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of **Jesus Christ**

26. The thousand years

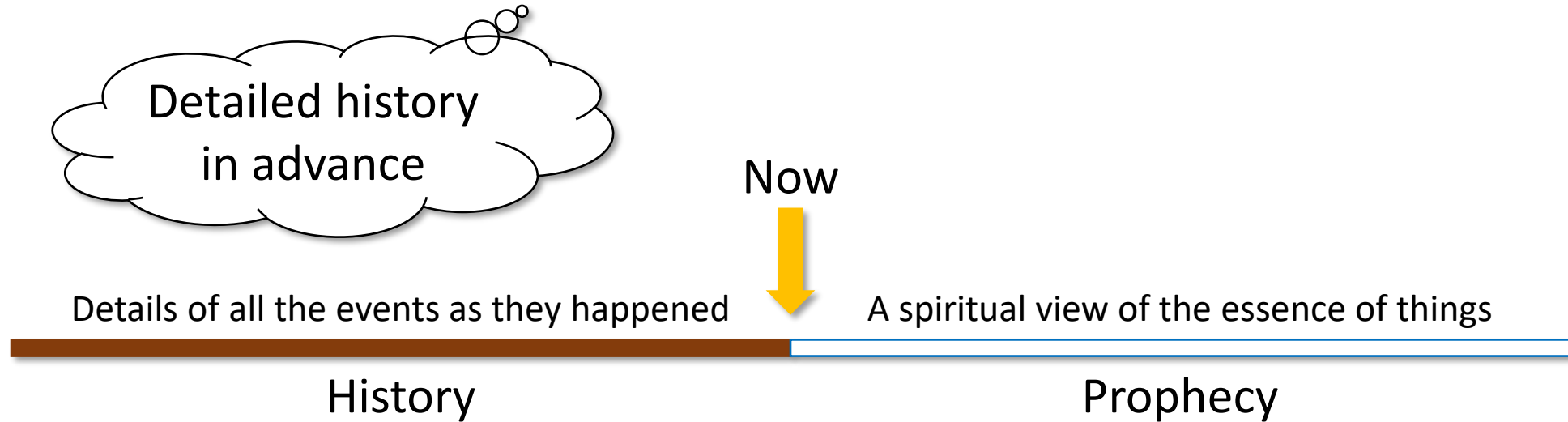


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*“I, **Jesus**, have sent My angel  
to testify to you about these things  
**for the churches.**”*

(Revelation 22:16)

# Prophecy is not proleptic history...



The one who prophesies  
speaks to people for their **edification**  
and **encouragement** and **consolation**.

(1 Corinthians 14:3)

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Part 1		
Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
Chapters 1 to 3	Chapters 4 to 7	Chapters 8 to 11
Prologue, the vision of Christ among the lampstands, the letters to the seven churches.	The vision of God's throne, the scroll in His right hand, the Lion and the Lamb. The seven seals are opened.	The prayers of the saints, the seven trumpets are sounded, the great angel, the little book, the two witnesses.

Part 2			
Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7
Chapters 12 to 14	Chapters 15 to 16	Chapters 17 to 19	Chapters 20 to 22
The woman gives birth to a child, the dragon cast out, the two beasts, the Lamb on Mt Zion, three angels, two harvests.	The song of victors over the beast. Seven bowls of the wrath of God are poured out on the earth.	The woman riding on the beast, the destruction of Babylon, Christ on a white horse, the damnation of two beasts.	Satan is bound, the saints reign with Christ for a thousand years, the final judgement, a new creation, the new Jerusalem.

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# The vision of the thousand years

## What is the significance of the millennium (1,000 years)?

- Why is it only mentioned here?
- To what time period does it refer?
- Who inhabits the world during the millennium?
- What is being accomplished during this 1,000 years?

## Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand **the key to the bottomless pit** and a **great chain**.

The abyss

And he seized **the dragon**, that **ancient serpent**, who is the devil and Satan, and **bound him** for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and **shut it** and **sealed it** over him,

Genesis 3

Or Gentiles

**so that he might not deceive the nations any longer**, until the thousand years were ended.

After that he **must** be released for a little while.

