

The Millennium
Revelation 20

Track 2: This is for those who wish to dig deeper and have more time to commit. Read the daily Scripture passages and work through the questions provided. Recording your insights in a journal will increase your retention and give you a record of what God is doing in your life.

Pastor Dave has focused on the truth that God, the uncreated, everlasting Creator of the Universe, is perfectly just and right. He created everything good. Rebellion began with Satan who has been defeated through Christ's victorious life, death and resurrection for the salvation of all who will repent, believe and follow Him. We must choose to stand firm in the faith, turning from Satan's desire to drag us down as slaves to sin and defeat; to live as children of THE King (who owns us, and provides the Holy Spirit for the power). God's grace received through faith in Christ is what keeps us in The Book of Life of the Lamb Who Was Slain. God will send Satan and all of his people to Hell, which is a real, forever home for all who are against Christ. Choose to give God honor and glory by believing, following, and living for the eternal kingdom of God!

The message frequently reminds us of the main theme of the book:
The world is getting darker. Opposition to Christ and his church is getting stronger.
But God is in control, and in the end, God wins. So stand firm in your faith.

DAILY: Read Matthew 6:5-13. In your personal prayer time, record in a journal:

- What are you learning about who God is?
- Thank God for what the Holy Spirit is revealing about God's attributes or character. Thank God for answers to prayers.
- Confess and repent of sins you see and ask Him to reveal those you don't. Commit humbly in your daily life to apologize where necessary and take other corrective actions that God directs you to do.
- Then, petition Him with your requests.

Monday: Read Revelation 12:9, 12, Luke 10:18, Romans 3:23, 6:23

Pastor Dave notes that God created EVERYTHING good, yet Satan chose to rebel. We must be alert to Satan's attempts to drag us down and hold us captive as slaves. All of us can be held wholly or in part to sins and harmful behaviors, which destroy us. God holds ultimate authority, however. Believers are no longer slaves...we are to live above those patterns by leaning humbly in to the Holy Spirit to transform us!

1. Satan was cast down from where? Why? What had his role been?
2. "The Great Dragon", "The Ancient Serpent", "The Devil" (don't forget "The Accuser" also!) are references from earlier Bible passages. Can you recall some of the scenes and how he works?...note them here.
3. What does Satan take pleasure in? Why?
4. Who has ultimate power? How do we resist Satan's power?

Tuesday: Read Revelation 20: 4-6

Pastor Dave noted that the more we love Christ, the more we demonstrate our faith. Faith not demonstrated is evidence lacking.

1. Who sat on thrones? Why?
2. What will their role be, when, where?
3. How can we become more like Christ, to be His dignified ambassadors, to resist Satan like those noted in #1? (See Ephesians 6:10-18)

Wednesday: Read Revelation 20:7-10

Satan is released from the Abyss, his prison in these verses. Who releases him? On whose authority?

1. What does Satan attempt? How much time does he have? How successful is he?
2. What is Satan and his rebellious followers' destiny? (read the verses in a few different versions of the Bible for additional clarity)

Thursday: Read Revelation 20:11-15, Isaiah 55:8-9, Luke 12:5, Matthew 5:29-30

Pastor Dave noted that Hell is a real place. Hell is the certain destination for all who claim it does not exist (those who reject Jesus Christ, and take for granted His sacrifice). God's justice is perfect and we must trust Him in his judgment. The perfect Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, paid for our sins, suffered on our behalf, in order that we may live freely in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit with access to the Father. Jesus is the resurrected and ascended Lord of life. He is THE Returning King. All who believe and follow Him approach the judgment day with confidence, with Christ as our advocate and our names written in the Book of Life of the Lamb. The Deceiver Accuser is already defeated on our behalf, and we must not live as his defeated slaves!

1. What is "The Great White Throne Judgment"?
2. Who is judged? On what basis? How is the verdict determined for each one?
3. In verse 14, what else is finished?

Friday: Review Revelation 20

1. How does Pastor Dave's three key points: (1) *The Defeat of Satan*, (2) *The Depth of Sin*, and (3) *The Certainty of Judgment* enhance your understanding of End Times Prophecy and your confidence in sharing it with others? How has it changed your perspective on what you see happening in the world, how believers are being treated, and how you can respond?
2. How can you now better explain the Holiness of God and the sinfulness of man to others?
3. How does an understanding of God's wrath give you a greater appreciation of the Gospel?