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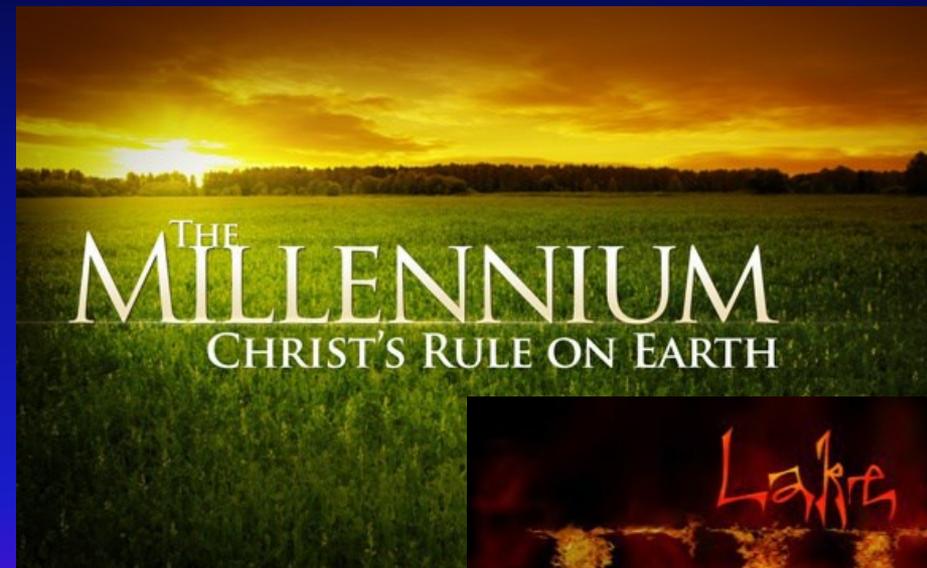


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Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 23

The Millennium and Beyond

Revelation 20:1-15



THE
MILLENNIUM
CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH



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Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and 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.

Revelation 20:1-6 - Satan put in the Bottomless Pit for 1000 years

- The Millennial Reign of Christ for 1000 years on Earth from Jerusalem

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 (“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.

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Revelation 20:4-6

4 And 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. **5** But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the **FIRST RESURRECTION**. **6** Blessed 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.

Revelation 20:1-6 - Satan put in the Bottomless Pit for 1000 years - The Millennial Reign of Christ for 1000 years on Earth from Jerusalem

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.

Training to **Rule and Reign** with Christ forever ...

Preparation (**now**), some Training while in Heaven ...

And, then **1000 years** of **On the Job** Training **BEFORE**
the **New Heavens** and the **New Earth**

We will, then, rule and reign with Christ – **Forevermore** (Rev. 22:5)

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Revelation 20:7-10

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and 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. ⁹ They 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. ¹⁰ The 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.

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satan is Released

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 be 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 like “born again” people, **BUT they will not be**. 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)

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satan is Released

2. **Clarification:** the reference to Gog & Magog is **NOT** a ref. 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)

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.

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satan is Released

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.

Remember, SATAN, all his demons, the AntiChrist (the Beast), and the False Prophet do NOT have God's Grace towards them. The Angelic World does not have afforded to them the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, only Humans do. Therefore, we need NOT Fear Satan or his hosts of demons.

We need to Warn Humans before it is too late.

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Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then 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. ¹² And 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. ¹³ The 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. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment

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 both a 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 with God regarding his indictments against them. Every Knee will bow at this Great White Throne Judgment. (Philip. 2:5-11)**

Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment

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 - there will be → the New Heavens and the New Earth. It will all be 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.

God wants us to Warn lost sinners that there is a Day of Judgment coming ... but this can be avoided, by trusting in Jesus Christ and His Finished Work of Redemption ... calling sinners to Repentance and Faith.

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

