

DAY 72: THY KINGDOM COME

I. REDEMPTION OF ALL

- A. In [Revelation 20](#), we begin to see God's redemption of all humanity and the cosmos
- B. Return of Jesus - "reverse the curse"
- C. Chiastic: literary device that lists words/phrases and then repeats in reverse order
 - 1. The last three chapters of Revelation can be seen as a chiastic
 - 2. A reversal of the progression of [Genesis 1-12](#)
- D. The seed of the woman crushes the head of the seed of the serpent in Revelation 19
- E. Then, in [Revelation 20](#), we can begin to see the chiastic at play
 - 1. The kingdom of Babylon is overthrown
 - 2. There is again worldwide judgement- by fire, not water
 - 3. Satan is confined in the abyss
 - 4. Creation of New Heaven and New Earth

"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 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, 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. ([Revelation 20:1-3](#))

II. THE SERPENT IN CHAINS

- A. The second time we see an angel coming from heaven, with a key to the Abyss
 - 1. First was to let something out ([Revelation 9](#))
 - 2. Now to put something into the Abyss ([Revelation 20:2](#))
- B. The dragon, the ancient serpent, the devil ([Revelation 12](#)) is completely confined for 1,000 years
 - 1. So that he cannot deceive the nations
 - 2. But he must be released again for a little while

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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 because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] 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. 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.” (Revelation 20:4-6)

III. SEATED ON THRONES

- A. Fulfillment of the promise made to the church of Laodicea (v. 4)
 - 1. Revelation 3:21
 - 2. Jesus will reign, we will be granted authority to sit with him as coheirs
- B. All the promises that Jesus has made, to the good and the wicked, will be fulfilled in the final chapters of Revelation
- C. The theme of Jesus ruling and reigning and our co-heirship is seen throughout scripture
 - 1. “The Saints will judge the world” (1 Corinthians 6:1-3)
 - 2. “You shall have authority over ten cities” (Luke 19:17-18)
- D. John is recalling what was previously mentioned about those who would be beheaded, those who would not follow the beast (Revelation 13:5-10, 16-17)
- E. The first resurrection and the second death (v. 6) is another fulfillment of promises
 - 1. “The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.” (Revelation 2:11)
 - 2. “I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God.” (Revelation 3:12)
- F. In one verse (v. 6) we see both promises about our co-rulership with Jesus and our priestly function with Jesus (1 Peter, Psalm 110)
- G. First time we see two separate resurrections
 - 1. We see two resurrections described (of the just and the unjust), but we’re not given any indication that they are separate events (Daniel 12:1-2)
 - 2. Jesus identifies Himself as the catalyst of the resurrection (John 5:25-28)
- H. The resurrections are actually 1,000 years apart

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IV. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

- A. In the Millennial Kingdom, we see that Satan is bound and confined ([Revelation 20:3](#))
 - 1. During the timeframe of his confinement, he is not able to deceive the nations
 - 2. Satan is described as the “god of this world” ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#))
 - 3. We still see him ruling and deceiving today
- B. Those without the mark of the beast came to life at the beginning of the Millennium to reign with Christ ([Revelation 20:4](#))
 - 1. We have not seen this happen yet
 - 2. A bodily resurrection ([1 Thessalonians 4](#), [1 Corinthians 15](#))
- C. If we let scripture interpret scripture, it is clear to see that we are not yet living in the Millennial Kingdom, it is still our hope yet to come