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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

# Revelation

## *Chapter 20*

*The King Reigns from Jerusalem*

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 20:6

*"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."*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in Revelation 20

This week we watch the deceiver put on a chain, the faithful sit on thrones, and every name checked against one book. Revelation 20 takes away my favorite excuse — that my circumstances are the problem — and points me to the only thing that will matter at the end: whether my name is written in the book of life.

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Revelation study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# The Deceiver on a Chain

READ · REVELATION 20:1–3

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**List the actions the angel takes against the dragon in verses 1–3. What is the stated reason for locking him up?**

REFLECT

**It takes one unnamed angel to bind Satan (vv. 1–2). How does that change the way I think about the temptations that feel bigger than me?**

REFLECT

**Satan is locked away "so that he would not deceive the nations any longer" (v. 3). Where has a lie been running my life — about God, about myself, or about what I need?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write down one lie you have believed and the truth from God's Word that answers it. Read the truth aloud when the lie comes back today.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 20:6)

DAY 2 OF 5

# Faithful and Enthroned

READ · REVELATION 20:4–6

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Who does John see in verse 4, and what two things did they refuse to do?**

REFLECT

**These men lost their lives "because of their testimony of Jesus" (v. 4). Where am I staying quiet about Jesus because speaking up would cost me something?**

REFLECT

**"Over these the second death has no power" (v. 6). What fear about death, or about my past, does this promise speak to?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Speak for Jesus today in one place where you have been silent — a conversation, a phone call, or an honest word with a friend.**

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DAY 3 OF 5

# The Heart Is the Problem

READ · REVELATION 20:7–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What happens when Satan is released after the thousand years (vv. 7–9)? How long does the rebellion last before it ends?**

REFLECT

**After a thousand years of a perfect King, the nations still rebel (vv. 8–9). When have I told myself that a new place, a new job or a new relationship would fix me?**

REFLECT

**Fire comes down from heaven and the war is over in one verse (v. 9). Which fight in my life do I keep treating as if the outcome were still in doubt?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Ask God for a new heart in the one area you have been blaming on your circumstances, and tell your sponsor or a brother what it is.**

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DAY 4 OF 5

# Before the Throne

READ · REVELATION 20:11–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Who stands before the great white throne (v. 12), and what two kinds of books are opened?**

REFLECT

**The dead are judged "according to their deeds" (vv. 12–13), and nothing is left out. If I were counting on my good to outweigh my bad, how would these verses unsettle me?**

REFLECT

**"The great and the small" stand there together (v. 12). How does it change the way I see powerful men, and forgotten men, to know all will answer to one Judge?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Thank Jesus specifically that your sins were judged at the cross, and write a short prayer of trust in His work instead of yours.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 20:6)

DAY 5 OF 5

# Is My Name Written?

READ · REVELATION 20:14–15

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What is thrown into the lake of fire in verse 14, and what single test decides each person's end in verse 15?**

REFLECT

**Death and Hades themselves are thrown away (v. 14). What would it mean for me to live this week as a man whose last enemy has already been defeated?**

REFLECT

**Verse 15 asks only whether a name is "found written in the book of life." How do I know my name is there — and whose name do I long to see written there too?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Pray by name for one person who may not yet belong to Christ, and take one concrete step toward him this week.**

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**Satan is not bound yet (v. 3). What practical habits help us stay alert to his deceptions as a group?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**The saints will be "priests of God and of Christ" (v. 6). What does serving as a priest look like for a man in his home and at work right now?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**The rebellion of verses 8–9 shows that a perfect environment cannot change a heart. How should that shape the way we walk with men in recovery?**

MY PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, Judge of all the earth, thank You that my name can be written in Your book by grace, and today I…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 20:6

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