

# Revelation 20:1-3 - Millennialism: Part 1

## Intro:

1. Jesus as well as the prophets and apostles warned us to be on guard against false teachings. What are some of the false teachings associated with End Times?

## A. Context

1. Read Revelation 1:10, 12. How does John indicate that much of what he writes will be vivid images and figurative?

Note how numbers and groups have been used figuratively throughout the book. 12 and it's multiples have represented God's people (Revelation 4:10, Revelation 7), 4 indicating all the world (Revelation 4:6, Revelation 7:8), 3 indicating the Triune God (Revelation 1:4, 5; Revelation 4:8), 7 indicating God's dealings with his people (Revelation 1:4; 6:1; 8:6), 10 and 10x10x10 representing completeness (Revelation 7:4-8).

2. What does Scripture say about the End Time in plain language?
  - a) Hebrews 9:26-28, p. 1872. How many times is Christ going to return?
  - b) Matthew 24:4-13, p. 1538. What will continue to go on from the time of Jesus until the Last Day?
  - c) Matthew 24:14. What is the good thing that goes on during this time?
  - d) Matthew 24:21, 22, p. 1539. What will it be like right before the end?
  - e) Matthew 24:23-26. What will many claim has happened?
  - f) Matthew 24:27, 30-31. Why will everyone clearly know when Christ returns?
  - g) Matthew 24:42, 45 p. 1540. Does anyone know the time of his return? So what are we to do?

## **C. Revelation 20**

### **The Chaining of Satan, vv. 1-3**

1. What indicates that the words as they stand are using figurative language?
2. Who is the angel who holds the keys to the Abyss (hell)? (Revelation 1:18, p. 1914)
3. Why is Satan called a serpent? (Genesis 3)
4. When did Jesus bind Satan? (Colossian 2:15, p. 1833) So when did the 1000 years start?
5. What is it that keeps Satan in check, like a dog on a chain? (Ephesians 6:17, p. 1824)
6. When did this message stop going almost exclusively to the Jews but went out to all nations (the Gentiles) so that they were no longer deceived? (Matthew 28:19, 20, p. 1550; Acts 26:17, 18, p. 1740)
7. How long will the Gospel go out? (Matthew 24:14, p. 1538)
8. What comfort and warning for us is in the picture of Satan chained by the Gospel of Christ?
9. What will it be like right before Christ returns, when the Gospel has become so obscured that Satan roams free again? (Matthew 24:21, 22, p. 1539)
10. What promise is implied here so that we don't need to live in terror of that time?
11. So what time period does the 1000 years cover? Why use the number 1000 since this is more than 1000 literal years?

# Comparison of Christian millennial teachings

