

St. Therese Adult Study Series
The Book of Revelation with Father Andrie

Reflection Questions for Chapter 20

For the next session on May 6th, please read Chapter 20, pages 318-340 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "Lord Jesus, Risen Savior, to You I offer joyful praise for the compassion that You give. Grateful prayer to You I raise, who have shown me how to live. In faith, I want to follow You, although I sometimes stumble. Please guide me as I pursue life in You, Savior most humble. You know without my voicing every blessing, dream, and care. With Easter hope and rejoicing, I come to You in thankful prayer. Amen." <https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **May 6th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this chapter we see Satan bound for 1,000 years (1-3), the first resurrection and the millennium (4-6), the final rebellion (7-10), and the final judgment (11-15).

Binding Satan (1-3)

1. (1) John sees an angel coming down from heaven, who seizes Satan, throwing him into the abyss for 1,000 years. *Who do you think the angel is? Do you think it could be the same bottomless pit mentioned in Revelation 9:1-12?*

2. (1-3) Thinking about Satan locked away for a thousand years is a wonderful thing. *What do you think the world will be like when Satan is not present and able to deceive people?*

The first resurrection and the millennium (4-6)

3. (4-6) We read next of the first resurrection and the reign of the martyrs and saints. All will rise at one point, some to eternal life and others to eternal disgrace. *Who will take part in the first resurrection?* (See also Daniel 12:2, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The final rebellion (7-10)

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4. (7-9) Satan will be released from the abyss prison. He will try to deceive nations once again. We may think, why would God do this? His ways are mysterious. (Isaiah 55:8-9) *What do you think will happen when he is released?*

5. For a thousand years, Jesus will have been reigning, and the world will thrive under His rule. Despite all this, people will rebel against God in great numbers when Satan is released "for a short time." *What does this tell us about the nature of man?* (Jeremiah 17:9, John 10:10, James 4:7)

The final judgment (11-15)

6. (11) The first thing John sees is a "large white throne." *Who do you think is sitting on it? What makes you think that?* (John 5:22, 2 Corinthians 5:10)

7. (12) "Then another scroll was opened, the book of life." *What do you think is the significance of the book of life?*

8. (339) It is a very disturbing to think that those who reject God will have eternal suffering. *What would you say to someone who says that a God who would allow people to go to hell is not good?* (Mark 9:43, Romans 14:12-13, Mathew 25:32-34, Romans 1:21-23, Proverbs 16:11)

What else stood out for you in these chapters?

For your personal prayer:

The millennium should give us hope. This period will allow Jesus to show the world how it should function as it was designed to be. We have something amazing to look forward to. Pray about how this hope can and will help you in times of trial and difficulties.