

Revelation Part 15 | 8/20/17

- The binding of Satan after the battle at Armageddon. | Revelation 20:1-3
 - **Read Revelation 20:1-3**
 - After throwing the antichrist and the false prophet into the lake of fire, Jesus turns His attention to Satan.
 - Satan's time however is not yet for the lake of fire, he instead will be bound in the pit for a thousand years.
 - This pit is a holding place for fallen angels and demons. It is where the demonic locusts came from.
 - Satan will be removed from the earth so he can no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years has ended.
 - When Satan is released after the thousand years is when Jesus will permanently put an end to sin and Satan will then finally be thrown into the lake of fire where he will stay for an eternity.
- The judgment for those on the earth at Christ's 2nd coming. | Matthew 25:31-46
 - **Read Matthew 25:31-46**
 - After the battle at Armageddon there will be a judgement for those on the earth, however this is not the same as the "great white throne judgement".
 - This one only affects those living on the earth during this time, while the "great white throne" is for all the unrighteous of all time.
 - As Christ sits on his throne at His 2nd coming He will gather all the nations and separate the sheep from the goats.
 - **The sheep are the Christians, they will inherit the kingdom and have eternal life.**
 - All those who had faith in Christ during the tribulation are alive at this point will be allowed to enter into Christ's kingdom.
 - They will have eternal life and spend an eternity with Christ.
 - The goats are the unbelievers, they will be sent into hell to suffer for it will be an eternal punishment.
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9
 - "...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,"
- The millennial Kingdom | Revelation 20:4-6
 - **Read Revelation 20:4-6**
 - This will be a thousand-year time where Christ reigns on earth prior to the new heaven and earth is established.
 - **The time of the millennial kingdom will be a time on earth without Satan.**
 - Satan and his demons will not be on earth, the tempter will no longer be able to roam the world as a roaring lion for a thousand years.
 - **All who enter the millennial kingdom will be believers.**
 - Jesus has judged those on the earth and those who do not believe in Him will be cast out.
 - Those who are seated on the thrones
 - We are not told who will be seated on the thrones so we can only speculate.

- It is possible it could be the 12 disciples where were promised thrones to judge the 12 tribes.
 - Luke 22:29-30
 - It could be reference to all saints
 - Revelation 5:10
 - “and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”
 - **The saints, those who were martyred and those who lived through the tribulation will be in the millennial kingdom.**
 - The saints (Christians) who have been living with Christ will also reign with Him in the millennial kingdom.
 - 2 Timothy 2:12a
 - **“if we endure we will also reign with him...”**
 - Daniel 7:22
 - “until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, **and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.**”
 - **Believers will reign with Christ for an eternity, if He comes to earth to reign we will follow.**
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
 - “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, **and so we will always be with the Lord.**”
 - The tribulation saints, which are also the martyrs and those who refused the mark of the beast, will be present.
 - Everyone who lost their life in the tribulation that accepted Christ will be accepted into His kingdom.
 - 2 Timothy 2:11
 - “The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;”
 - **Those who survived the tribulation and never “died” that are Christians will enter into the millennial kingdom.**
 - The two resurrections
 - Scripture refers to two types of resurrections one is the “resurrection of life” and the other is the “resurrection of judgment.”
 - John 5:28-29
 - “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”
 - Daniel 12:12
 - “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
 - Acts 24:15

