

figurative. Satan cannot be bound with a literal, material chain. The key, the great chain and the seal cannot be understood literally. The whole is a figure and can mean no more than, that, when the time of the millennium arrives, or rather previous to it, JESUS CHRIST will lay effectual restraints on Satan, so that his powerful and prevailing influence, by which he had before deceived and destroyed a great part of mankind shall be wholly taken from him for a thousand years. And it is most natural to understand the other part of the description of this remarkable event to be represented in the same figurative language, as the whole is a representation of one scene; especially, since no reason can be given why it should not be so understood.

There is nothing expressly said of the resurrection of the body in this passage. St. John saw the souls of them which were beheaded for the witness of JESUS etc., and they lived and reigned with CHRIST a thousand years."

John Wesley says: They reigned with CHRIST in heaven not on earth.

Since it is our design not so much to speak of the Millennium as of the Intermediate state we shall add that resurrection of souls from paradise to heaven is quite in harmony with our theology and with the scriptures.

Having proven that there is nothing synonymous