The Millennium
Part 2
Revelation 20:4-6
Lesson #19

Introduction

1. Jesus returned to earth.
   A. Destroyed the antichrist & his prophet.
2. Jesus bound Satan with a chain in the pit.
3. No longer Satan has influence in the world.
   A. Satan bound for 1,000 years.
   B. This doesn't mean that people cannot sin or do wrong.
      1) Remember some turned to Christ during the tribulation.
      2) They didn't die during the tribulation.
      3) They still have human nature that comes short of God.
      4) Man will still have choices to make.
         a. Follow Christ or not follow Christ.
      5) The difference – no more evil influence.
4. Christ will be reigning and ruling.

Who are those setting upon thrones?
What is the first resurrection?
What is the second death?
Why is there a Millennium?

Who are those setting upon thrones?
First – Who are they?

1. *"They sat upon them"* – Believers O.T. & N.T. saints.
   A. We have been given responsibility and rule.

Luke 19:16–19
16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

Who are they?

1. ***All believers.***
2. ***All who believed and gave their life in the Tribulation.***
   A. Note – We will have bodies and will be carrying out service (vs. 6).

What is the first resurrection?

1. ***First resurrection happens in four stages.***
   A. Resurrection of Christ.
   B. Matthew 27:51-53 – Many of the saint rose from the grave.
   C. The church.
   D. O.T. & Tribulation saints.

What is the second death?

1. The rest of the dead (vs. 5).
   A. Second death hath no power (vs. 6).
2. Jesus paid the sin debt for man.
   A. The world deserves death because we all are under sin.

B. Jesus Christ took our place.
   1) He paid the price for sin.

Romans 3:23
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
Romans 6:23
23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. Jesus has paid a debt He did not owe so we could have a life we did not deserve.
   A. It cost Jesus His life to pay your debt.
4. What have we done with Jesus.
   A. Have we received him in our hearts and been forgiven of our sin.
   B. Or have we rejected His free pardon of sin.

Second death – To be forever eternally separated from the LORD!
The second death is awaiting those who have rejected Jesus' payment for their sin.

Why is there a Millennium?
Ephesians 2:2
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, <u>according to the prince of the power of the air,</u> the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

1. No longer is Satan allowed to influence the hearts and mind of man.
2. Jesus establishes rule and reign throughout the whole universe.
3. We will be given our position of service for the Kingdom of God (vs. 6).

Ephesians 2:6–7
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

<u>Three Biblical Reasons the Millennium is necessary.</u>
First – The earth must be ruled over by Christ in its present form.
1. Why? The earth rightfully belongs to Christ.
   A. Jesus Christ created the world and man.

Colossians 1:15–16
15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
2. Man gave the world over to Satan.
   A. Man's disobedience to God.
   B. This allowed evil into the world.
3. Christ must reclaim and restore righteousness to the earth.

Second – God must fulfill all the promises to man that are in His Word.

Promise
1. ***All nations will see His glory and every knee will bow – Is. 45:23, 66:18.***
2. ***Christ will be exalted above all rule and authority in this world and the world to come – Eph. 1:21.***
3. ***Christ enemies will be made His footstool – Heb. 1:13, 10:13, Lk. 20:43.***
4. ***He will be given the throne of David – Ps. 2:6.***
5. ***Jerusalem will be the place of the LORD's throne – Jer. 3:17.***

6. ***He will bring peace and security back to the world – Is. 2:4, 9:7.***

Third – Because God is love.