



Focus of Postmillennialism:

The grandeur and power of the ascended Lord available to the church in its mission. (Matt 28:18-20; Eph 1:19-23)

Growth of the Kingdom (Matt 13:31-33; Dan 2:35, Ezek 47:1-12)

Reign and Subdual of Enemies (1 Cor 15:22-26; Col 1:12-13)

- Second Coming as the end (1 Cor 1:7-8)

Global Scope and Comprehensiveness of Redemptive Plan (John 12:32; Rev 7:9-10;

- Includes Ethnic Israel (Rom 11:25-26)

Revelation 20:1-6

Is the second coming of Christ described in Rev 19:11-21?

- These verses refer to Christ's progressive victory prior to the parousia
- I saw heaven opened (Rev 19:11; Acts 7:56)

Is the second coming of Christ presupposed in Rev 20:1-6?

- Great White Throne refers to second coming of Christ (Rev 20:11; Matt 25:31)

When exactly is Satan bound? (Rev 20:2)

- During the Millennium, prior to Christ's return (but not yet . . .) (1 Pet 5:8; 1 John 5:19)
 - Satan's power was broken at the Cross but his resistance persists (Col 2:15)
 - Binding means (see Dan 9:15)
 - Unable to deceive the nations (Rev 20:8)
 - Unable to organize opposition to the Church (Rev 20:3)
 - He is released just prior to the parousia (Rev 20:7-8; 2 Thess 2:1-7; Luke 17:26-30))
- New Heavens and New Earth (Ch 21) = eternal state

Is the thousand years literal or symbolic? (Rev 20:2,4-6)

- Could be literal, likely symbolic

Are the thrones in heaven or on earth? (Rev 20:4)

- On earth
 - 24 Elders reign on heavenly thrones (Rev 11:16)
 - No mention of thrones in these verses

Is the first resurrection a physical or a spiritual reality? (Rev 20:4-5)

- A spiritual reality
 - Key, chain and dragon are physical symbols of spiritual realities (Rev 20:1-2)
 - Parallel passage in Ezekiel describes spiritual resurrection (Ezek 37:1-14)
- Implicit second resurrection is physical at end of age
- Resurrection can be spiritual (Matt 22:31-32; Eph 2:6; Col 2:12, 3:1)