

## Revelation 20 The Victory

v. 1-3 :The defeat of the dragon...but why is it temporary?

We note the millennial interpretations...but this is not forecasting

We still have to deal with evil now even defeated

V 4-6 The Thousand Year Reign

An extremely problematic passage

Probably meaning that these saints are the "modern ones" the martyrs that the first century AD saw, raised to life in fulfillment of a promise

Second death: eternal death

v. 7:why is the evil one released?

Remember this is the action now: although the Church is universal and triumphant the evil one is still a pest until the very last day

v. 7-10: Gog and Magog. Ezekiel 38-39, seen as the assembly of the foreign nations

Gog - man, - magog nation

Genesis 10:2 Magog is a man: note Hebrew view of origin of tribes

Legends speak of cannibals

Jewish apocalyptic says he would be defeated by the messiah

v. 9 God has absolutely had enough of all this evil stuff

v. 11-15 Final Judgement

we are all equal in death

death itself must die: it was hatched in Eden by Adam

if sin is gone so also death must go

St Paul: ...<sup>2</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put everything under His feet." Now when it says that everything has been put under Him, this clearly does not include the One who put everything under Him....

Advice: read all of 1 Corinthians 15

v. notice it is on deeds not faith

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1-8 The New Jerusalem

like a bride prepared

victor: note the end of the Seven Letters - one who has overcome evil. Note allusion to the arena

v.9-17

16: a cube the perfect shape  
measuring rod, ref. Ezekiel 40-48

v 18-21 the gems

12 tribes and apostles  
high priest has 12 stones on his breastplate for the 12 tribes  
this is the Church purified  
it is wealthy beyond measure and growing  
the gates are always open  
the Glory of the Lord is its light

22. A series of oracular pronouncements

1. the waters of life  
2 trees as medicine  
3 the throne of God and worship  
4: His face - what no one could do in the OT

5 No more night (recall John's Gospel - It was night" when Judas left

'6 To show what is coming soon

16: the bright morning star: that which ends the night  
angel: angeloi - "messenger"

v. 10 do not seal this one up - this is not a secret

14: the Tree of Life: well... finally! Recall Genesis

17 - life giving water: baptism

22: the Grace be with you (note in Mass)