

The Millennium and the Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20

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Introduction

- The seven year Tribulation Period has ended. Jesus has defeated Antichrist and his army and is ready to establish His earthly kingdom.
- In Revelation 20 we read of the binding of Satan during the Millennium (1,000 year reign of Jesus on earth).
- We also read of the two resurrections, one for the righteous, and one for the unsaved.

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The binding of Satan during the Millennium (1,000 years) 20:1-3

Revelation 20:1 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;

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The binding of Satan during the Millennium (1,000 years) 20:1-3

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.

- Satan is bound by an angel
- The period of the binding is 1,000 years

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The binding of Satan during the Millennium (1,000 years) 20:1-3

- The place of the binding is the bottomless pit
- The purpose of the binding – to no longer “deceive the nations.”

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The blessing bestowed upon Christians 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.

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- This verse says that the Tribulation martyrs who were executed for refusing the mark of the beast (Antichrist) will reign with Christ.
- Other verses in the Bible teaches that all the redeemed will reign with Christ.
- **2 Timothy 2:12** "If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us."
- **1 Corinthians 6:2** Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?

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- ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- The rest of the dead are the unbelievers of all ages who will not be resurrected until the Great White Throne judgment (vs. 12, 13).

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- 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.
- Scripture teaches there are two different resurrections: the "resurrection of life" and the "resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29; Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:15).

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- The first resurrection is the "resurrection of life" and includes only the redeemed.
- The second resurrection is the "resurrection of condemnation" and involves only the unsaved.
- If you are saved, you will participate in the first resurrection.

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The battle at the end of the Millennium 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.

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The battle at the end of the Millennium 20:7-10

- It seems Satan is loosed to reveal the character of those who were born to the believers who entered the Millennium at the beginning but have not put their faith in King Jesus.
- These Christ-rejecting sinners will unite to fight against King Jesus at the end of the Millennium.
- The name given to the army of rebels and its leaders at the end of the Millennium is "Gog and Magog"

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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.

- The place of sinner's final battle against Jesus will be earthly Jerusalem, the capitol city of King Jesus during the Millennium.

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The battle at the end of the Millennium 20:7-10

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.

- Satan is now cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the Antichrist and the false prophet are consigned.

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The Great White Throne judgment 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.

- King Jesus sits upon the throne to render justice and judgment to each sinner.
- John sees the contaminated universe go out of existence. (see 2 Peter 3:10-13).

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The Great White Throne judgment 20:11-15

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.

- These books record every thought, word, and deed of sinful men (Dan. 7:10).
- The Book of Life contains the names of all the redeemed. It will be shown that the names of the sinners are not in the Book of Life.

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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.

- The "first" death is physical death.
- The "second" death is eternal consignment in the lake of fire from which there is no escape.

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¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- These verses describe the final judgment of all the unbeliever of all ages (Mat. 10:15; Rom. 2:5).

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