

**Pastor's Class #10: Revelation 20**  
**August 14, 2016**

Introduction

- The Millennial Debate
- Responsibilities and Expectations (Matthew 28:16-20)

What the Prophets say about the Kingdom

- 2 Samuel 7
- Multiple Fulfillments (+1)
- Daniel 2 and 7
- Progressive Revelation

What Jesus says about the Kingdom

- Palm Sunday

- The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24)
  
- Acts 1

### What John says about the Kingdom

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 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.

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

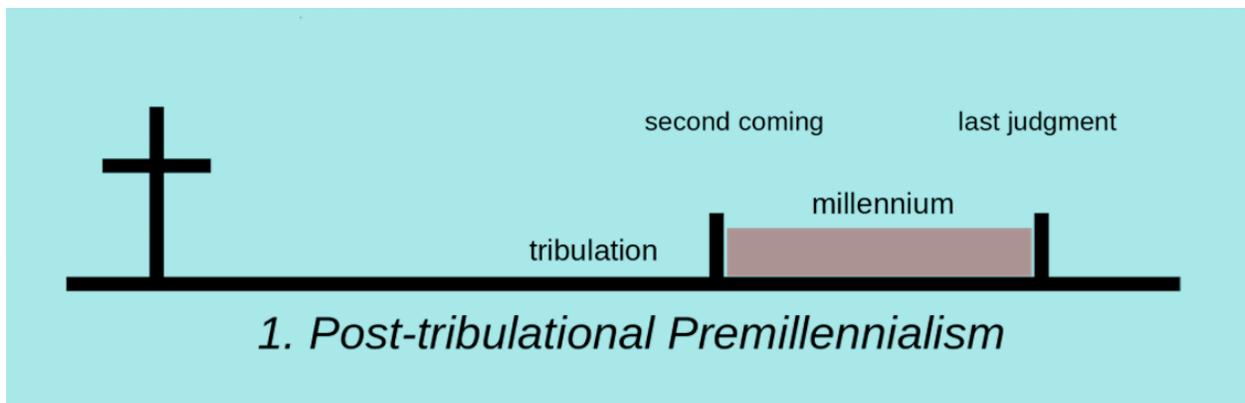
And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, 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.

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20 ESV)

### 3 Views on the Millennium

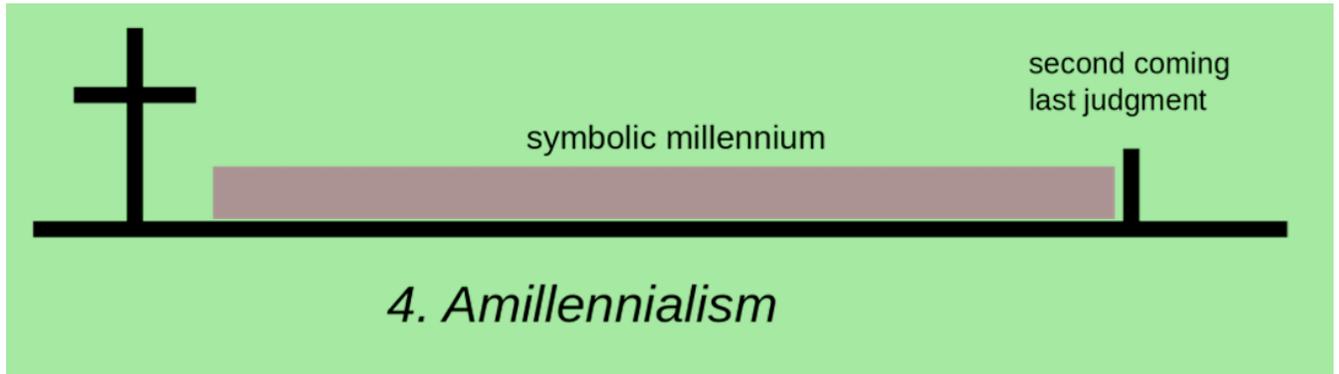
- **Premillennialism:** Jesus comes back *before* the millennium.



1st Resurrection: Physical resurrection of Christians  
2nd Resurrection: Physical resurrection of non-Christians  
1st Death: Physical death  
2nd Death: Eternal punishment in the lake of fire  
When: After Christ returns  
Who: resurrected Christians, Jesus, mortal non-believers,  
mortal converted believers.  
Where: On Earth  
Satan Bound: In all his activities

**Expectations:** World will progressively win over the church until Christ returns and *progressively* sets up his kingdom.

- **Amillennialism:** Jesus comes back after a *heavenly* millennium.



1st Resurrection: Life in heaven

2nd Resurrection: Physical resurrection of Christians *and* non-Christians

1st Death: Physical death

2nd Death: Eternal punishment in the lake of fire

When: Before Christ returns

Who: Saints in the presence of God

Where: In heaven

Satan Bound: In preventing the spread of the gospel to the nations.

**Expectations:** World and church battle each other with ups and downs until Christ returns and sets up a *complete* kingdom.

- **Postmillennialism:** Jesus comes back after an *earthly* millennium.



1st Resurrection: Life in heaven

2nd Resurrection: Physical resurrection of Christians *and* non-Christians

1st Death: Physical death

2nd Death: Eternal punishment in the lake of fire

When: Before Christ returns

Who: Saints in the presence of God *and* on Earth

Where: In heaven *and* on Earth

Satan Bound: In preventing the spread of the gospel to the nations.

**Expectations:** Church progressively wins over the world leading to a mostly-evangelized world that Christ returns to.

### Why Does This Matter?

- Millennial views reflect the climate of society
- Millennial views set our perspective and expectations
- The Gospel is not just about Christ as Savior but Christ as King

*“Heaven is important, but it’s not the end of the world.” – N.T. Wright*