

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 20:1-6

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read [the passage].

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

Revelation 20:1-6

1 Then I saw an angel  
    coming down from heaven,  
    holding the key of the abyss  
        and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the dragon,  
                                    the serpent of old,  
                                    who is the devil and Satan,  
and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he threw him into the abyss,  
and shut it  
and sealed it over him,  
        so that he would not deceive the nations any longer,  
                until the thousand years were completed;  
after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones,  
and they sat on them,  
and judgment was given to them.  
And I saw the souls of those  
                                    who had been beheaded  
                                    because of their testimony of Jesus  
                                    and because of the word of God,  
and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image,  
and had not received the mark  
                                    on their forehead and on their hand;

and 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 has a part in the first resurrection;  
    over these the second death has no power,  
    but they will be priests of God  
                                    and of Christ  
and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

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1. Can we identify this angel that comes down? List the actions and attributes of this angel.
2. Where else have we seen a key to the abyss in Revelation? Who had the key and how did they obtain it?
3. What can we definitely say about the abyss based on it being shut and sealed?
4. Can we identify a purpose for the chain in this angel's hand from the text?
5. Remind yourself, who is the dragon? Use scripture references to support your answer.
6. What is the purpose in the angel binding the dragon found in verse 3? What does this imply about what was going on before the dragon is bound?
7. How long will the dragon be bound?

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❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 20:1-6 again.

8. Have we seen a picture of “sealing” or securing anything similar to the abyss in the Old Testament or the New Testament? List some examples with scripture references.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why will Satan need to be released for “a short time”? Defend your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Read Daniel 7:9. How do the thrones in Daniel differ from the thrones in verse 4 of our passage? How are they similar.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What activity do those who sit on the thrones participate in?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Read Matthew 19:28 and Acts 3:21. Reread verse 4 of our passage. What is the term “regeneration” or “restoration” in these texts referring to?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. In verse 4 who are those who are beheaded?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. Reread verse 5 along with John 5:29. Describe the difference between the first and second resurrection.

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❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 20:1-6 again.

15. Read Hebrews 11:35. How is the first resurrection described?

16. Reread verse 6. Read Revelation 14:13 as well. Describe the wonderful encouragement seen in Revelation 14 for those who "...die in the Lord from now on."

17. Read Revelation 20:14 and 1 Corinthians 15:26. What is the last enemy of God's people.

18. Read ahead a into Revelation 20, what is another name for the second death? (Look beyond the first 6 verses and also see Revelation 21:8.

19. Read Revelation 1:6 along with verse 6 of our passage. What similarities do you see between the priests in God's kingdom and the Priests of the Old Testament?

20. Reread our passage. What is most encouraging to you about this passage considering your present "season of life"?

21. How can you apply this text to your life this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray in expectant hope of Christ's return. Pray fixing your mind on things above and not storing up treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy.