

The Book of the Revelation (#8)

7th Vision ... Chapters 20-22 ... The Millennium and the New Order

(1st) **The MILLENNIUM** (1,000 yrs) – 2 Peter 3:1-13

<1st> Satan is Bound – 20:1-3 ... Psalm 2:7-8... Luke 10:17-18... Matthew 12:28-29

William Hendricksen – ‘...the binding of Satan and the fact that he is hurled into the abyss to remain there for a thousand years indicates that throughout this present Gospel Age, which begins with Christ’s first coming and ends just short of his Second, the devil’s influence on the earth is curtailed so that he is unable to prevent the extension of the Church among nations by means of an active missionary programme. During this entire period he is prevented from causing the nations—the world in general—to destroy the Church as a mighty, missionary institution... Only the individual who lacks the historic sense and is, therefore, unable to see the present in the light of conditions which prevailed throughout the world before Christ’s ascension, can fail to appreciate the glories of the millennial age in which we are now living.’ – *More Than Conquerors* (pp. 188-190).

<2nd> Saints Reign – 20:4-6

Vern S. Poythress – ‘The picture in 20:4-6 thus answers a pressing question during times of intense persecution. When Christians are a weak minority, when great imperial powers are arrayed against them, is there any hope of victory? What happens when Christians are put to death? It appears to the world that they have been decisively defeated. The persecuting authorities are very much alive and as powerful as ever, while Christians have been simply wiped out. Christianity appears to be a hopelessly weak religion. Does God care?... It turns out that it is impossible to defeat Christians. Even when demonic forces are ravaging the church, they are only establishing Christians in positions of real and permanent power!’ – *The Returning King* (p.181)

<3rd> The Final Conflict – 20:7-10 (19:17-21—20:7-10)... Ezekiel 39:17-20

(2nd) **The JUDGMENT DAY** – 20:11-15 ... John 5:28-29... Acts 17:30-31... Luke 12:2-3 Matthew 12:36-37

Chapters 21-22 – The NEW ORDER

(1st) The UNIVERSE IS REBORN – 21:1-8 ... 2 Peter 3:12-13

(2nd) The NEW JERUSALEM—The Bride of Christ (the Church)! – 21:9-11

(3rd) PARADISE RESTORED – 22:1-5 ... 21:4... Romans 8:20-21

Reminder: The Bridegroom is Coming! – 22:6-20

'The Lamb' – 5:6, 8, 12-13... 14:1...16:1,16... 7:9-10,17... 12:11... 13:8... 14:4,10... 15:3... 17:14... 19:7-9... 21:14,22-23... 22:1,3

'Alpha and Omega' – 1:8,11... 21:6... 22:13

'LORD of lords...' – 17:14... 19:16

'Son of Man' – 1:13-18... 14:14

'The faithful witness' – 1:5

'The Bright and Morning Star' – 22:16... 2:28... Luke 1:78-79... Malachi 4:2