

10 minutes Speech:

Rev 20 The Souls of Martyrs and the First Resurrection of the Living

■ Core Points

Rev 20 is about the spirits and flesh invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb in Rev 19 becoming one, participating in the first resurrection, and reigning as kings for a thousand years, and the last judgment that will occur after a thousand years.

■ Introduction

The title of Rev 20 is 'The Spirit of Martyrdom (The Souls of Martyrs) and the First Resurrection of the Living.' We'd like to find out when the first resurrection mentioned in the text occurs, who participates in the first resurrection, and what will happen a thousand years later.

■ Body (Main topic)

1. Rev 20 is divided into events within and after a thousand years.

Within a thousand years is the content of the dragon being locked in the Abyss and the first resurrection where the spirit and flesh become one. And after a thousand years is the content of the judgment on Gog and Magog and the spirits of those who died physically being judged.

2. Rev 20:1-3 is about seizing the dragon who deceived the nations, throwing him into the Abyss, locking it, and sealing it so that it cannot come out. What is the chain that seizes the dragon and the key to the Abyss? First, the dragon is the entity that symbolizes the devil and Satan and refers to evil spirits. So, it is not physical chains that can catch evil spirits.

The dragon can be seized by testifying its identity through the Bible, so the chain that seizes the dragon is the word of testimony (Rv 12:11).

Also, the Abyss refers to Hades, that is, hell, and the figurative key means wisdom, so the key to the Abyss will be the wisdom that knows the secrets of Satan. And the word 'sealed it' means to keep the dragon from coming out anymore.

3. Who sits on the throne and judges in Rev 20:4-6?

According to Matt 19:28, those who sit on the throne and judge are the 12 disciples of Jesus and the 12 tribe leaders of the Spiritual New Israel of this earth. And all spirits and flesh who sit on the structure of God's throne, as seen in Rev 4, will judge through the Word.

4. Next, learn about the most critical first resurrection in Rev 20.

What is the first resurrection?

The first resurrection means those who overcome and survive without receiving the mark of the beast at the fulfillment of Revelation are clothed with the souls of the martyrs and become one. (1 Cor 15:51-54).

Here, the beast is the seven pastors who devoured the Tabernacle Temple.

The idol(image) means false prophets and refers to the 17 pastors who were former evangelists of the Tabernacle Temple.

The mark of the beast, 666, is the untruth of Satan and a false pastor like Solomon who came up from the earth. What is important here is that those who did not receive the mark of the beast

and survived are those whose spirits were not killed in Rev 8 and 9. They become the overcomers who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name in Rev 12 and 13 and come out. These are the first resurrected ones who will be clothed with the image and likeness of God before (Adam's) sin.

5. Rev 20:7-15 is an event a thousand years later, which is the content of Gog and Magog being judged and spirits whose physical bodies have died being judged before God's judgment seat and divided into eternal life and eternal punishment.

First, Gog and Magog, whom the dragon deceives, are those outside the Millennium City, which refers to those who do not belong to God (Rv 22:15), and they will eventually be destroyed by fire. However, those in the Millennium City know when Satan comes out of prison, so they are no longer deceived or destroyed, and their bodies do not die, but they live with the Lord forever and ever.

6. Lastly, God will sit on the white throne and judge after a thousand years. The dead are spirits whose bodies have died since the creation of the world, and the books that judge are the 66 books of the Bible, the law of heaven.

■ Conclusion

I will summarize today's message.

In this chapter, there is an inside and outside the city in the Millennium world and the first resurrection. The first resurrection occurs after the guests of the spirits and flesh are invited to the wedding banquet house in Rev 19; that is, the martyred souls and those whom God has sealed become one and reign with Christ for a thousand years.

And after a thousand years, there will be a judgment on Gog and Magog and on the spirits whose bodies have died. Therefore, I hope that you will realize and believe in the promises recorded in the Bible, become the first resurrected ones, and enter the hope of heaven and eternal life, which is the objective of life of faith.