

# LESSON 9

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## THE SECOND DEATH (PART 1)

### **SATAN IS BOUND (20:1–3)**

It is difficult for words to convey the importance and excitement of chapter 20. The difficulty is not that the passage mentions a thousand years, but that it announces the demise of Satan.

1. What principles should we observe in order to make this chapter easier to understand?
2. What is the “abyss” (20:1)?
3. Is the “thousand years” mentioned in verse 2 literal? Explain.
4. If the number is symbolic, what does it symbolize?
5. What does the binding in verse 2 symbolize?
6. In what ways has the Lord limited Satan’s power?
7. What is meant by “for a short time” (20:3), and what are the problems with common interpretations of the phrase?

### **THE FIRST RESURRECTION (20:4–6)**

Verses 4 through 6 of chapter 20 of Revelation make up the most controversial section of the most controversial chapter of the most controversial book in the Bible.

8. What three categories do millennial writers use to classify people?
9. What is “dispensational premillennialism,” and what are its weaknesses?
10. What Scriptures reveal that Christ already reigns over His kingdom?

11. What is the doctrine of multiple bodily resurrections, and what Scriptures disprove it?
12. What is the Old Testament background for Revelation 20:4–6?
13. Why were the souls in verse 4 pictures as having been beheaded?
14. How does the meaning of the phrase “judgment was given to them” in 20:4 compare with other Scriptures depicting Christians sitting in judgment over evil men?
15. What does the word translated “came to life” (20:4) mean, and what are the implications of this meaning?
16. If all Christians have been raised up and reign with Jesus, what was the purpose of repeating the promise regarding those who had been martyred?
17. What does the word “this” refer to in verse 5?
18. What was “the first resurrection” (20:5)?
19. What does the phrase “the rest of the dead” (verse 5) mean?
20. What is “the second death” (20:6)?