

also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the <sup>adop</sup>redemption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

~~Before reading the passage from Revelation 20, I shall read~~

Revelation 20:1-6. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

We see that the millenium, or golden age is to be a period of universal righteousness and happiness and peace on earth, when Satan shall be bound.

Dr. David Brown of Glasgow sees ~~the~~ spiritual forces, "not only defeating Antichrist, but thereafter, for a thousand years, never permitting the devil to gain an inch of ground to plant his foot on over the wide world."

Charles Hodge describes the millenium, also from the