- “having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.”
- Resurrection of life (1st)
 - **Resurrection is not something that only pertains to Christ. The resurrection into everlasting life is what all Christians will experience.**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:12-26
 - **This first resurrection includes all believers throughout the ages either in rapture or tribulation. It is the resurrection of the “just” according to Jesus.**
 - Luke 14:14
 - “and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”
 - **Those who are in the first resurrection will reign with Christ for a thousand years and the second death will have no power over them.**
 - Revelation 20:6
 - “Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.”
 - **To be resurrected is to have a resurrected body in the image of Jesus.**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:49
 - “Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”
 - **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**
- Resurrection of judgment (2nd)
 - There is a second resurrection however that does not bring one to eternal life, this one brings one to the second death.
 - **The second death is to spend an eternity in the lake of fire.**
 - Revelation 20:14
 - “Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”
 - **This will take place at the END of the 1000-year kingdom at the great white throne.**
- The defeat of Satan | Revelation 20:7-10
 - After the 1000 years Satan will be released from the pit one final time.
 - This will be when Jesus makes a final and permanent end to sin and Satan.
 - At the cross is really where Jesus overcame sin. Because of the cross all who believe in Jesus are forgiven and made righteous.
 - But this did not rid the world of sin as Satan is still roaming the world like a roaring lion. However, we can now resist him because of Christ.
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”
 - Satan upon his release will deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth to gather them for battle.
 - This particular passage is perhaps one of the more difficult to understand because of this question:

- “Where did the nations that were able to be deceived by Satan come from?”
 - If the lost of the world were judged with the sheep and the goats at Christ coming how are there those who can be deceived when Satan is loosed 1000 years later?
 - **Scripture does not answer this question for us, it only tells us that there were people that Satan was able to tempt and deceive at the end of the 1000 years (not that sin was present).**
 - The most common answers to this from scholars and theologians based on human reason is as follows:
 - The millennial kingdom will consist of glorified saints in resurrected bodies, but also those who were alive at Christ 2nd coming who are believers. It is assumed that they will live and die as they have not been “resurrected”.
 - Isaiah 65:17-25
 - Those that Satan is able to tempt at the end of the millennial kingdom could be children of the descendants from those who survived the tribulation but never died.
 - There will be Christians who live during the time of Christ’s 2nd coming who never died and therefore have not received glorified bodies. They can still pro-create.
 - Their children while not living in sin during this time if they do not follow Christ could be tempted by Satan when he is released.
 - Those that Satan is able to tempt at the end of the millennial kingdom could be children of the descendants of the lost who were alive during Christ’s 2nd coming but were not judged because of their age.
 - That these children born from unsaved grew up then with a choice of following Christ or not.
 - They were not yet old enough to be judged a sheep or a goat at the end of Armageddon.
 - When Satan returns he is able to tempt them.
 - **Some things in Scripture (especially prophecy and future things) can be difficult to comprehend, if we struggle we must give it to God and know that some things He has chosen not to reveal all the details and we must accept that.**
 - Gog and Magog
 - These names have appeared before in Scripture back in Ezekiel 38 and 39.
 - The battle is similar, but certainly not the same one however the names used here will be given to the leader (Gog) and the armies (Magog).
 - Their numbers will be like the sand of the sea
 - There will be many in the world at this time who do not truly know Christ even though He is reigning on the earth. Once Satan is released they will fall into his last temptation and deceit.
 - They will circle the beloved city (Jerusalem) but will be destroyed by fire.
 - **This last futile attempt ends in a consuming fire and they are destroyed.**
 - Satan is then permanently defeated and is thrown into the lake of fire.
 - No more will Satan have an opportunity to deceive the world, he will live for an eternity in the lake of fire.
- The Great White Throne | Revelation 20:11-15
 - **Read Revelation 20:11-15**
 - This is the final resurrection for the lost of all time, that will be judged before Christ.
 - The books were opened.

