

Revelation 20.1-10

Great News for All Nations!

For MANY Believers THESE VSS are MOST IMPORTANT of Book
CONTROVERSY: Meaning 1000 years RAGING in Church 2000 yrs

>> From Defeat of 2 Beasts in ch 19 > END of their Master ch 20

1. Savior Wins

2. Saints Wait

3. Servants Work

1. Savior Wins

a. Duh! 2 Words: 'Jesus Wins!' Summarize Book, Almost Every Page

Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Revelation 1.5

You are worthy...because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. Revelation 5.9,10

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11.15

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Revelation 19.6

OBVIOUS from Scripture, But is it OBVIOUS in OUR LIVES?

How about our Choices? - Do we LIVE in Daily, Conscious Acknowledgment
That LORD JESUS CHRIST is truly the WINNER MAN??!

b. Delegated Jesus Wins by what HE DOES Himself & THRU Others

...among the lampstands was someone 'like a son of man,' ... the seven lampstands are the seven churches Revelation 1.13,20

VICTORIOUS CHRIST leads a VICTORIOUS CHURCH

v. 4 those who had been beheaded because of their *testimony for Jesus*... They came to life and *reigned with Christ a thousand years*

INSEPARABLE UNION with Christ > thru All this Life, & All Next

v. 6 they will be *priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him* for a thousand years

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him 2 Timothy 2.11,12

CHURCH

v. 9 the *camp* of God's people, the *city* he loves = Militant & Triumphant

MOBILE: Camping on Battlefield AND IMMOVABLE > Secure in His City

...God's people . . . the beloved city right in the midst of the action. The faithful of God have not been 'raptured' out of the end time. In fact, they are at the very center of the action
M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.

Jesus Wins thru ANGELS OF GOD > Serve those who will Inherit Salvation

vs. 1,2 *an angel coming down out of heaven*, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon...

The final unimportance of Satan is perhaps indicated in the fact that it is not the Father who deals with him, nor the Christ, but only an unnamed angel.

Leon Morris

ANOTHER UNNAMED WORKER > INCINERATES ENEMIES OF GOD

v. 9 But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

c. Described Jesus' Victory told by John AGAIN & AGAIN, Various Ways

WHEN SOMETHING THIS BIG HAPPENS > Can't Stop Talking About It!!

God saved Israel thru Red Sea: 1000 years of OT Scripture REPEATS Theme

God sends SAVIOR to World: 4 GOSPELS declare His Person and Work

SEEN FINAL Judgment of God ALREADY: 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls

	Jesus 1 st Coming				-----							Jesus 2 nd Coming						
Seals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7											
Trumpets				1	2	3	4	5	6	7								
Bowls								1	2	3	4	5	6	7				

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS of 1 CLIMACTIC JUDGMENT DAY of LORD

Dragon, Anti-Christ, False Prophet, Babylon, Those with Mark of Beast

INTRODUCED > One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, *I will show you the punishment...*” Revelation 17.1

Babylon the Harlot *The World* - Defeated (ch 18)

Beast from Earth (False Prophet) *godless Religion* - Defeated (ch 19)

Beast from Sea (Antichrist) *godless Government* - Defeated (ch 19)

Followers of Beast *godless people* - Defeated (ch 20.15)

Dragon / Satan *god of this world* – Defeated (ch

Jesus 1st Coming - - - **O n e T h o u s a n d Y e a r s** - - - Jesus 2nd Coming

Thousand Years is SYMBOLIC > LONG and COMPLETE Age or Time

LIMITED Time > at End of Thousand Years > Satan loosed for While

Key, Chain, Hand, Dragon, Throwing, Locking, & Sealing – SYMBOLS

TIME of MINISTRY OF CHURCH > ALREADY Described IN SYMBOLS

the Gentiles will trample on the holy city for 42 months Revelation 11. 2

my two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days Revelation 11. 3

One thousand is the cube of ten, the number of completeness...John is surely saying here that Satan is bound for the complete time that God has determined.
Leon Morris

d. Decisive God JERKS Devil's Chain any way He Wants, His Will Be Done

vs. 2,3 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him.... After that, he must be set free for a short time.

v. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

For he spoke, and it came to be...the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33.9,11

ETERNAL GOD Planned Course of History from ETERNITY to ETERNITY

v. 7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison
Does NOT SAY Satan ESCAPED > RELEASED by JUST & MIGHTY GOD