(Revelation 20:1-3)

In God's purpose





# Revelation 20:1-3

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## How should we understand this vision?

### The **amillennial** view

- In chapter 20 we return to the beginning
- Satan was bound when Jesus came
- The millennium is this present church age
- The nations are now receiving the gospel

### The **premillennial** view

- Chapter 20 follows on from chapter 19
- Satan is to be totally bound and locked up
- The millennium begins after Christ returns
- Christ rules on earth “with a rod of iron”

## Revelation 20:4-6

Where are these thrones?

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.

Also I saw **the souls** of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast....

They **came to life** and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.

**This is the first resurrection.**

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!

Revelation 5:10

Over such **the second death** has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Revelation 2:11

(Revelation 20:4-6)

# Revelation 20:4-6

**This is the first resurrection.**

**How should we understand this vision?**

## **The amillennial view**

- The thrones are in heaven
- The first resurrection is spiritual
- The saints reign with Christ spiritually
- Unbelievers are raised when Christ returns

## **The premillennial view**

- The thrones are on the earth
- The first resurrection is of the body
- The saints reign with Christ on the earth
- Unbelievers are raised after the millennium

## Revelation 20:7-10

And when the thousand years are ended,  
**Satan will be released from his prison**  
and will come out **to deceive** the nations  
that are at the four corners of the earth,  
**Gog and Magog**, to gather them for battle;  
their number is like the sand of the sea.

Ezekiel 38-39

And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth  
and surrounded the camp of the saints and **the beloved city**,  
but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,  
and **the devil** who had deceived them  
was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur  
where **the beast** and the **false prophet** are,  
and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Jerusalem

Revelation 19:20

(Revelation 20:7-10)

## Revelation 20:4-6

**Satan will be released from his prison**

**How should we understand this vision?**

### **The amillennial view**

- This is the same battle as seen in Revelation 16:14, 17:14 and 19:19
- The nations could not be deceived after 1,000 years of Christ's reign

### **The premillennial view**

- This is another and later battle
- Human sin is still present in the hearts of unregenerate humanity

## Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a **great white throne**  
and Him who was seated on it.

From His presence earth and sky fled away,  
and no place was found for them.

2 Peter 3:7-13

And I saw the dead, great and small,  
standing before the throne,  
and **books were opened**.

By **grace** you  
are saved  
through **faith**...  
(Ephesians 2:8)

Then another book was opened,  
which is **the book of life**.

Revelation 13:8, 17:8

And **the dead were judged**  
by what was written in the books,  
according to what they had done.

(Revelation 20:11-12)

## Revelation 20:11-15

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it,  
Death and Hades gave up the dead  
who were in them, and they were judged,  
each one of them,  
according to what they had done.

Death is  
abolished  
forever

Then Death and Hades were thrown  
into the lake of fire.

**This is the second death,** the lake of fire.

**And if anyone's name was not found  
written in the book of life,  
he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

(Revelation 20:13-15)

And if anyone's name was not found written in **the book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

As it is appointed for man to die once, and after that **comes judgment** so **Christ**, **having been offered once** to bear **the sins** of many, **will appear a second time**, not to deal with sin but **to save** those who are **eagerly waiting for Him**.

(Hebrews 9:27-28)

The **first** death

Amazing love!

To deliver us from all sin forever





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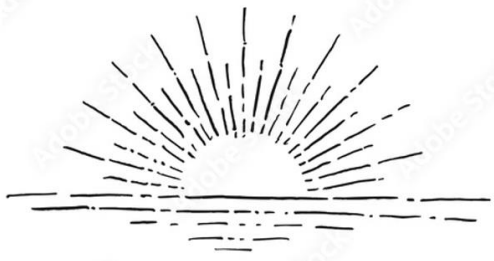
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**This same Jesus ...**

(Acts 1:11)

**But who can endure the day of His coming?  
And who can stand when He appears?**

(Malachi 3:2)



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***“Surely I am coming soon.”***

**Amen.**

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

(Revelation 22:20)