

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 34 – The Thousand Years - Revelation 20:1-6

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. [2] He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. [3] He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

REV 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. [5] (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 468. What did John see an angel carrying? (20:1)
- 469. Whom did the angel seize? (20:2)
- 470. By what assorted names did John call the dragon? (20:2)
- 471. What did the angel do to the dragon? (20:2)
- 472. Where did the angel throw the dragon? (20:3)
- 473. For how long was the dragon locked up? (20:3)
- 474. What else did John see in his vision? (20:4)
- 475. Why had some believers died? (20:4)

476. How had the "beheaded souls" defied the beast? (20:4)
477. What happened to the martyrs as John watched? (20:4)
478. When would the rest of the dead be resurrected? (20:5)
479. In what way are the people raised in the first resurrection blessed? (20:6)
480. What do you think is the point of God binding Satan and then releasing him?
481. Who notices when we give our allegiance to Christ?

Lesson 35 - Satan's Doom - Revelation 20:7-10

REV 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison [8] and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. [9] They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. [10] And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 35 - Satan's Doom - Revelation 20:7-10

482. What will happen after the thousand year reign of Christ and His saints? (20:7)
483. How is the Abyss described? (20:7)
484. What will Satan do right after his release from the Abyss? (20:7-8)
485. Where will Satan go to find followers? (20:8)
486. What is Satan's ultimate goal in gathering people at this point? (20:8)
487. How did John describe those who will be deceived by Satan? (20:8)
488. In John's vision what battle plan did Satan follow in his war against God? (20:9)
489. What is special about the place where the people of God gathered? (20:9)
490. How did God defeat the armies of Satan? (20:9-10)
491. Where was Satan dispatched after his defeat? (20:10)

492. What is Satan's, the beast's, and the false prophet's final destination? (20:10)
493. What will Satan, the beast, and the false prophet experience in their final destination? (20:10)
494. What can we do to keep from being deceived by Satan?

Lesson 36 - The Dead Are Judged - Revelation 20:11-15

REV 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. [14] Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. [15] If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 36 - The Dead Are Judged - Revelation 20:11-15

495. What particular vision begins this portion of John's revelation? (20:11)
496. How will creation react to the "great white throne" judgment? (20:11)
497. What will be the effect of God's presence on "earth and sky" at the great white throne judgment? (20:11)
498. Where will the final judgment of all people take place? (20:11-12)
499. Who will be involved in the final judgment? (20:12)
500. What records will be used to judge everyone? (20:12)
501. How does God keep track of what people do in this life? (20:12)
502. On what basis will people be judged at the end of time? (20:12-13)
503. From what diverse places will the dead assemble for this judgment? (20:13)
504. What will happen to death and Hades? (20:14)

505. How did John describe the lake of fire? (20:14)
506. What will happen to those whose names are not found in the Book of Life? (20:15)
507. Who will be thrown into the lake of fire? (20:15)
508. How does a person get his or her name recorded in the Book of Life?
509. What does it mean that "the lake of fire is the second death"?