Revelation 12	Revelation 20
First Description of Dragon	Final Destruction of Dragon
wondrous sign in heaven v. 1	angel coming down out of heaven v. 1
great dragon...ancient serpent...devil or Satan v. 9	dragon...ancient serpent...devil or Satan v. 2
angels fought against dragon v. 7	angel seized the dragon v. 2
dragon...hurled to the earth v. 9	dragon...thrown into Abyss v. 3
his time is short v. 12	bound for a thousand years v. 2
<i>Now</i> have come the salvation...power...kingdom...authority of Christ <i>for</i> accuser has been hurled down v. 10	I saw thrones (of martyrs)... came to life and reigned with Christ vs. 4,6
overcame by blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony v. 11	seated...given authority...because of their testimony for Jesus v. 4

John does not LOAD all the ‘what if’s’ and ‘yeah, but’s’ in Each Picture
John FREELY USES SYMBOLS: Altering from One Telling to the Next
ONE Picture does NOT tell Every Aspect of the WHOLE STORY

Ex. Revelation 4 Describes Heaven WITHOUT MENTIONING LAMB

Church in Earthquake prone Philadelphia > Promised be PILLAR in Temple
Vision of New Heaven & Earth > Will be NO Temple – God is their Temple

Satan Bound? Seems a Busy Beaver to be BOUND / Bound NOT DEAD!

Thru Book > HORRENDOUS Evil is Attributed to Satan / DRAGON

POINT > NOTHING Done without APPROVAL of SOVEREIGN God

The major point is that Satan will be finally defeated, and that even before that time God takes care of his saints and gives them enjoyment of the benefits of his triumphant rule. This assurance ought to comfort us, whatever our millennial position.

Vern S. Poythress

2. Saints Wait

a. Rescued > Satan BOUND > On God's Chain > Still Dangerous & Deadly
2 American Friends in KZ – Members of ICF – BIG, STRONG, GUYS

Same Org, Guard Dog in Office Yard: Different Times Both Attacked by Dog

DOG was on a CHAIN! > even Chained DRAGON is DANGEROUS

v. 4 those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus

when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Revelation 11.7

If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. Revelation 13.10

for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets Revelation 16.6

IF Jesus' Millennial Reign from Ascension of X to just Before Return??

BIG QUESTION: How does Evil Flourish? God's Saints Beheaded w/ AXE?

AXE > Roman REPUBLIC / became EMPIRE Civilized Execution: SWORD

SIMILAR QUESTION > NO MATTER one's Millennial Viewpoint

1st book NT TEACHES CLEARLY Jesus is LORD and KING NOW

Jesus Announced before Ascension:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28.18

Peter Preached on Pentecost:

God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2.36

Paul's Dying Confidence: The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. 2 Timothy 4.18

DUAL Themes > Jesus Wins & Followers Suffer > Jesus Wins thru Suffering

Jesus to Church at Smyrna: Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you...Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2.10

These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?...They have come out of the great tribulation Revelation 7.13,14

b. Risen > Wearing White Robes, Seated on Thrones with Christ

The primary point of the millennium is to demonstrate the victory of suffering Christians. G.K. Beale

1) First Death > NORMAL EXPERIENCE OF ALL HUMANITY

man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment Hebrews 9.27

THESE SAINTS SUFFERED GRUESOME EXECUTION > With an AXE

v. 4 those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus

ONE of WEAPONS > BOUND Dragon Still HOLDS > FEAR OF DEATH
Too Many Christians LET DEVIL USE THAT WEAPON ON THEM!!

he (Jesus) shared in our humanity so that by his death he might *destroy* him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and *free* those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death Hebrews 2.14,15

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10.28

2) Second Death v. 6 The second death has no power over them

2nd DEATH had NO INTERMISSION and NO ENDING

Follows FINAL BATTLE > 2nd DEATH for UNBELIEVERS ONLY

The lake of fire is the second death. Revelation 20.14

To the FAITHFUL CHURCH at SMYRNA > Jesus said:

He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.Revelation 2.11

IF you're BORN TWICE – thru Faith in Jesus Christ – Will Only DIE ONCE

c. Reigning

v. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection... they will be priests of God and of Christ and will *reign with him* for a thousand years.

JESUS is
Priestly & Kingly Status derives from Believer's Union w/ Son / Priest-King

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has *made us to be a kingdom and priests* to serve his God and Father Revelation 1.5,6

v. 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded.

