Revelation

Lesson Thirteen: The Thousand Years

Revelation 20:1-3 *The Binding of the Dragon*

1. Some Bible students take the 1000 years of Revelation 20:2 as a literal figure. However, how do the other details of Revelation 20:1-3 argue against this interpretation?

   dragon =

   chain =

   key to the Abyss =

   1000 years =

2. To what exactly does the 1000 years in Revelation 20:2 refer?

   When did the 1000 years start (Rev. 20:2, 3)? (cf. Matt. 12:28, 29; Colossians 2:15, John 12:31)

   What will happen towards the end of (not after) the 1000 years (Rev. 20:3)? (cf. Matt. 24:21-24, 29-31)

Revelation 20:4-6 *The "First" Resurrection*

3. Millennialists interpret the "first resurrection" in 20:5 as the first physical resurrection of believers. They believe that it will be followed by a second physical resurrection of believers later. Read John 5:24-29 and answer the following questions.

   How do verses 28-29 speak against the idea that there will be two separate bodily resurrections?

Jesus said that even now the dead are hearing God and coming to life (John 5:25). In what sense are people who don't believe the Word of God "dead"? How do they become "alive"? (Eph 2:1-5)

Apply what you just learned to Revelation 20:6 which says that the "second death" (20:14) (being thrown into the lake of fire) has no power over those who have part in the "first resurrection."

4. In 20:6 John says, "*those who have part in the first resurrection…will be priests…of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years*." Exactly when and how will that reign take place? (Rev 1:5, 6)

Revelation 20:7-10 *The Final Battle*

5. Gog & Magog (20:8) are first mentioned in Ezekiel 38 & 39 and represent the enemies of God's people. What is another name for this battle between Gog and Magog and God? (Rev. 16:16)

Revelation 20:11-15 *The Final Judgment*

6. How is it that the dead will be judged "*according to what they have done*" (Rev. 20:12)? Aren't we saved by grace, not our efforts? How should we understand this passage?

7. What detail in Revelation 20 gives you the most relief as you think about the end of the world?