

“The New Heaven and the New Earth: **The Millennial Reign of Christ**” (Part 1)
Revelation 20:1-7

- **The Breakdown of the Book of Revelation:**

- The Church Age (Revelation 2-3)
 - The Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54)
- The Great Tribulation (Revelation 6-18)
- The 2nd Coming (Revelation 19)
- The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20)
- The Eternal State (Revelation 21-22)

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- The time period of “**one thousand years**” is mentioned 6 times in these 7 verses. There is no reason in the text to interpret this in any way other than a literal one thousand years.
- Even though this angel is not given a name, most theologians believe this is **Micheal the archangel** (Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7-8; Daniel 10:12-13).
- The bottomless pit or **the Abyss**, Biblically, is a place of punishment for demons (Luke 8:31). Some demons are never released from the Abyss until their final judgment (Jude 1:7; 2 Peter 2:4); others are released during the events of Revelation 9:1-12.
 - The **chaining of Satan** is very significant due to him being “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4); that the whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19); and that he will no longer be free to “prowl around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8).
- “Then I saw **thrones** and those seated on them....”
 - The apostles will reign with Christ in Israel (Matthew 19:28).
 - The Church will reign with Christ over the nations of the earth (Luke 22:28-30; 1 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 2:26; 5:10).
 - Israel will enjoy the blessings promised by the prophets (Isaiah 2:1-5; 35:1-10).
- “**They came to life** and reigned with Christ....”
 - This is where the Tribulation saints and most likely the Old Testament Saints receive their glorified bodies (Daniel 12:1-2). They will also reign with Christ in some way.
 - “The rest of the dead” are the wicked dead talked about in Revelation 20:13-15.
- The **first resurrection** is simply the resurrection of all the saints of all the ages. There are in general two resurrections, the resurrection of the just or the unjust, a resurrection of life or judgment (John 5:28-29).
- “They will be **priests** of God and of Christ....”
 - This means we will lead people to worship God and grow in their knowledge of God.

Announcements:

★**GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Game Night is THIS Sunday, May 26th, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. EVERYONE is invited! Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share with everyone!

★**HEALTHTREE 5K/1 MILE WALK:** If you would be interested in joining a team of people to run a 5K or walk 1 mile on Saturday, June 8th, at 9am (at Wolfe Park in Columbus), please register at <https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040> under Team Legacy Plus. The cost is \$35 per person. HealthTree raises money to accelerate research and find cures for blood cancer. Please see Krystal if you have any questions or need more details!