



Revelation 20—part 4
Verses 7-10
Sermon: 3.10.19

Read *Revelation 20:7-10*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: the verses bring up many questions and unfold quickly. How can man revolt against Christ, after He's cared for them for 1000 years? This is the pattern of man's history. The devil is also released, now, to tempt and lead. There is no final battle. Fire comes down from heaven and consumes the rebels, the earth, and the heavens.

Although this one and other biblical rebellions are hard to understand, what does it force us to consider about ourselves? Various personal answers. But, include: As a saved-by-grace child of God, why do I rebel and sin against my Lord? Because I'm still in this sinful, selfish body...

See *Romans 7:14-20 & 21-25*

On Sunday, it was briefly mentioned that rebellion almost always accompanied a change in dispensation (God ordained time frames of human/redemptive history). Check each of these out. Note the rebellion and the new era.

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Rebellion/Sin</u>	<u>Dispensation (old/new)</u>
<i>Genesis 2:25-3:7</i>	<u>Ate from tree of Good & Evil</u>	<u>From age of Innocence to Conscience</u>
<i>Genesis 6:1-5 & 9:5-6</i>	<u>man increased in evil & killed</u>	<u>From age of Conscience to Government</u>
<i>Exodus 32:1-6</i>	<u>With Moses gone, the people rebelled into idolatry</u>	<u>From age of Government to the Law</u>
<i>John 19:14</i>	<u>with their Messiah in front of them, they choose Caesar/world</u>	<u>From age of Law to Grace</u>
<i>Revelation 13:3</i>	<u>with church gone, world loves The Antichrist/Dragon</u>	<u>From Grace to Tribulation</u>

And, of course, our key passage for study From Millennial to Eternity

What are some ideas, goals, philosophies, and beliefs that the world thinks will bring peace and utopia to earth? Various answers: destruction of nationalism, absence of religion, economic equality, removal of weapons (guns, bombs, missiles), social inclusiveness—redefine sin—remove guilt/shame. More laws.

What wrong with all of these? Why will they always fail? It still is man saving man. Man is sinful and will abuse and grab power for himself. The only way to make everyone think/act the same way is force.

Read 2 *Peter 3:10-13*. How much did Adam's fall infect Creation? Fully, thoroughly. Everything has been tainted by sin and will die.

To what extent does it need to be purified for the eternal Kingdom? Everything ever created will have to be dissolved down to the atomic structure (elements)

Preview: Read *Revelation 21:5*. What hope does this promise verse give you? What new thing/way do you look forward to most? Various personal answers