IMPORTANT: SEE SOULS are Living, Victorious, thru RISEN Savior
TRIUMPH NOT Postponed to 2nd Coming – ALIVE at Moment of DEATH

Word HOPE Never occurs in Revelation, Not just PROMISE but PROOF
Get it STRAIGHT – Very WORD of God – EVIDENCE of RISEN Christ
LOOKS like we are LOSING: World killing UNBORN and the TWICE Born
Christianity appears HOPELESSLY Weak – Cannot Rescue Nigerian Girls!
Consider these HEAVENLY Realities when ADD up the FINAL SCORE

DEMONIC Forces that SLAY Believers > Begin their Everlasting Reign w/ X
These BEHEADED Ones are the BLESSED Ones in God's KINGDOM

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to *sit with me on my throne*, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. Revelation 3.21

COMMENDATION for VALIANT HEROES: NOT Only MARTYRS Saved
Whether you DIED in SLEEP with Jesus OR DIED from SWORD for Jesus

ULTIMATE COMMENDATION > LOYALTY TO OUR LORD

v. 5 They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Revelation 14.13

You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and *sit on thrones* Luke 22.28-30

It is this kind of 'reigning' that enables faithful martyrs to go to death singing and forgiving their killers...that enables God's faithful to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them... that enables the citizens of New Jerusalem to 'turn the other cheek', to go 'the second mile'... that enables a Mother Teresa to lose herself among the lowest and least of the dregs of Calcutta. It is a 'reigning' in which one gains one's self by losing one's self, lives by dying, wins by losing, is strong through weakness and exalted through lowliness. It is a 'reigning' that comes only by radical abandonment to the One who reigns forever and ever. M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.

1) First Resurrection

v. 6 those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them

Those true to Christ during the comparatively brief period of persecution will reign with him for a long time; it is worth dying to remain true to Christ.

Harry Buis

v. 4 I saw *the souls* of those who had been beheaded

SOUL = DISEMBODIED SPIRIT > SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

IMPORTANT > They're ALIVE, LIVING with CHRIST, VICTORIOUS

MOMENT OF DEATH > BELIEVER TAKEN TO PRESENCE OF LORD

SAVIOR REIGNING on a CROSS: LORD OF HEAVEN Tells Dying Sinner

I tell you the truth, *today* you will be with me in *paradise*. Luke 23.43

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be *away from the body and at home with the Lord*. 2 Corinthians 5.8

I desire to depart and be with Christ

Philippians 1.23

BLESSED BUT INCOMPLETE: Restored Spirit SEPARATED from BODY
UNION of RENEWED SPIRIT & GLORIFIED BODY > at 2nd COMING

UNNATURALNESS of State > the souls of those who had been slain...
called out in a loud voice, 'How long, Sovereign Lord...?' Revelation 6.9,10

2) Second Resurrection GENERAL RESURRECTION, ALL MANKIND

v. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were
ended.

the dead, great and small, standing before the throne Revelation 20.12

The first resurrection, like the first death, is preliminary, while the second
resurrection, like the second death, is final. Vern S. Poythress

FINAL BATTLE > Immediately Precedes 2nd Resurrection of All Humanity

vs. 7-9 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his
prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—
Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand
on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded
the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven
and devoured them.

SATAN FREED FROM HIS DOGHOUSE, NOT UNLEASHED from Chain
REMAINS INSTRUMENT of ALMIGHTY GOD > Hastens Christ's Return

Counterfeit Abrahamic Promise > he was given authority over every tribe,
people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the
beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to
the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world Revelation 13.1,7,8

GOG AND MAGOG > SYMBOL of REBELLIOUS MANKIND

Apocalyptic JEWISH Writings: SYMBOLIZE the FORCES of EVIL

NOT One POLITICAL STATE or PEOPLE GROUP > Federation of Sinners



Our Ukrainian and Russian brothers in prayer as they knelt together, asking God to use this time of conflict as a unique opportunity to bear witness to Christ in both Ukraine and Russia.

SAME BATTLE Previously Described: Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet
 Revelation 19.19,20

...demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty... they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.
 Revelation 16.14,16

Ch 20 FLASHBACK: What Happened BEFORE Jesus Came on White Horse
 Satan Organized the Nations in FINAL OPPOSITION to their Lord & Maker

John Paraphrases WORD OF JUDGMENT on Gog of Magog from EZEKIEL

The word of the LORD came to me: 'Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog...I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.' Ezekiel 38.1,22,23

Chs 18,19,20 > 3 PICTURES of FINAL BATTLE > God-Exalting Emphasis
 ch 18 END of Babylon / ch 19 of Antichrist & False Prophet / ch 20 of Satan

3. Servants Work

What would Millennium mean to 7 Struggling Churches in 1st C Asia?

