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The Scripture: Revelation 20:1-5

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.

And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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Why a millennium?

1. Christ will openly manifest His kingdom in world history. This also represents a fulfillment of all God's covenant promises to His people.
2. A millennium will reveal that man's rebellion against God is a heart issue of man and not specifically a deception of Satan. Even when Satan is bound and righteousness reigns, some will still rebel.
3. The release of Satan following the millennium reminds us that God's city is invincible and God's authority supreme.
4. The millennium provides a period of preparation for eternity where the ugliness of sin for the previous period is exercised.

A look at the verses

1. What is the bottomless pit? Why is it significant?
2. A literal or figurative 1000 years?
3. What happens then?

4. Interesting meaning of beheaded
5. The 1st and 2nd recognition: knowing the difference

Thoughts, observations, and principles

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