

ESTABLISHING THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM  
(Revelation 20:1-6)

- A. The angel's INSTRUMENTS
  - 1. Possessed the KEY to the ABYSS
  - 2. Possessed a GREAT CHAIN
- B. Adversary's IDENTITY (cf. 12:9)
  - 1. Called "the DRAGON"
  - 2. Called "that ORIGINAL SERPENT"
  - 3. Called "the DEVIL, and SATAN"
- C. Adversary's IMPOTENCE
  - 1. BOUND for 1000 YEARS
  - 2. SHUT in the BOTTOMLESS PIT
  - 3. SEALED in ISOLATION until the 1000 years are FULFILLED
  - 4. Promised a BRIEF REPRIEVE afterward
- D. Prophetic implications: it must be FUTURE and LITERAL
  - 1. Satan active DURING Christ's MINISTRY
  - 2. Satan active AFTER Christ's ASCENSION
  - 3. Satan active THROUGHOUT the CHURCH AGE

- II. The APPOINTING of REGENTS (Rev. 20:4-6)
  - A. The RETURNED saints (cf. Rev. 19:14)
    - 1. Occupying THRONES
    - 2. Exercising JUDGMENT
  - B. The RISEN martyrs (cf. Rev. 13:15-17)
    - 1. Saw the SOULS of those BEHEADED in the Great Tribulation
    - 2. Saw that they LIVED AGAIN (cf. John 11:25; Rev. 1:18)
    - 3. Saw that they REIGNED with Christ for 1000 YEARS
  - C. The “first RESURRECTION”
    - 1. Does not include the REST of the DEAD (cf. 20:12-15)
    - 2. Includes all over whom the SECOND DEATH has no POWER (cf. Rev. 2:11)
      - a. CHRIST, “the first fruits” (1 Cor. 15:23)
      - b. CHURCH at His coming in the AIR (1 Thes. 4:13-17)
      - c. TRIBULATION saints at His coming to establish the KINGDOM
    - 3. Results in their exaltation as PRIESTS of God and RULERS with Christ for 1000 YEARS
  - D. Prophetic implications: it must be FUTURE and LITERAL
    - 1. Rule will include all RESURRECTED saints
    - 2. Rule will endure for 1000 YEARS