

Revelation 20

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The Thousand Years

¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

⁵ But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Satan's Final Defeat

⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgment

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 20:1 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:18; 10:1; 18:1; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6

Revelation 20:2

Parallel theme: Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 27:1; John 12:31; 16:11; Romans 16:20; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6. **Evil:** Revelation 12:9; Hebrews 2:14; 1 Peter 5:8

Revelation 20:3

Parallel theme: Revelation 12:9; 17:8; 20:1; Daniel 6:17; Matthew 27:66; 2 Corinthians 11:3

Revelation 20:4 **Kingdom:** Revelation 20:6; Daniel 7:18; 7:27; Luke 22:30; 2 Timothy 2:12.
References Jesus: Matthew 19:28. **Word:** Revelation 6:9. **Judgment:** Daniel 7:22. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 3:21; Daniel 7:9

Revelation 20:5 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:15. **Resurrection:** Luke 14:14; Philippians 3:11

Revelation 20:6 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:11; 20:14. **Kingdom:** Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 2 Timothy 2:12. **Holy:** 1 Peter 2:9. **Blessing:** Revelation 14:13; 22:7; Daniel 12:12. **References Christ:** Romans 8:17

Revelation 20:7 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 20:2

Revelation 20:8

Parallel theme: Revelation 16:14; 20:3; 20:10; Isaiah 10:22; Jeremiah 33:22; Hebrews 11:12

Revelation 20:9 **Holy:** Ezekiel 38:16. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:5; 13:13; Psalms 97:3; 106:18; Ezekiel 38:9; 38:22; 39:6; Luke 17:29. **References God:** 2 Thessalonians 1:8

Revelation 20:10

Evil: Matthew 25:41. **Prophecy:** Revelation 16:13; 19:20. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 20:8; Matthew 25:46

Revelation 20:11 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 6:14; 12:8; 16:20; 20:2; 21:1; Daniel 2:35; Matthew 24:35; 25:31; Romans 2:5; 2 Peter 3:7

Revelation 20:12 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:23; 3:5; 22:12; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 16:27. **Judgment:** Revelation 11:18; 20:13; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Daniel 7:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Revelation 20:13 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 6:8; 20:14; Isaiah 26:19; Hosea 13:14. **Judgment:** Revelation 20:12

Revelation 20:14 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:18; 19:20; 20:6; 20:10; 20:13; 21:4; 21:8; Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:26; 15:53

Revelation 20:15 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 19:20; 20:12; Matthew 13:50; 25:41; Mark 16:16; John 3:36; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Hebrews 2:3; 12:25

