

Series: The Glorious Appearing

Title: The Millennial Kingdom & Final Judgment

Text: (Revelation 20:1-15)

Introduction

- A.** Four tremendous revelations in the chapter
1. The binding of Satan (Rev 20:1-3)
 2. The millennium (Rev 20:4-6)
 3. The loosing of Satan & his final perdition (Rev 20:7-10)
 4. The Great White Throne Judgment of the wicked dead (Rev 20:11-15)
- B.** Chap 19 closed with battle of Armageddon, At which the Lord intervenes openly in human history
1. The beast & false prophet, kings, nations & armies of the earth are destroyed.
 2. Satan has led them into the winepress of wrath and judgment of God.
 - a. God has singled him out for a special & unusual judgment & damnation

I. The Golden Age: (Vs 1-10)

A. The Devil Is Bound: (Vs 1-3)

(Vs 1) John's View is on the Earth.

(Vs 1) Angel comes down with the Key & a Chain.

1. He comes in God's Authority: (Key) (Rev 1:18)
2. He comes on God's Assignment to lock the pit. Same key to lock as the angel (Rev 9:1-3) to open it.
3. He has a chain of divine making (Jude 6)

(Vs 2) The four names of Satan

"Laid Hold"-God is Always in Control

Proof that God could have done this at any moment.

Even Satan Plays a part in God's Plan & Purpose.

1. Described by four names, in same order as in (Ch 12:9)
2. Two Describe his Personality:
 - a. **Dragon** – refers to his leadership of the beast governments of the world
 - b. **Serpent** – refers to his appearance in Eden (Gen 3) Deceiver: (1 Tim 2:14) 4 times God warns us to "*Be Not Deceived*"
3. Two are Personal Names:
 - a. **Devil** – *diabolos*; a Liar & Murderer (John 8:44)
 - b. **Satan** – same in Hebrew, Greek, English; Means "*the accuser of the Brethren*" (Rev 12:10)

(Vs 2) "*bound him a thousand years*"

Bound with the Chain for a thousand years; Largest Prison Sentence in History

(Vs 3) The Bottomless Pit Vs. The Lake of Fire

1. Devil cast into the Bottomless Pit, (Matt 25:41) "*Shut him up*" "*Set a seal upon him*" "*That he should deceive the nations no more*" "*Till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*" Then loosed for a season (Rev 20:3b) Then cast in judgment into lake of fire (Rev 20:10) Beast & False Prophet are cast in lake of fire (Rev 19:20)

2. – Bottomless Pit - Hell
 - a. 9 ref in NT, 7 ref in Revelation (Lk 8:31, Rom 10:7)
 - b. Legion of demons in the Gadarene demoniac did not want to be sent to the Bottomless Pit (Lk 8:31)

3. Lake of Fire: Final place of eternal punishment of the damned: (Rev 19:20, 20:10)
 - a. First to be cast into hell are the beast & false prophet;
 - b. Second is the Devil;
 - c. Third are those whose names are not written in Book of Life (Rev 19:20, 20:10, 15)

4. The urgency & immediacy of gospel preaching:
(Lk 10:20, Prov 9:10, Matt 10:28)

A. *The Devil Is Bound: (Vs 1-3)...*

B. The Saints Will Reign: (Vs 4-6)

The Millennial Reign of Christ

(Vs 2-6) all mention a 1000 years

Mille~ 1000

Nial~ Years (Like Annual flowers)

Why 1000 years:

(Deut 7:9) *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;*

(1 Chron 16:15-19) 1000 generations.

Describes it as a time of Peace: (Is 11:6-12)

(Vs 4) *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:* (1Cor 6:2-3)

and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;
(Rev 6:9-11)

and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

There must be a Resurrection of the Tribulation Saints here.

Christ arose 1st: (1 Cor 15:20)

Pre-Trib Raptured Saints: (1 Cor 15:23)

They are Changed at this event (1 or 15:51-52)

Tribulation Saints: (Rev 20:4-6)

A. *The Devil Is Bound: (Vs 1-3)...*

B. *The Saints Will Reign: (Vs 4-6)...*

C. The Last Rebellion: (Vs 7-10)

1. Marks end of millennium

– Satan loosed for a season;

- Deceives nations into rebellion

2. **(Vs 7) Why** must he be loosed?

a. Those who grew up in the millennium have never had the chance to choose between good and evil – they have never been tried

b. **(Vs 8) There is no Reforming of Satan:**

Satan does not change – still diabolical & merciless

c. Man does not change – at first opportunity to rebel he does so

i. Three unclean spirits deceived the rulers and armies into Armageddon

(Rev 16:13-16)

- ii. Here the last human confederacy is deceived.

Perfect Environment is no Guarantee of Godliness.

