

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REVELATION 20:1-10: WHY A MILLENNIUM?

- I. God calls our attention to the millennium reign through a literal, numerical demarcation of this time period
 - A. Symbolic use of numbers?
 - B. Reasons for understanding 1000 literally
- II. To vindicate God’s authority over this earth
- III. To fulfill Old Testament promises
 - A. Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 15)
 - B. Old Testament prophecies (Isa 65:17-25)

<u>Millennium (Rev 20)</u>	<u>Eternal State Rev 21–22</u>
Sin restrained	Sin removed
Curse restrained	Curse removed
Death	No death
Mortals/resurrected intermingled	Resurrected only
Destinies undecided	Destinies sealed
Renovation	Recreation
Temporary	Eternal
Transitional	Non transitional

- IV. To fulfill God’s purposes for the city of Jerusalem (Rev 20:9)
 - A. Old Testament prophecies (Isa 2:2-4; Zech 14:17)
 - B. The future preeminence of Israel (Deut 28:13; Isa 14:1-2; 61:5-6; 49:22-23; Zech 8:23)
- V. To complete God’s resurrection program
 - A. Two general resurrections (Dan 12:2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15)
 - B. Three stages of the resurrection of the believer (1 Cor 15:20-23)
 - 1. First fruits = Christ’s resurrection (Exod 23:16; 1 Cor 15:20, 23)
 - 2. General harvest = rapture (Lev 32:10-12; 1 Cor 15:50-54; 1 Thess 4:16)
 - 3. Gleanings = resurrection unto life (Lev 19:9-10; Rev 20:4-5)
 - C. Resurrection of the unbeliever (Rev 20:5; 11-15)
- VI. To demonstrate that only Christ’s direct rule over fallen creation will result in lasting peace
- VII. To demonstrate that man’s real problem is his nature rather than his environment (Rev 20:7-9; Zech 14:16-18)
 - A. Modern philosophies
 - B. Biblical assessment (Rom 5:12; Jer 17:9; Mark 7:20-23)