5. What current attitudes and actions play a part in what we will do during the Millennial Kingdom? See Luke 19:12-19; 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

6. Who are "the rest of the dead" in verse 5? Are they a part of the first resurrection? If not, what are they resurrected to? See vv. 11-13.

7. What is the "second death" in verse 6? (cf. Rev. 2:11; 20:14) There is a quote that says: "Those who are born twice die once. Those who are born once die twice." What is meant by that? How is a person born twice? See John 3:3-8.

8. Rev. 20:3 says Satan "must be released for a short time" **AFTER** the 1,000 years is over. What does he do then and what ultimately happens to him in 20:7-10? If the Millennial Kingdom begins with only believers (Mt. 25:41), who are the people Satan will deceive to come and fight against Jesus? Why would they do that after 1,000 years of idyllic conditions? What lessons do we learn about the depravity of fallen angels and of fallen man in these verses? How does this answer the statement of skeptics that if they could personally see Jesus here on earth, they would believe in Him? What does this say about the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory? Do people repent in hell?

9. What does Rev. 20:10 tell us about the nature and length of suffering in the lake of fire? Does this verse support annihilationism? What does this tell us about God's amazing grace and His sovereign work of salvation? See Eph. 2:8-10; John 1:10-13; Jn. 6:44, 60-65.

10. Will you be part of the first resurrection so that the second death has no power over you? Will you rule and reign with Jesus? Are you sure? Explain to others how you know for sure. Does that make you want to sing, "Joy to the World"?

11. Who do you know that needs salvation from God's coming wrath? Pray for them and plan a time to tell them Who Jesus is and What He has done for them. Call them to repent and believe so they can enjoy the times of refreshing (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:18-23) that will come in the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20) and then ultimately in the Eternal State (Rev. 21-22).

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"The Millennial Kingdom – Part 2"

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[4] Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [5] The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

c. Satan's Release, Revolt, and Ruin (7-10) - after

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from
his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the
four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for
the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And
they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp
of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven
and devoured them. 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown
into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false
prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever
and ever.

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Read the lyrics to the song, **"Joy to the World."** Why do we sing it at Christmastime? What is the song about? Read Genesis 3. What is the "**curse**"? How far-reaching is the impact of the curse? How has the curse impacted our relationship with God? Our relationship with other humans? Our relationship to the rest of creation?

2. Revelation 20:1-10 tells us of a future time in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus when the **curse will be reversed**. How do the following verses describe that time (Mt. 19:28; Acts 3:19, 21; Rev. 19:16; Lk. 1:32)?
   - For extra fun, read Is. 9:6f; Zech. 14:9-11, 16-21; Is. 11:4; Micah 4:3; Is. 11:6-9; 35:1f; 65:20-25.

3. According to Rev. 20:1-3, what will happen **BEFORE** the idyllic conditions of the Millennial Kingdom? What is Satan currently doing to mess up our lives? What do you think it will be like when he is locked up?

4. According to Rev. 20:4-6, what will be happening **DURING** the Millennial Kingdom? The Bible describes four groups of believers that will be on thrones. Who are they? See Dan. 7:18, 27; Mt. 19:28; 1 Cor. 6:2; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 2:26; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4) What specifically will they be doing? How do we know that their resurrection is physical, not spiritual? How do we know this will take place on earth, not in heaven?