

# SERMON NOTES

## Countdown to Armageddon

### *“Heaven on Earth”*

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – AM Sermon

*Text: Revelation 20:1-10*

## INTRODUCTION

Chapter 20 is the “**calm after the storm.**”

Chapter 19 concluded the 7 year tribulation with **Christ’s coming** with power and great glory at **Armageddon.**

4 basic things about the Millennium...

## I. SATAN RESTRAINED – vs. 1-3

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### A. THE PERSON BOUND – Read v. 2

Satan called **Dragon** = because he’s cruel – powerful – and ferocious.

Satan called **Serpent** = because he’s crafty and subtle.

Satan called **Devil** = because he’s the accuser and slanderer.

Satan called **Satan** = because he’s our adversary.

He’s the enemy of everything good – holy – pure and moral.

1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

## **B. THE PERIOD WHEN SATAN IS BOUND – V. 2**

□ Bound = a thousand years.

## **C. THE PLACE WHERE SATAN IS BOUND – V. 3**

## **D. THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH SATAN IS BOUND**

- A world **formerly** dominated by Satan's sin will **now be** ruled by **Jesus** and righteousness.
- A world torn with war and disaster will in the Millennium enjoy a thousand years of peace.
- A **golden age** of man's **intelligence** and energies will be used to **rebuild** the world and live for the glory of God.

## **II. SAVIOR'S REIGN**

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### **A. EXECUTION OF HIS REIGN**

□ Jeremiah 23:5 – “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

## **B. THE EFFECT OF HIS REIGN**

### **1. The Millennium will bring physical changes.**

Isaiah 35:6-7 – "...for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water..."

### **2. The Millennium will bring social changes.**

### **3. The Millennium will bring spiritual changes.**

## **III. SAINTS' ROLE -VS. 4-6**

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### **A. POSITIONS OF THE SAINTS**

### **B. POWER OF THE SAINTS**

## **IV. SINNERS REBEL – VS. 7-10**

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### **A. DEATH OF REBELS – V. 9**

Some will be **glory hardened** in the Millennium **just like** some are **grace hardened** today.

### **B. DOOM OF DEVIL – V. 10**

Matthew 25:41 tells us **the lake of fire** was **prepared** for the Devil.

## **CONCLUSION**

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### **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

- 1. Anticipation**
- 2. Evangelism**
- 3. Examination**

## APPLICATION GUIDE

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In literature, movies, or television, who do you think is the all-time worst villain or bad guy?

Why do you think our society is growing more and more preoccupied with the occult? Can you name some of the tv shows or movies that are?

#### I. SATAN RESTRAINED – vs. 1-3

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Read 1 Peter 5:8, how is Satan described and how does he try to “devour” people?

How has Satan tried to “devour” you?

What happens to Satan when Christ returns to reign on earth?

What truth is found in 1 John 4:4 and what does that truth mean to you?

#### II. SAVIOR’S REIGN

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Read Jeremiah 23:5, describe how Jesus will reign on the earth.

Why does Jesus deserve to reign as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Why does Jesus deserve to reign in your life, and what might keep you from letting Him?

### **III. SAINTS' ROLE -VS. 4-6**

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Who are the ones seated on thrones and given and given authority to judge?

How can we show our allegiance to Christ the King over all the earth?

### **IV. SINNERS REBEL – VS. 7-10**

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Why do you think people still rebel against the Lord even after 1000 years of peace with Christ reigning?

Read 1 Samuel 15:23, how is rebellion described and why do you think it's described that way?

How might you be tempted to rebel against the Lord?

### **CONCLUSION**

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How should knowing that Christ is coming back to reign challenge you in the following ways:

1. Anticipation
2. Evangelism
3. Self-Examination