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Revelation 20:1-15

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the **dragon**, that **serpent of old**, who is the **Devil and Satan**, and bound him for a **thousand years**; ³and he cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that **he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished**. But **after these things he must be released for a little while**.

⁴And I saw thrones, and **they** sat on them, and judgment was committed to **them**. **Then**, I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for their **witness to Jesus and for the word of God**, who had **NOT** worshiped the beast or his image, and had **NOT** received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and **reigned with Christ** for a thousand years. ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the **FIRST RESURRECTION**. ⁶Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has **NO** power, but they shall be **priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years**.

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, **Satan will be released from his prison** ⁸and will go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the **camp of the saints and the beloved city**. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the **Lake of Fire and Brimstone** where the **beast and the false prophet** are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever**.

¹¹Then I saw a **Great White Throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face **the earth and the heaven fled away**. And there was **found no place for them**. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and **books were opened**. And another book was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And the dead were **judged according to their works**, by the **things which were written in the books**. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and **Death and Hades** delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were **JUDGED, each one according to his works**. ¹⁴Then **Death and Hades** were cast into the **Lake of Fire**. This is the **second death**. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the **Lake of Fire**.

Revelation 20:1-6 – Satan put in the Bottomless Pit - The Millennial Earthly Reign of Christ

1. **Satan is bound** for 1000 years in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3)
 - a. It just takes one angel to do this.
 - b. It is Satan **and** all his angels – those demons will **not** be loose on earth during that 1000 years
It is always Satan (who is the head of his empire) **and** his host of demons
(ref.: “**before our time**” and “**abyss**” or “**bottomless pit**” → Matt. 8:28-29; Luke 8:28-31)
 - c. Notice that Satan is the one who is the **chief deceiver** of all the people of all the nations
 - d. When he is bound, there will be **nothing** left on earth that will **fan the flames of the sin** in the hearts of sinful, fallen mankind when Christ is reigning all of over the earth and the universe.
2. **Christ will reign on David’s Throne** in Jerusalem, **with His people**. The **Bride of Christ** will be by His side. Everyone who was in the **Wedding** in **Rev. 19:6-9** will **rule and reign with Christ** during the **Millennium**, all over the earth. This includes those who were **killed** for their faith during the Tribulation. Daniel 7:9-10,13-14,26-27 – the “**saints**” will rule with Christ. **Other ref’s**: 1 Cor. 6:2; Matt. 19:28; Rev. 5:9-10; Zech. 14:8-21; Micah 4:1-3; Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-16; 65:20-25; Ezek. 40-48; Jer. 33:14-17, and many more.

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satan is Released from the Bottomless Pit AFTER the 1000 years are completed

1. **Why?** This is always the Question. **Answer: Filtering and Choice**

After 1000 years of living under Christ's rule (ruling the nations with a Rod of Iron – Psalm 2) there will be External Peace, Goodness and Prosperity (in the physical world). There will **nothing** on the planet to cause people to sin. **No stumbling blocks**. Thus, folks who are still fallen, sinful, in their heart, that are not saved, not redeemed, not Born Again in Christ ... they will still be Unrepentant Sinners. **But**, there is **nothing** that will **Fan the Flames of the Fire of Sin** in their hearts. There will be **No Temptations on the Earth**. So, folks will be nice, good **citizens** under Christ. But, they have had **NO Choices** during that 1000 years. They will look, in all intents and purposes, **like** "born again" people. **BUT, they will not be**. Certainly, during that 1000 years, folks will **personally** take Jesus Christ, as their Personal Lord, King, God, and Savior – that what He did on the Cross, His Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection – is enough, and trust in Christ and His Finished Work of Redemption for their **Salvation**. There will be people **coming to Christ during the Millennium**. BUT, there will be those who **do not**. Under the **best conditions** mankind has ever had since Adam and Eve fell into sin, folks will still **refuse** to bow the knee of their hearts in full surrender to Jesus Christ, even when He will be there, Physically, in Jerusalem, Israel. For some reason they will **LIKE** what Satan has to say to them, fully agree with Him, and allow themselves to be deceived by Him. **They will believe the LIE (filtering)**

2. **Clarification:** the reference to **Gog & Magog** is **NOT** a reference to Ezek. 38 & 39. Those chapters parallel Armageddon in Revelation 16 & 19 (e.g.: **birds** eating the army of God's enemies, etc.)

This is a reference to the **regional area** of those people groups, who will be deceived, again, by Satan **AFTER** the Millennium is over.

Hint: It gives us a hint as to those same people groups and regions, today, who are currently under the delusion of Islam. **Islam, therefore, is of Satan** (that was free clue)

3. **This Rebellion** is Crushed very quickly, from Heaven to Earth ... and Satan is thrown directly into the Lake of Fire. **"And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."** (Rev. 20:10)

This is a different battle than that of Ezekiel 38 & 39 (ref. Rev. 16 & 19)

The Lake of Fire (as referenced in Revelation 14; Matt. 25:31-46) is the Final Destination of Judgment. It was, **originally**, created for the Devil and his angels. So when Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire, that includes all his angels (the demons), as well. It is a place of Punishment, Torment, and Torture – **FOREVER**.

4. God is letting us know all about the **Lake of Fire – NOW** – so that we can warn others to **NOT** go there. There is **NO** other reason to let us know about this, **NOW**. God is giving the whole world more chances to come to Christ ... even during the Millennium (for 1000 years AFTER the Tribulation). God's Long Suffering is Full of His Love, Mercy, and Grace.

Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment – Jesus Christ will be Presiding at the Judge

1. **Christ is the Judge** (Acts 10:42; 17:31; John 5:22, 27; 9:39; Rom. 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 19:11)

2. **Only** those who are **NOT** Saved in Christ, **NOT** "Born Again", **NOT** Redeemed by the Blood of Christ will be at this Judgment. From Adam until the last person born on planet earth, up to this point in time. **Not found in the Book of LIFE? So, how can a person get their name written in this Book?** Why mention it this way? Why enumerate this? **It's Warning and an Encouragement!!!**

3. **These Unrepentant Sinners are Judged according to their works – Books are Opened.**

This should **scare** folks to run to Christ to be saved. Everything anyone has ever done, that is sinful against God, is **written down**. Billions upon billions of books with trillions of lines of "sinful works" written in them. Everyone will be shown their own books, **and** will have no excuses. Their mouths will be shut, they will have their head drooping and will agree. Every Knee will bow, whether freely or forced at this Great White Throne Judgment. (**Philip. 2:5-11**)

4. **This is the time that matches "everything will be burned up with fire" before the New Heavens and the New Earth appears** – "[the] face of the earth and the heaven **fled away...**" (Rev. 20:11) Compare with 2 Peter 3:10-13 – because after the Great White Throne Judgment is the New Heavens and the New Earth. It is **renewed** – that is what is meant here ... renewed into Holiness and Righteousness ... **cleaned, purified, and no more taint of sin remaining**.

5. **Lake of Fire – burning with Fire and Brimstone, forever**. Torment, Torture, and Punishment, **FOREVER**. There are couple more reminders in Revelation chapters 21 & 22, again. **We've been Warned. Unless a person is Born Again, in Christ, they will go to the Lake of Fire, forever.**