

Revelation 20 – Part I

Revelation 20:1-6

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I. Introduction

- A. Every verse from 20:1 – 22:6 starts with the conjunction *kai* (and) except verses 5, 6 (it's second in v. 6)
- B. This supports the thought that the events of Chapter 19 are followed by those of Chapter 20.
- C. Our outline for Chapter 20
 - 1. Satan is bound – vs. 1-3
 - 2. Saints are resurrected – vs. 4-6
 - 3. Satan is loosed and judged – vs. 7-10
 - 4. Sinners are judged – vs. 11-15

II. Satan Bound – vs. 1-3

- A. The binder – v. 1
 - 1. An angel from Heaven
 - 2. He has a key and a chain
- B. The bound – vs. 2, 3
 - 1. He takes hold of Satan who is called:
 - a. The dragon – speaks of his cruelty
 - b. The serpent of old – speaks of his deception
 - c. The devil – speaks of his malicious slander
 - d. Satan – the one who opposes
 - 2. Casts him into the abyss for 1,000 years
 - a. Abyss: used in Luke 8:31; Rom. 10:7; Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3
 - b. KJV translates it “bottomless pit” in Revelation
 - c. It seems best identified as a temporary place of punishment for fallen angels
 - d. *Tartarus* (II Peter 2:4) and “eternal bonds” (Jude 6) are similar terms.
 - e. Fallen angels’ final abode is hell or the Lake of Fire (Mt. 25:41)

III. The Saints Resurrected – v. 4-6

- A. The Resurrection of saved – v. 4a, b
 - 1. Those who sat on the thrones – v. 4a
 - a. “The occupants of the thrones are not identified. Some think they are the twelve disciples (Luke

- 22:29, 30). Others think that they are the church saints (I Corinthians 6:2; II Timothy 2:12).” CCR
- 2. An explicit description of the Tribulation saints – v. 4b
 - a. This group includes the 144,000 and the two witnesses of Chapter 11.
- 3. The resurrection of the righteous, i.e., the first Resurrection (see verse 5b)
 - a. This term “First Resurrection” has several phases
 - i. Christ res. – I Corinthians 15:20, 23
 - ii. The selected few on the day of Jesus’ res. – Matthew 27:52, 53
 - iii. The Rapture – I Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - iv. The Resurrection spoken of at the end of the Tribulation – v. 4b
 - v. A final resurrection of the righteous after the millennium (Daniel 12:2; John 5:28,29)
 - b. If you are not part of the “First Resurrection” you will experience a “second death” (more in verse 6)
- B. The millennium – vs. 4c; 6b
 - 1. (See next week’s notes)
- C. The resurrection of the unsaved – v. 5
 - 1. This is spoken of in Daniel 12:2; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15
 - 2. This takes place after the millennium and before the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - 3. The NIV does a great job by placing 5a in parentheses; this sets it apart from the First Resurrection.
 - a. Remember verse 5 does not start with *kai*!