

There are three predominant views of the millennium. Please note: There are wide variations within each perspective.

1. Premillennialism- That the millennium will occur after the second coming of Christ.
2. Postmillennialism- Millennium occurs toward the end of the church age and that Christ's climatic coming will occur at the close of the millennium.
3. Inaugurated millennialism- Millennium started at Christ's resurrection and will be concluded at his final coming

## Eschatology

Is this important?

Rev. 20:1-8

Refers to the course of the church age and temporally precedes the final judgment.

**Creation      Fall      Christ      Church Age      Final Judgment**

Always Remember: Scripture Interprets Scripture

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### **Can't be chronologically following**

**Revelation 19:17-21** And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great." <sup>19</sup> Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup> But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. <sup>21</sup> The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

**Makes no sense to speak of protecting the nations from deception by Satan in 20:1-3 after they have just been deceived by Satan (16:13-16, 19:19-20) and destroyed by Christ at his return in 19:11-21 (16:15a, 19).**

Therefore Chapter 20 Introduces a vision going back before the time of the final judgment in history just narrated in 19:11-21

**20:1-6 Begins at Christ resurrection. Revelation 20:1-6** And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup> He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup> He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. <sup>4</sup> I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

**'Key to the abyss' synonym 'Key to Hades and death'**

**Revelation 6:8** I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

**Revelation 9:1-2** The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. <sup>2</sup> When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

**Restraint of Satan is a direct result of Christ's resurrection.**

**The Defeat of the devil occurred at death and resurrection**

(Mt. 12:29; Mk.3:27; Lk. 10:17-19; Jn. 12:31-33; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14)

**What is the binding?**

Can mean Full incarceration or authority over.

Complete cessation of the devil's influence on earth?

(2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11:4; Eph. 2:2; 2Tim. 2:26; 1Pet. 5:8)

It does not restrict Satan in every way. Rather it keeps him from preventing 'all people' to be drawn to Jesus

He will not be able to deceive (Rev 6:11 And 7:1-8) until the full number has been gathered.

**John 12:31-32 and Rev 9:1-10**

Is synchronous with the last

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During the age when Christ 'builds the church' the gates will not prevail over the church's growth because 'the keys' have been given to the church to overcome Satan's deception against it (Mt 16:18-19).

**Revelation 20:3** He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

**Revelation 11:7** Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.