Kingdom?

1. *OT* Saints who are resurrected.

Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge . . .

2. Resurrected tribulation *martyrs*.

Rev 20:4 . . . And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They 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 a thousand years.

3. The *church* or *bride* of Christ.

4. *Believers* who are still alive on earth.

5. Surviving *Jewish* people who believed.

Rom 11:26 and in this way all Israel will be saved. .

(2) Unbelievers are *dead & waiting* for judgment.

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

(3) We literally *lead* with Jesus - *Death* is gone.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

What does reigning with Christ *look* like?

(In truth - We *don't* know exactly)

1. Those who *need* judging & reigning.

2. The *numbers* will grow.

3. The *workload* will grow.

4. We'll be *engaged & reigning* beside Jesus.