Revelation 20. From Armageddon to the Start of the Millennium. Following the return of Christ, several events happen. Pre-Millennialists consider the second advent of Christ preceding a millennial kingdom on earth. During the 1000-year reign of Christ all the covenant promises made to Israel are fulfilled, Israel becomes chief nation on the earth. Revelation, literally fulfilled by chapters 6 thru 19 cover a 7-year tribulation period ending with the return of Christ. If the population of the earth when the tribulation begins is 10 billion, according to the book of Revelation at least 47% will die in the first 3 1/2 years. In addition, in the second half a substantial amount of those left will join the kingdom of the Beast, be killed as martyrs or die from the bowl judgments. Revelation 20 is generally viewed as a crux interpretum in the debate over the timing and nature of the millennium. In verses 1–3, the apostle John describes a vision in which Satan is bound and imprisoned in the abyss for a thousand years. Pre-millennialists consider this passage to be compelling evidence for a future millennium, because this restriction of Satan is clearly incompatible with his activity and influence in the present age. The Premillennial Argument. In Rev 20:1–3, the apostle John’s vision focuses on the status of Satan during the millennial reign of Christ: Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.