



SEVEN THUNDERS

A STUDY IN REVELATION

GROUP/FAMILY

SESSION 8

- Watch the sermon titled: “Resurrection & Judgment” on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel.
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 1279-1284 (on [YouTube/podcast](#)) and share them with the one you are discipling.
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon also expositis Revelation 20:1-15
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Revelation and the Book of Daniel
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CONTEXT

Revelation 20:1-15 presents the millennial reign of Christ, the final defeat of Satan, and the last judgment. The early church father Origen, whose sometimes questionable theology was heavily influenced by his Alexandrian intellectual roots, first introduced the idea that the 1,000 years in this text may not be literal. Eschatologies (interpretations of end-times prophecies) including Amillennialism and Post-Millennialism that do not believe the millennium to be literal often label all dissenting views as "Dispensationalist," but that is not accurate.

In the first century, Roman oppression led believers to long for Christ's kingdom, where justice would prevail. Satan's binding in this passage echoes [Isaiah 24:21-22](#), where rebellious spiritual forces are imprisoned before their final judgment. The "book of life" mentioned in verses 12 and 15 reflects ancient customs where kings kept records of their subjects. This passage reassures persecuted Christians that God controls history. The final judgment demonstrates God's justice, ensuring that those who rejected Him face consequences while the redeemed enter eternal life with Christ.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT

An angel seized Satan, bound him, released him, judged nations, destroyed the wicked, opened books, resurrected the dead, condemned sinners, and established eternity.

Biblical Text (CSB) - Revelation 20:1-15

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven holding the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.

This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 They came up across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them. 10 The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. 12 I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. 13 Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works. 14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT

- Revelation 20:1-3 describes Satan's binding. What does this mean for the spiritual state of things for we the depraved while Satan is bound? (This is an important point in understanding Amillennialism and Post-Millennialism.)
- Revelation 20:4-6 describes the reign of Christ. To whom does He delegate authority within His reign? How does this delegation practice of God's which dates back to Eden, bring Him glory?
- Revelation 20:7-9 describes Satan's final rebellion. How does God respond? How does this reassure believers about the certainty of Christ's ultimate victory?
- Revelation 20:10 shows Satan's eternal punishment. How does this make you feel right now and how do you think you will feel that day?
- Revelation 20:11-13 describes the great white throne judgment. This is when everyone who is not in Christ will be judged according to works and found wanting. For Christians, it all comes down to whose name is written in the book of life. Why is that gracious justice whether we like it or not?
- Revelation 20:14-15 describes the lake of fire. What does this passage teach about the seriousness of rejecting Christ and the eternal security of those in Him?

THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT CHURCH?

We will trust in Christ's victory, knowing Satan's defeat is certain. We will live in holiness, preparing for eternity with Jesus. This passage prophesies Jesus as the ultimate Judge and King, fulfilling His promise to separate the righteous from the wicked. His return will establish His eternal kingdom, where righteousness and justice reign forever.

FOR PARENTS:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

One day, Jesus will make everything right. This passage shows how He will defeat Satan forever, so evil can never return. People will face judgment before God. Those who trust in Him will live with Him forever, and those who rejected Him will be separated from God forever. The "book of life" is like a list of names Jesus knows belong to Him. If our names are there, we are safe with Him forever. That's why we trust Jesus now—He is our Savior and King, and He promises to bring us into His perfect kingdom, where there is no more sin, sadness, or fear.

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