

Revelation 20:4-6 Notes

“The souls of them that were beheaded” (Perfect passive participle, genitive masculine plural of *telekos* – τελεκίζω) – this is the Greek word for *AXE*, an execution instrument!

Do we have record of any others beheaded in the Bible? Read [Matt. 14:3-12](#) and [Mark 6:24-29](#) – John the Baptist. What about Paul? The Bible does not tell us the exact time or manner of the Apostle’s death, and secular history has yet to provide definite information; but evidence highly suggests that his death likely occurred after a missionary journey, ending in 67 AD. Paul was likely beheaded by the Romans under Emperor Nero sometime around May or June of 68 AD. Nero himself died by suicide, on June 9th of the same year.

“Beheaded” – Many will be faithful, and *Executed for Christ!*

- 1) Because of the *“witness of Jesus”*
- 2) Because of the *“Word of God”* – ***THAT IS STICKING WITH GOD’S WORD WHATEVER THE COST!***
- 3) *“Did not worship the beast”* – Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire.
- 4) *“Neither his image”*
- 5) *“Did not receive his ‘mark’”*
- 6) *“Lived and reigned with Christ 1,000 years”*.

Remember the segments of the 1st Resurrection.

1. Jesus Christ has been raised first.
2. At the Rapture at the end of the Church Age (dead and living – I Thess. 4).
3. At the 2nd Advent after the 7 years of Tribulation – Tribulational martyrs will get resurrection bodies along with Old Testament Saints. Then the living of the Tribulation will move into physical bodies and will move into the Millennium.
4. After the Millennium will be the time for the resurrection bodies for all Millennium saints.

There are two general resurrections:

- First – Saved
- Second – Resurrection of lost

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Rev. 20:5

“Rest of the dead (lost) lived not again until the 1,000 years were finished.” (This is the *first Resurrection*, and goes with [Rev. 20:4 & 6.](#))

Rev. 20:6

“Blessed (makarios – μακάριος) and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power.”

Seven Beatitudes in Revelation:

1. [Rev. 1:3](#) – *“Blessed is he who reads... and hear...”*
2. [Rev. 14:13](#) – *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...”*
3. [Rev. 16:15](#) – *“Blessed He that ...watches”* – This is the alert believer in daily Bible study.
4. [Rev. 19:9](#) – *“The called – marriage supper of the Lamb...”*
5. [Rev. 20:6](#) – *“part in 1st resurrection”*
6. [Rev. 22:7](#) – *“keeps prophecy, sayings”*
7. [Rev. 22:14](#) – *“Blessed are those who wash their robes...”*

No matter how rough things get, the believer with Spiritual Food can go right on.

“Blessed and HOLY” now refers to *Ultimate Sanctification*.

In this verse we have *“second death”* (Study now the [8 types of Death](#) and [8 categories of death](#)).

Conclusions about the death during the Millennium (from one of our Bible students):

1. The lack of physical death during the Millennium will create *many Sarahs and Abrahams – Old Parents!*
2. The infant mortality rate will be zero.
3. To have so many unbelievers (while Satan is bound up with no influence) demonstrates the power of the old sin nature and the depth of the free will God has given us through volition.

Re-read [verses 4-6](#).