**Sermon Notes June 18, 2023**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: The Thousand Years

**Scripture**: Revelation 20:1-15, Daniel 12:11-12, Matthew 25:34, 1 Thessalonians 4:16b, Isaiah 35:8–10, 65:20, Habakkuk 2:14, Zechariah 14:17, Titus 3:5, Exodus 32:33, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 10:13

**Summary**: What will occur before, during and after the Millennial Kingdom on Earth? Will we join the glorified or face Gods wrath at the Great White Throne Judgment?

**Read**: Revelation 20

Wrapping up chapter 19 saw the Beast and the False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire. Let us never forget that Hell is a real place. There’s no destruction or death. There’s only eternal torment and separation from God.

In Chapter 20 we get to see the cleansing of the temple, a resurrection of the redeemed, the world transformed and declaring the knowledge and presence of Jesus. The chapter concludes with a Satan being loosed upon the world one final time to deceive the nations. Satan’s armies are defeated, and he is cast into the Lake of Fire. Lastly, we see the second resurrection and all the unbelievers being brought before the Great White Throne judgment to answer for their deeds and then finally being cast into the Lake of Fire.

1. **Satan Bound**
   1. Revelation 20:1-3
      1. Satan is restrained in the Abyss or “bottomless pit”.
      2. This is not the same place as Hell and Hades.
2. **The First Resurrection**
   1. Revelation 20:4-6
      1. Who gets to enter the Millennial Kingdom?
      2. In order to enter you must be redeemed and found righteous by God
      3. The glorified
         1. The saved who died and were raptured with the church.
            1. **1 Thessalonians 4:16b**

**The dead in Christ will rise first.**

* + - 1. Those who are alive and “caught up”, harpazo. The raptured church.
      2. The Two Witnesses
      3. Tribulation Martyrs – Those killed during the Tribulation because of their faith.
      4. Old Testament Saints - **Daniel 12** makes it clear that these saints will be resurrected at the close of the tribulation.
    1. Those with natural, earthly bodies
       1. Those are the people who have survived all of the culling of the tribulation.
       2. These are believing Gentiles and believing Jews.

1. **What Happens During the Millennium?**
   1. Habakkuk 2:14
      1. The Adamic curse, minus death is lifted.
      2. Absence of sickness
      3. Poverty, injustice, and disease cease.
      4. Knowledge and worship of Christ will be global and unimpeded.
      5. Sin is NOT eliminated… yet.
         1. Isaiah 65:20
   2. Children will be born, and the world will be fully populated.
   3. Consequences for sin will still exist.
      1. Zechariah 14:17
2. **Satan’s Final Push and Doom**
   1. Revelation 20:7-10
      1. Even though all creation evidently declares the majesty of Christ there will be those who are deceived when Satan is loosed upon the world one final time.
      2. Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire.
3. **The Great White Throne Judgment**
   1. Revelation 20:11-15
      1. The second resurrection – all the unbelievers
      2. The dead are judged according to the Books.
         1. The Book of Man’s Works – accounting of deeds done.
         2. God’s Book of Life – contains the names of all living people.
            1. Exodus 32:33
         3. Lambs Book of Life – Each name that has receive eternal life through Christ.
            1. Revelation 3:5
      3. Verse 13-15 is the complete elimination of sin once and for all.
         1. Sea giving up the dead - emphasizes that it’s not only those who receive a normal burial in the grave, but all of the dead… regardless of the condition of their bodies, who will be resurrected.
         2. The unredeemed and the unsaved are destined for eternal punishment.

**Application / Next Steps**

**John 3:16 (ESV),**

**16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**Romans 5:8 (ESV),**

**8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**.

**Romans 10:13 (ESV),**

**13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**You need to ask… What’s my responsibility?**

* Keep our focus on Christ.
  + Our hope is in Christ and his promises.
* Live with a sense of urgency.
  + Share the gospel with those around us and living for Christ every day.
* Trust in God's plan.
  + God has a plan for our lives and for the world. We may not understand everything that happens, but we can trust that God is in control and working all things together for good.