MESSAGE for STRUGGLING SAINTS: Church MILITANT, Heat of Battle

1000 Years > SYMBOL LONG, LONG TIME > Longer than Any Man Lived

Even Methuselah > Oldest Man in History > ONLY Lived 969 Years

PRESS ON in Hope: You'll GO to Jesus BEFORE He Will Come for YOU

When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? Luke 18.8

a. Duty > Purity and Proclamation

v. 4 testimony for Jesus....They had not worshiped the beast

the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus

Revelation 14.12

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Revelation 12.11

EARLY CHURCH > Martydom was HIGHEST VIRTUE > Eager to DIE

PENDULUM SWINGS > 'Don't go there!!' > PLAY IT SAFE, CAUTION

TENT-MAKING > Secret Service for Jesus > Free from Gov't Knowledge

TENT-MAKING in NT > ECONOMIC SUPPORT STRATEGY

NOT Connected to DEGREE of PUBLIC DECLARATION

Paul THE Tent-Maker of NT > was OPENLY, OPEN! Everyone KNEW

These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here

Acts 17.6

AS WITH EVERY PENDULUM there is a PROPER BALANCE

Between PROVOKING YOUR MARTYDOM through FOOLISHNESS

And DENYING THE MASTER through FEAR of MAN

b. Deception > from Blindness to Blessing

1) Nations Blinded

FLOOD during time of NOAH > CHANGED Every Inch of Planet Earth

BUT ONE THING did not Change > SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF MAN

BEFORE Flood God said: every inclination of his heart was only evil all the time
Genesis 6.5

AFTER Flood God said: every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood
Genesis 8.21

MAN'S EAR is TUNED to SATAN'S VOICE > Not his GOD & MAKER

Satan, who leads the whole world astray
Revelation 12.9

Paul at Lystra: In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Acts 14.16

Gentiles by birth... were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world
Ephesians 2.11,12

2) Satan Bound > PRIMARY ELEMENT OF MILLENNIUM

v. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.

Passage does NOT Mention > 2nd Coming, World Peace, End of Suffering

SIMPLY SAYS SATAN WILL BE BOUND > WHEN does this Happen?

OLD MAN NAMED SIMEON > Dedication Prayer of Baby Jesus in Temple
For my eyes have seen your salvation...of *all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles*
Luke 2.30-32

AFTER JESUS DEFEAT of Satan in Desert > Matthew Quotes Isaiah:
'the people living in darkness have seen *a great light*; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned' From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the *kingdom of heaven* is near.' Matthew 4.16,17

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but *now he commands all people everywhere to repent*. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by *raising him from the dead*.
Acts 17.30,31

Satan WAS BOUND when Jesus ROSE from the DEAD

Resurrection of Jesus: Spiritual Watershed for Nations, Good News for World

Pharisees Accused Jesus of Being EMPOWERED by Satan: SHEER FOLLY

How can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he *first ties up the strong man*? Then he can rob his house. Matthew 12.29

WORD Used here for 'Tying Up' = Word used by John for 'Binding' SATAN

70 M's > Returned to their Commissioner the Lord Jesus with JOY
'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' He replied, 'I saw *Satan fall* like lightning from heaven.'
Luke 10.17-18

GREEKS Come to See Jesus > God Speaks from Heaven in Approval
Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the *prince of this world will be driven out*.
John 12.31

Having *disarmed the powers and authorities*, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.
Colossians 2.15

The devil is not bound in every sense...A dog securely bound with a long and heavy chain can do great damage within the circle of his imprisonment...But there is one thing he cannot do. He cannot destroy the church as a mighty missionary organization heralding the Gospel to all nations. William Hendriksen

3) Nations Blessed > Not ALL WILL COME but Now ALL CAN COME
PREMISE of Revel. & Entire NT > Door for Ministry is Open GLOBALLY
NEVER PROMISED that it will BE EASY or WITHOUT SUFFERING

Every time we see a new convert added to the church, Satan's inability to deceive the nations is proclaimed afresh.
Michael Wilcock

