



I. REVELATION IS A VISION OF VICTORY OVER ANYTHING COMING AGAINST ME!

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
Romans 8:37 (NLT)

II. FOUR VIEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM

1. Premillennialism

2. Dispensational premillennialism

3. Postmillennialism

4. Amillennialism

III. THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT REVELATION 20:1-3

1. What is the 1000 years or millennium?

- A symbolic picture of the spiritual reign of Christ

2. When does the millennium occur?

- We are living in the millennium— the time between the first and second coming of Jesus
- The reason is that the Bible teaches there are only two “ages” - the one we live in now and the one in eternity.

Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Matthew 12:32 (NIV)

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life.”

Luke 18:29-30 (NIV)

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT)

3. How will Satan be bound in the millennium?

- **Satan will be limited but not powerless**

The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.

John 12:28 (NLT)

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT)

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT)

- **Satan will not be able to deceive the nations as he has in the past**

This “binding” happened during the earthly ministry of Jesus and symbolizes how Satan would not be able to stop the spread of the gospel

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Luke 10:17-20 (NIV)

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

IV. WHAT ALL THIS MEANS TO ME RIGHT NOW

- 1. Expect an intensification of evil in the last days**
- 2. Accept that there will be times when we look defeated**
- 3. Know that ultimately and eternally we – the church - will be victorious**