Bible Story Rev: Chapter 20

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INTRODUCTION

- Perhaps the most controversial chapter in the Bible is Revelation 20, but it ought not to be.
- You remember in the previous studies, the beast of the sea and the beast of the land, those friends empowered by Satan have been overthrown.
- It would do no good to bind them if the source of their power were not also bound.

1 The Binding of Satan by the Power of Truth

John 12:31; Hebrews 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:55–57

- Revelation 20 speaks of the shackling, the binding, the fettering of Satan by the power of truth.
- Hebrews 2 14 tells us that through death Jesus destroyed the power that the devil had over death.
- Thus Christ triumphed over the devil by living and dying sinlessly.
- Revelation 20 speaks of the revival, the resurrection of the cause of Christ, though it seemed defeated and dejected and overthrown by the Roman emperors at the end of the first century.

2 A Thousand Years: A Term of Completeness

2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 4:1

- If they will identify with Christ and his death and suffering, they too shall be victorious.
- In 2 Peter 3 8, we learn that one day is as a thousand years with the Lord, and a thousand years is one day. God doesn't count time as we do.
- John saw in dramatic production the equivalent of a thousand years.
- 1,000 or any derivative thereof is a term of completeness or perfection or wholeness.

3 The Devil Bound by the Blood and the Word

Revelation 12:11; Acts 26:18; Romans 1:16

- John simply means I saw the devil absolutely, completely, thoroughly bound by Revelation 12 11, the blood of Christ and the Word of God.
- Every time I teach the truth to a sinner, and that sinner obeys God, the devil is to that extent bound.
- And he can only roam in areas where the truth does not abound.
- As long as we abide in that realm where the gospel's power is augmented, the devil and his power has no sway in our life.

4 Seven Basic Premises in Premillennialism, Every One False

1 Thessalonians 4:17; Acts 2:30; Colossians 2:14–17

- 1 Thessalonians 4 says that we'll meet him in the air when he comes again, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

- God raised Jesus up to sit on David's throne. He's been seated on David's throne ever since.
- He nailed the old law, the law of Moses, to the cross.
- We take the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, which is quick and powerful, and with that we slay the denizens of hell.

5 The Church Embraced in God's Eternal Purpose

Ephesians 3:9–11; Ephesians 3:21; Acts 20:28

- Instead of being an afterthought or substitute, the church was embraced in God's eternal purpose.
- Paul said he purchased the church with his own blood.
- In fact, the church and the kingdom are the same thing.
- Anything that devaluates the church of the Lord is a blasphemous doctrine.

6 The Gospel of the Second Chance

Romans 2:11

- How could a literal chain bind a spiritual being?
- Just as today men have to take a stand against evil when they stand for Christ, so shall it ever be.
- The gospel of the second chance wars against this plain statement.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We still must choose this day whom we'll serve.**

MY NOTES