

# REVELATION 20:1-6

## Unit 27: *The Thousand Year Reign of Christ*

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### CONTEXT REVIEW:

1. Heaven rejoices [HALLELUJAH] that Babylon has fallen prior to the Last Day.
2. Glimpse of the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB
  - a. Jesus is the GROOM ... and the Church [All Believers] is HIS Bride
  - b. The BRIDE is BETHROTHED [mohar] to the BRIDEGROOM
  - c. MARRIAGE is consummated at Last Day.
3. Christ comes riding on a WHITE HORSE [the Word] with a drawn LONG SWORD.
4. Babylon [Great Prostitute] is utterly destroyed.

### I. THE BINDING OF SATAN

**REVELATION 20:1-3** 1 Then I saw an **angel** coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the **key** to the bottomless pit and a **great chain**. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, 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.

(1) *angel* - Actual angel (some insist Christ) ... See Revelation 1:17-18 and 9:1

(1) *key* - Delegated power to open and close hell

(1) *great chain* - Power to bind and render helpless (See Luke 16:23-24)

(2) *a thousand years* - The entire New Testament Era (Incarnation to Second Coming)

Careful of HAPAX LEGOMENON PASSAGES - "Only written once"

(3) *released* - Final and futile loosing of Satan against the church [Believers in Christ]

### II. THE 'MILLENNIAL' REIGN OF CHRIST EXPLAINED

**REVELATION 20:4-6** 4 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 or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They **came to life** and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the **first resurrection** 6 Blessed and holy is the one who

*shares in the first resurrection! 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.*

(4) *judgment was committed* - Believers live, rule and judge with Christ in the New Testament Era [Incarnation to Second Coming at the Last Day]

\* See 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

(4) *came to life* - Scripture teaches *four resurrections*

*Conversion (Ephesians 2:1-5)*

*Soul to Paradise (Acts 7:59 and Luke 23:46)*

*Physical resurrection of the body (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)*

*Transfer of raised spiritual bodies to Heaven (John 5:25-29)*

(5) *first resurrection* - Human soul [spirit] transfers to Paradise

(5) Sequence of Events at the Last Day:

*Resurrection of All Flesh at the Last Day*

*Up in the air to meet the Lord*

*Separation of the Just [Believers] and Unjust [Unbelievers]*

*Declaration of Judgment Destination*

*Destruction of Earth and Heavens as we know them*

*Rejuvenation of Creation [descent of New Jerusalem*

*Eternal Immanuel [God with Us] in Everlasting Life*