

Title: Keepin' it **1000**

Text: Revelation 20

Target: Peace on the earth comes only when a kingdom is ruled by a King.

I. **The Restraint of Satan:** "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven..." (Vs. 1a)

\*Possibly Michael the Archangel

- A. **The Chasm & Chain of Satan:** "holding in his hand **the key** to the bottomless pit and a great chain." (Vs. 1b) \*Revelation 9:1-2
- B. **The Characteristics of Satan:** "**seized** the dragon (12x), the ancient serpent (Gen. 3), who is the devil (slander), and Satan (adversary)." (Vs. 2a)
- C. **The Captivity of Satan:** "**bound** him for a thousand years, and **threw** him into the pit, and **shut** it, **sealed** it over him." (Vs. 2b-3a)

**Discussion Question: What does it say about Satan that he is bound and thrown into a bottomless pit by an unnamed angel? What does this say about God and His ultimate authority?**

II. **The Rule of the Saints:** "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." (Vs. 3b)

- A. **God's Peace Restored:** Curse is Lifted!
- B. **God's People Reigning:** "Then I saw **thrones**, and seated on them were those to whom the **authority** to judge was committed...but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years." (Vs. 4, 6b)
  - 1. **12 Apostles:** "will sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Matt. 19:28) \***God's covenant with Israel was fulfilled.**
  - 2. **All Saints:** "I will give authority over the nations." (Rev. 2:26) \***non-resurrected believers from the tribulation.**
- C. **God's People Rewarded:** "**blessed** and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over the second death has no power." (Vs. 6a)

**Discussion Question: Can you imagine the peace and prosperity during this time? It will be amazing for sure! However, we have the opportunity to experience God's peace and prosperity here and now because of the work of Jesus on the cross and the power of His resurrection through the Holy Spirit. Share times in your life that you have experienced His power and peace. Are there areas that you need to surrender to Jesus in order to experience His power and peace today?**

III. **The Righteousness of a Savior: (Vs. 7-14)**

- A. **The Great Rebellion:** "And when the thousand years are ended Satan will be released from his prison." (Vs. 7) "...to gather them for **battle** their number is like the **sand of the sea.**" (Vs. 8)
  - 1. **Deception of Satan:** "**surrounded** the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them." (Vs. 9)
  - 2. **Destruction of Satan:** "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." (Vs. 10)

- B. **The Great Resurrection:** *“and I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne (Great White Throne) (Vs. 12a) ...the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death and Hades** gave up the dead who were in them.” (Vs. 13)*
- C. **The Great Revelation:** *“the dead were **judged** by what was written in the books according to what they had done.” (Vs. 12b) ...” they were judged, each one of them according to what they had done.” (Vs. 13b)*
- D. **The Great Rejection:** *“This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Vs. 14b) “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Vs. 15)*

**Discussion Question: The Final Judgement. There are no more chances. There is no more hope. But, you and I have hope and we have been commissioned to share that hope with the lost world around us. When was the last time you shared the “Good News” of Jesus with someone? Is there anyone in your sphere of influence that needs to hear “Good News?” If so, make a plan to share Jesus with them during the upcoming Christmas Season. If not, pray and ask God to lead you to someone that needs Jesus.**

**Take Away: You tell me?**