

# REVELATION 20 vs 1

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Some scholars say they find the book of Revelation written in the literary form of a chiasmus such as found in the five verses of [Romans 2:6-11](#); its form: A, B, C = C<sup>1</sup>, B<sup>1</sup>, A<sup>1</sup>...but on a larger scale: by the chapters of Revelation. [For example, the unique phrases](#) **To show his servants the things which must shortly take place** (Revelation 1:1, 22:6) and **The time is near** (Revelation 1:3, 22:10) are not only identical at the beginning and end of the book, but are found nowhere else in Revelation or in the rest of the Bible. There are several identical or similar phrases at the beginning and end. This is a clue that Revelation is organized as a chiasm. And as one who pays attention to what the word of God says; I agree it seems the Lord revealed to John in a very orderly manner, highlights of participants – the faithful and the rebellious in their struggle of time verses eternity.



**1 Then I saw an angel come from heaven,**

**holding the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand.**

**2 He seized the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, / not difficult, more detail about Michael throwing down Satan is in [chapter 12](#),**

**and chained him a **thousand** years,**

**3 He threw him into the abyss, and closed it, and set a seal on it, so he could no longer deceive the nations,**

**until the **thousand** years were completed:**

**and after that he must be released for a short time / which is why no man or woman knows the day or the hour... heaven and earth will pass away; or even the final day of judgment when the dead are ultimately condemned.**

**4 Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them, who were given authority to judge:**

**and I saw the souls of those who were **beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and because of **the word of God**, who had not worshiped the beast / the last world govt,**

**nor its image, nor took its mark upon their foreheads or their hands / more about those is in [chapter 7](#); those of Ephesus or Laodicea or the 3 others who went through the great tribulation and knew God's wrath firsthand. Daniel says, **Many will be purified, and whiten and tested**... not having embraced Messiah's first coming when He gave His life as a substitute for us;**

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**and they lived and reigned with Christ / the Messiah a thousand years /** when the Gentile time has ended. Israel and Judah -- no longer 2 nations are united with Christ. It is hard to imagine. He will judge among the nations. Will people live longer during this time? Will this 1,000 years -- a day to the Lord, pass quickly? This is **the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the Lord** mentioned in **Zechariah 12**. Will this be more a time of joy and thanksgiving, as a highway is built from Egypt and Israel and Syria... to the rest of the world? Will the nations learn to work and keep what comes from the heart of Christ 1,000 years? Is His Bride part of this new world order, or not? We will see, won't we!

**5 The rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.**

**This is the first resurrection /** so this seems to include the dead in Christ who also live and reign.

**6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection: the second death has no power over them,**

**but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him a thousand years /** Ezekiel 44 the Lord will make them keepers of the house, they will come near My table to minister to Me, and to keep My charge an inner court ministry... not to the world.

hiereus, priests, all believers are of this royal priesthood... **not after the order of Aaron** offering countless bloody offerings that could never take away sins; **but after the order of Melchizedek** with the love and ways of God written on their hearts. Will the redeemed be busy ministering to the Lord instead of those on earth.

**7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan /** much like a turd in the toilet that just won't flush,

**will be released from of his prison /** so this former chief musician, now a fading vaudeville memory probably missing a few screws... confined to the earth, is released 1 last time,

**8 and will go to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog, and Magog to gather them together to battle: their number is like the sand of the sea /** and for yet another time, some who came through great tribulation and Armageddon still resent the Lord of glory; secret enemies at heart scattered around the earth -- north, south, east and west... they need an attitude adjustment, as if Ezekiel 38 is revisited; or is this why we read the repetition in Ezekiel 39? Obviously, there are some hard heads that will be around a while longer; the Lord continues purging before He replaces this creation.

**9 They came up across the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them /** this definitely seems like a nuclear holocaust: Gog and Magog with a gang of fools are adios! Isaiah says, **the foundations of the earth shake, the earth will reel to and fro like a drunkard, Isaiah 24,**

**10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur / finally!, where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever /** and that is a long time; learn what this verse means, and let the Lord do His work.

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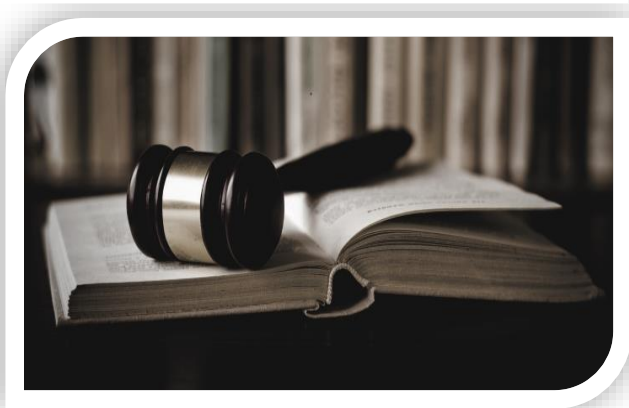
**11** Then I saw a great white throne, and One who sat on it. **Earth** and the heaven fled from His presence, and **no** place was found for them / Peter spoke of the Day of God, Judgment Day

**12** I also saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened / such a terrible moment to imagine, so contrary to who God our Father is; they don't even have enough sense to bend their knee; the property books of ownership were opened:

and another book was opened, which is **the Book of life:**

**and the dead were judged from those things which were written in the books according to their works**

/ God himself opens both books, the Book of ownership; and the Book of life... to see if there are any entries... even the slightest jot or tittle... anything! **These are not the dead in Christ**, who arose the Day that trumpet sounded to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ: who did a work for them and paid a debt countless billions could not pay in 10,000 years... those who lived and died. with empty hands, but hearts grateful to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb .For example: Elizabeth the 1<sup>st</sup> of England, or Emperor KangXi, of the Qing dynasty won't be here; those leaders also found time to love the Lord Jesus and their people.



We are learning about all the others...

**13** Then the sea of humanity, gave up the dead who were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead who were in them: and they were judged everyone according to their works.

**14** Death and Hell were flung into the lake of fire. This is the **second** death.

**15** And whoever was **not** found written in **the Book of life** / those who lived a loveless life, so they never really lived: having no love for God our Father in heaven; nor having love for one another. Likely, they were lovers of self, which means they were not on the original itinerary, they were not part of the trip... made in the image and likeness of God, who is very loving, and very merciful... and very long-suffering, and very kind; but He is not a fool; because only a fool would say in his heart: there is no God.

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