

**Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School**  
**Revelation Bible Study**  
Chapter 20

**Introduction (1:1 - 3:22)**

(Including Seven Letters to the Seven Churches - preparation / call for repentance)

**The Inaugural Vision of Heaven, Introducing the Message (4:1 - 5:14)**

**The Prophecy (6:1 - 16:21)**

(The three sevenfold visions with an interlude of the cosmic war)

**The Conclusion: The End and the New Heaven and New Earth (17:1 - 22:5)**

1. The Judgment and Overthrow of the Forces of the Dragon (17:1 - 18:24)

2. The Victorious Celebration (19:1-21)

3. The Judgment and Overthrow of the Dragon (20:1-10)

4. The Bodily Resurrection and the Last Judgment (20:11-15)

5. The New Heaven and New Earth Portrayed as the Heavenly City Jerusalem (21:1 - 22:5)

**Epilogue (22:6-21)**

**Opening Thoughts on the “Millennium”**

- Three major ways to view the millennium
  - o “Pre-millennialism”
    - The 1000 years are a literal 1000 years and will happen *before* the Second coming of Christ
    - Some early Church leaders (within first 300 years) appear to have held Pre-millennial views
    - Appears to be very popular among certain circles today
  - o “Post-millennialism”
    - The 1000 years are a literal 1000 years and will happen *after* the Second coming of Christ
  - o “Amillennialism”
    - The 1000 years are symbolic of the reign of Christ from His first Advent until His return.
- The position of the mention of the millennium
  - o Just after 19:11-21
  - o Just before 20:7-10

- Biblical interpretation to keep in mind:
  - Centrality of God's grace in Christ and Christ alone!
  - The nature of God's kingdom established in Christ and the full effect of Adam's sin (see Romans 5:12-21 and Romans 7)
  - Scripture interprets Scripture
    - Which Scripture interprets what Scripture?
    - Here - the Gospels and Epistles are interpreting Revelation
      - Why?
      - Wealth / clarity of Gospels and Epistles on the return of Christ

Reminder:

- 1) Email your questions to Pastor Bill: [billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org](mailto:billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org)
- 2) You can access these study guides on the church website. Navigate under "Ministries" to "Bible Studies" to the download page for the Revelation study.