



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Christ Gives Us the Victory June 13, 2021

(Revelation 20:1-6) And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He 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. After that, he must be set free for a short time. ⁴I 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 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. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed 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.

1. Why is it important to keep in mind that in Revelation, John is sharing a vision with us?
2. Identify the following symbols and figures in the first three verses.
 - a. An angel coming down out of heaven... (see Revelation 1:17)
 - b. The dragon...

3. What is the “binding chain”? Is this a literal or figurative chain? How do you know? What does the chain do?
4. Agree or disagree and why? The “thousand years” mentioned in this section of Scripture should be understood figuratively.
5. Why the number “1000”? When does it start? When does it end?
6. How can Satan be “bound” and yet be “on the prowl” (1 Peter 5:8) at the same time?
7. John sees thrones in his vision of heaven. Who is seated upon them? How are these souls described? What are they doing?
8. “They came to life and reigned” is better translated, “They lived and reigned...” How does Christ’s teaching in John 11:25-26 support this “better” translation?
9. Agree or disagree and why? This text speaks of a thousand-year reign of Christ on earth.
10. What is the “first resurrection”? (Read Colossians 2:13). How does the first resurrection safeguard God’s people from the “second death”?