BINDING OF SATAN > Described in CONTEXT OF MISSION

Jesus Commends FAITH of ROMAN Centurion & CANAANITE Woman
 Preaches CROSS & Satan's Downfall to GREEKS who Seek Him
 70 M's GO OUT to PREACH THE KINGDOM

SMALL, STRUGGLING EARLY CHURCH > Picked up this MANDATE
 CONFIDENT > Christ was Ascended > Therefore, ENEMY WAS BOUND

PENTECOST DAY Holy Spirit fell on > God-fearing Jews from every nation
 under heaven Acts 2.5

PAUL to Gentile Colossians: *All over the world* this gospel is bearing fruit
 and growing... This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed
 to *every creature* under heaven Colossians 1.6,23

LUKE Summarizes Ministry of Paul in FINAL VERSE of ACTS

Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught
 about the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 28.31

Binding Satan does not imply there is no evil, no conflict. Rather, it is an
 affirmation the kingdom of God has come in Jesus Christ and now permeates
 the world through the church as it preaches the gospel and lives by it.
 Graeme Goldsworthy

Believing the Millennium is NOW is BOTH a BLESSING and BURDEN

Confidence in Christ: PEACE Now > Command of Christ: PREACH Now

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your
 righteousness... He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of
 the earth. The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the
 dust... All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him... May
 his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations
 will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed... Praise be to his
 glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen
 and Amen. Psalm 72.1,8,11,17,19

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Just in case you're still NOT Sure of My View of Millennium – Invite my
 Brother Shai to Explain.....

Revelation 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. ²And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and 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. ⁴Then 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. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed 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. ⁷And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and 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. ⁹And 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, ¹⁰and 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.

Lyrical Theology, Pt. 1: Theology
by Shai Linne

In spreading Christ's aroma, I've been a lot of places
 Stood on many stages, seen a lot of faces
 One question I've heard a thousand and ten times
 "Yo Shai, tell me what's your thoughts on the end times?"
 In certain circles, I get all kinds of looks
 When I tell them I disagree with the Left Behind books
 Some get hostile, I tell them it's not the gospel
 Plus we shouldn't take our theology from a novel
 Or tradition- no need for tension or division
 Because many Christians have embraced different positions
 I do have a view, but I admit I could be wrong
 This is secondary to the gospel we agree on
 So this is non-essential bro, I'll still defend it though
 I hold to the view known as Amillennial
 Songs this is not typical, it's difficult
 But I intend to show you exactly why it's Biblical

We in the last days, it's the end times
 No time for the spiritually thin rhymes
 Yeah, gotta infiltrate your section
 With Christ's death, burial and resurrection
 And when He comes back, see the sky crack
 Where you at? Yeah, it's like that
 And when He comes back, see the sky crack
 Where you at? Where you at?

So what do I mean when I say Amillennial?
 It's kind of complicated, I'll try to keep it simple though
 The primary Scriptural passage for meditation
 Is found in the 20th chapter of Revelation
 According to the Amillennial interpretation
 Christ's death on the cross greatly hindered the works of Satan
 Bound him so he could no longer deceive the nations
 John 12:31- See the correlation?
 Revelation 20 verse 4 explains the present
 Reign of the faithful beheaded saints in heaven
 And that's the point- Christ reigns from where He's at now
 At the right hand of the Father since He sat down

Ruling in the midst of His enemies, they're hostile
 Extending His Kingdom through the spread of the gospel
 But when's the millennium? You might find it pretty stunning
 The whole time between Jesus first and second coming
 His first coming was the kingdom inaugurated
 His second coming will be the kingdom consummated
 And yes, there's a rapture- still, this is clear
 The rapture doesn't mean Christians will disappear
 It means they'll be caught up, changed in a moment
 The blessing of all who've been saved through atonement
 His coming won't be secret though and this is a fact
 When Jesus comes back, it's a wrap!

Chorus

The New Testament speaks of two ages, son
 That's the present evil age and the age to come
 This age has murder, hate, we yearn and wait
 The next age? A burning lake, eternal state
 One question to ask if you hold a different view
 Which age does the things you're reading about fit into?
 Something for your study I want to share and give
 Revelation contains seven parallel narratives
 And what they're describing? Again it's pretty stunning
 The time between Christ's first and second coming
 The thousand year reign is not literal or physical
 But Christ will return in full glory and visible
 A few final comments, some food for thought
 Keep your eyes on Christ, not the news reports
 And even if we disagree, true believers hum with me
 Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

Chorus

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