

these few verses he tells us that it is to last a thousand years, or (if one is to use the Latin word for thousand years) "a millennium".

The little pamphlet which gave impetus to Dr. Gasbelein to write the timely brochure which this foreword introduces, endeavors to prove that the Millennium described in Revelation 20 began at the first coming of Christ and is now in process. This cannot be done if Revelation 20 is to be brought into relationship with the glorious predictions of the Old Testament, unless a "liberal" attitude is to be taken toward these promises, or their relationship with Revelation 20 to be severed. To the intelligent and believing Christian neither is possible. "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder".

The pamphlet makes much of a claim that the binding of Satan described in Revelation 20 occurred at the beginning of the present age. This is based upon a tenuous inference from Matthew 12:26 and the parallel passage in Luke 11:21-23. The inference is far too indefinite to bear the weight placed upon it, as is easily seen by examination of the two passages. It is true indeed that all the blessings of the millennial age, and all the glory of Christ's victory over Satan rests back upon the atonement effected at Calvary. Yet this does not mean that the victory there secured was immediately made fully effective. It is hard to conceive of anyone actually believing that everything won at Calvary is already operative. Surely world conditions today show beyond a doubt that Christ's victory is far from being worked out in full as yet. Satan's power was destroyed at Calvary