

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE MILLENNIUM You Can Understand Revelation — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: If you were going to a costume party next week, what costume would you wear?

OVERVIEW: Revelation is the hardest book in the Bible to understand, and Revelation 20 is the most controversial chapter. It's all about the millennium, a 1,000-year period mentioned six times, and only in Revelation 20. When is this millennium, and what will happen in it? In this discussion we will go deeper with this important chapter of the Bible.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is eschatology?
3. Why is Revelation 20 so controversial?
4. Some people approach Revelation 20 with a "pan-millennialist" attitude. They don't care about Revelation 20 because they are confident that God will make sure that it all "pans out" in the end. Do you think this is a healthy and mature attitude to have? Explain.
5. What do the following passages say about what will happen when Christ returns: 1) Matthew 25:31-34. 2) Philippians 3:20-21. 3) 2 Peter 3:4, 10-13.

6. Refer to the sermon for the following questions. What are the three main views of the millennium?
7. Premillennialists believe that Christ will return before the millennium because of their interpretation of the relationship between Rev 19:11-21 and Rev 20. How do premillennialists interpret this relationship, and what are the weaknesses of this view?
8. Read Rev 20:1-3. How does the amillennial position interpret the binding of Satan?
9. Read Rev 20:4-6. How does the amillennial position interpret the reigning of the saints with Christ?
10. Read Revelation 20:7-10. How does the amillennial position interpret the release and final defeat of Satan?

The Last Word: "Eschatology is the art of predicting the exact date the world will end, and then finding a really good theological excuse for why you're still here the next morning." — Unknown