- “The books”
 - The books contain a written record of everything that the lost being judged have done.
 - This will provide evidence for their eternal condemnation.
 - Daniel 7:9-10
 - “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”
 - **Some take this judgment based on the books to mean that there will be levels of punishment in hell. That some will have it worse than others.**
- The book of life
 - The book of life is the book that contains the names of all those who have faith in Christ.
 - However, none of those being judged at this throne will find their name in it. They lived their lives in denial of Christ.
- Death and Hades gave up the dead
 - Death is the condition while Hades is a place.
 - The relationship between sheol, Hades, Hell and the lake of fire.
 - Sheol
 - In the Old Testament, the place for the dead was called sheol.
 - When it was used it was a term for a general place for the dead without really distinguishing between righteous and unrighteous souls.
 - Hades
 - In the New Testament Hades is the Greek word used to designate the place for the dead like sheol.
 - However, in its usage it references the unrighteous, those who will be punished for an eternity.
 - Luke 16:22-23
 - “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. **The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment,** he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.”
 - The exception is when it is used when reciting an Old Testament passage and it used the word “sheol”.
 - Acts 2:27 and 31
 - **So the use of Hades in the New Testament can still be thought of as “hell”.**
 - Hell
 - The word translated “hell” comes from the Greek word “geenna” which means “Valley of Hinnom”
 - The Valley of Hinnom in the Old Testament was a ravine along the southern slope of Jerusalem that was used as a place to make sacrifices to foreign gods.
 - King Ahaz and King Manasseh made child sacrifices to the gods of Baal and Molech at this location.

- **In the New Testament, this valley was a garbage dump that was constantly burned and the fire never burned out. It was a true wasteland of fire and decay.**
 - Jesus spoke of hell several times and always referenced to it as a place of an unquenchable fire where the worm does not die.
 - Mark 9:43-48
 - “And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if you eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.”
 - Jesus spoke of two places that one would go, either the kingdom of God or into hell that destroys both soul and body.
 - Luke 13:28
 - “In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.
 - Matthew 10:28
 - “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”
 - Hell is a place of eternal torment and fire that never ceases.
 - Matthew 25:46
 - “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.
 - Matthew 25:41
 - “Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”
 - Hell is eternal separation from God.
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:9
 - “They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.”
 - **Hell is the destination for the unbelievers, it will be a place of eternal fire and torment.**
- The lake of fire
 - The lake of fire is only mentioned in the Book of Revelation.
 - Revelation 19:20
 - Revelation 20:10
 - Revelation 20:14-15
 - It is the last stop for Satan, his angels, the antichrist, false prophet and all the unbelievers of the world.

- Some see this as the “final hell” it is the place for the unbelievers after their judgment at the great white throne.
 - **While there is distinction between hell and the lake of fire using the general term of “hell” is quite sufficient.**
 - **The lake of fire is an extension of hell.**
- The unbelievers were judged and their names were not found in the book of life so they were thrown into the lake of fire.
 - **This of course contrasts that with the Christians who go directly to heaven.**
 - Luke 23:43
 - “And he said to him, Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
 - Philippians 1:23
 - “I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.”
- The new heaven and the new earth | Revelation 21:1-27
 - **Read Revelation 21:1-8**
 - The new heaven and new earth will literally be “heaven on earth”.
 - The world will be made new and the holy city “new Jerusalem” (capital city of heaven) will come down to earth.
 - **Before this happens however there must be a cleansing of the earth.**
 - The first verse tells us that the first heaven and earth had passed away.
 - This is the cleansing of the earth by fire spoken of by Peter.
 - 2 Peter 3:7
 - “But by the same word the heavens and the earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”
 - 2 Peter 3:10-13
 - “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”
 - God will dwell with man, his home (new Jerusalem) will come down from heaven.
 - What it is like emotionally and physically by being in heaven is revealed in these passages.
 - Not more tears, no more death, no crying or pain.
 - We are then given a physical description of new Jerusalem which is heaven. | Revelation 21:9-21
 - **Read Revelation 21:9-21**
 - A temple or place of worship is not present because that place of worship is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. | Revelation 21:22-27
 - **Read Revelation 21:22-27**
- The river of life that flows within heaven | Revelation 22:1-5
 - **Read Revelation 22:1-5**
 - The passage highlights the river of life that runs through heaven.

- Revelation closes with Jesus telling us that He is coming soon | Revelation 22:6-21
 - ***Read Revelation 22:6-21***
 - Jesus is coming soon, this should be the phrase that keeps us always looking to what is most important in our lives which is our relationship with Him and being obedient to what He has called us to do.
 - There is a world of unbelievers that will not get to spend an eternity with Christ in heaven unless they have faith in Him.
 - Christ has commissioned us to go into the world and to tell others about the Gospel.