

(1) If it can be done, define each of the three major “millennial” views: Premillennialism, Amillennialism, and Postmillennialism. If you’re not familiar with these labels, at least describe the view that you have believed and why.

(2) What does John mean when he speaks of the “binding of Satan” for 1,000 years? If this occurred in the first century as a result of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, in what sense is Satan bound (i.e., what is he prevented from doing?) and in what sense is he still on the loose?

(3) My view, known as amillennialism, believes that the so-called “millennium” is coterminous with the present church age and describes the experience of the saints with Christ in the intermediate state. What does all this mean? What is the intermediate state? Compare Revelation 20:4-6 with Revelation 6:9. If the latter clearly refers to the intermediate state (and everyone agrees that it does), what does this tell us about the meaning of 20:4-6?

(4) I identified the “final battle” in 20:7-10 with the battle of Armageddon described earlier in Revelation 16. Do you agree with this? If not, why not? I also believe this final battle described in 20:7-10 is identical with the battle described in Revelation 19:11-21. It happens at the time of Christ’s second coming. Do you agree?

(5) Talk about the description of the final judgment in 20:11-15. Who is present at this judgment? On what basis are unbelievers judged? Why is it that Christians will not be judged on the basis of their “works” as found in the “books”? What does this passage tell us about the nature and duration of the punishment that will come upon unbelievers?