(Gen 3) Initial Example

(Rev 20) Complete Example

- 3. God seizes Satan and casts him into hell, the lake of fire and brimstone. (Rev 20:10)
 - a. Hell not made for human soul
 - man goes there by choice: (Matthew 25:44)

I. The Golden Age: (Vs 1-10)...

II. The Final Judgment: (11-15)

The Bible teaches there will be a specific day of judgment.

(Ecc 12:14) *For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

(Matt 10:15) *Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

(Heb 9:27) *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

Human beings know Instinctively there is going to be a judgment:

Daniel Webster, the great statesman, while attending a luncheon was asked: *"What was the greatest thought to ever pass through your mind?"*

He replied, *"My accountability to God."*

Dr. R G Lee famous sermon *"Pay Day Someday!"*

Tells the true story Toni Jo, a girl on Death Row murder. She was facing death in the electric Chair for her crime.

On the day of her execution she was quoted as saying these words.

"Somehow I knew all along that God was running the show. I just thought that I could steal one act."

Down deep inside of us all...

We are aware of the fact that somewhere in the future...

In a time known only to God...

There is going to be a day of judgment.

A. THE SETTING DESCRIBED (Rev 20:11)

"And I saw a great white throne"

- 1. The Great White Throne

"Great" - World Wide in Scope.

- 2. The judge is Jesus Christ. (vs 11b)

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it,"

(Matt 25:31) *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

1st Time Jesus Came as Savior.

2nd Time Jesus comes as Judge.

(John 5:22) (Acts 17:31)

All Creation has been waiting for this day!

(2 Pet 3:7) *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

(Rev 1:13-16) Imagine what Jesus Looks like!

(Matt 27:22) In this day it is too late to answer Pilat's question-

“What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?”

Human Death closes the Door to heaven

We either Judge ourselves here, now!

Or Jesus will judge us Then & There.

(Vs 11) *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

(2 Pet 3:10) *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

No place to stand. No hiding place.

In the Garden of Eden: when Adam & Eve disobeyed & sinned against God.

The Bible says that they hid themselves among the trees.

They covered themselves with fig leaves.

But in those days there will be no place to hide.

In those days there will be no place to run.

Suspended in space.

All supports will snap. All religions will collapse.

All self-righteousness will melt.

All haughtiness and arrogance will pass away.

B. THE SUMMONS DELIVERED (Rev 20:12-13)

The 2nd or General Resurrection. (Vs 12-13)

1. Who will be called to the judgment?

Dead-Small and Great

The great sinners will be there.

The Hitlers, Mussolinis, Stalins, Caesars.

Sex Traffickers, Pedophiles, Pornographers, & Slavers.

The rock stars who have polluted the minds of people.

The authors who've corrupted the thinking of people.

The Small, ordinary, everyday Sinner.

The procrastinator: (Jonah 1:6)(Rom 10:9-10,13)

Those who have never heard the gospel. (Lk 12:47-48)

Mom's & Dad's;

Brothers & Sisters;

Somebodies Children & Grand-children.

Somebodies Co-Workers

Somebodies Neighbor

Somebodies Friend

Small 7 Great: &The In Between Sinner

The God-haters.

Those who blaspheme and make fun.

Those who ridicule the things of God.

There will be no exceptions.

All will be there and they will stand before God in the great white throne judgment.

The self-righteous

Lost church members: (Heb 2:2-4)

(1 Thes 4) tells us the Born again are not here.

Our Sins were paid for at Calvary

We have received the Righteousness of Christ (Rom 3:22)

That's why Paul could say (Rom 8:1)

(Jn 5:24) "*Passed from Death to Life*"

No believers will stand in this judgment.

No believers will stand before the great white throne
judgment as the accused and as the condemned.

So this is those who will take part in the second resurrection-
what is called in the Bible the resurrection of damnation.

It is called the resurrection of shame & everlasting contempt.

Lost people will be gathered.

They are in those same bodies,

with the same nature,

with the same essence,

with the same tendencies.

Now, their sin is fully matured.

C. THE SECRETS DISPLAYED (Rev 20:12-13)

"The Books are Opened"

(Jn 12:48) The Words of Jesus:

(Ex 32:32) 1st ref to the Book of Life

(Phil 4:3)

(Ps 69:28) "*The book of the living*"

1. Ecclesiastes 12:14

2. Romans 2:16

3. Matthew 12:36

4. Luke 12:2-3

D. THE SENTENCE DETERMINED (Rev 20:13-15)

1. The sureness of it (Rom 14:10-12)

2. The severity of it (Heb 10:28-31)

3. Three parts to every trial

a. The evidence is presented.

b. You make your defense.

c. The verdict is handed down.