

The Revelation

(38) The Kingdom Begins

The first items of business...Rev.20:1-3

What's the first thing mentioned after Armageddon? 20:1-3

Satan is bound for 1000 years. Not able to deceive the nations until 1000 years is done.

And what is the very next thing John sees? vs.4a

He sees judgment thrones (plural) and they (plural) were given authority to judge.

Who will occupy the highest throne of judgment authority? Jn.5:22-23; Rev.2:27; 12:5; 19:15

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is now Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Over all.

Who else has been promised to rule with Christ? Mt.19:28

The 12 apostles will rule with Christ. They specifically are to judge the 12 tribes of Israel.

And what about the Church? ICor.6:2-3; Rev.2:26

The Church will judge the nations and judge angels. This may be judgment of demons.

Comment on the Authority chain. Jn.5:22-23; ICor.15:20-28

All creation will be subjected to the Son and then the Son will be subjected to the Father.

The first resurrection...Rev.20:4-6

What does John specifically see next? 20:4b

He saw the souls of the tribulation martyrs. The 'last' of martyred saints, forever.

And what happens specifically to these souls? 20:4c

They "came to life", that is they were resurrected. This is called the first resurrection.

How many resurrections are there? vs.5-6 Acts 24:15; Jn.5:29

There are only two. Resurrection unto life and resurrection unto the second death.

Comment on the first resurrection. ICor.15:23; Mt.27:52-53; IThess.4:13-18; Rev.11:11;20:4-5

Each (phase) in order. Christ, the first fruits, few OT saints, Church, witnesses/trib saints

What other group must also be in the first resurrection? Is.26:19-21; Ez.37:12-14; Dan.12:2-3

The OT saints must be raised to share in the millennium. Specific point is not given.

What is John's observation about these *first resurrection* saints? 20:6

They are blessed, and will be priests of God and will reign with Him for 1000 years.

What is one very specific judgment during this time? Mt.25:31-46

The judging of those alive after Armageddon. Lost -> lake of fire, saved -> millennium

And what does Daniel suggest about the *time* for these judgments? Dan.12:11-12

Probably to 1335 days. 1260 days = Armageddon; 1290 (+30) and 1335 (+45) to Kingdom.