

## Revelation 20

### There is a new world coming

In Rev. 20 we find some eternally valuable truths. God is preparing for a whole new world. Far beyond anything we could ever plan or do, He is preparing.

Rev. 20 is the step between Earth as we know it and Heaven for Eternity. Lets look and learn from what God has planned. Are you living with these truths liberating powers?

Listen and follow these truths, so that the Lord can transform your mind. They can change you if you let them!

Here are the headlines of Revelation 20, through the eyes of noted Bible teacher John Phillips<sup>1</sup> as he blends dozens of OT prophecies into a picture for us:

The golden age has come. The armies of the nations have been disbanded, and the great military academies have fallen into ruin and decay. The machinery of war has all been smelted down and converted to the implements of peace. Jerusalem has become the world's capital. The throne of David is there and the twelve apostles are there judging the twelve tribes of Israel, for Israel rules the world. The millennial temple has been built to crown Moriah's brow, and the national of the earth come there to worship the living God. Prosperity is evident from pole to pole and poverty is unknown. Every man has all that heart can desire. \*There are no prisons, no hospitals, no mental institutions, no barracks, no saloons, no houses of ill repute, no gambling dens, no homes for aged and infirm. Such things belong to a past and lesser age. The bloom of youth is on everyone's cheek, for a

<sup>1</sup> Exploring Revelation, p. 251.

man is a stripling at a hundred years of age. Cemeteries are crumbling relics of the past, and tears are rare. The wolf and the lamb, the calf and the lion, the cow and the bear, the child and the scorpion, all are at peace. Jesus has come, and the millennium is here. The golden age, so frequently heralded by the prophets of Israel's past, has dawned and at last, and the earth is filled with the knowledge of God. Jesus is Lord, and He rules the nations with a rod of iron. His reign is righteous, and the nations obey. The principles of the Sermon on the Mount are the laws of the kingdom, and men obey them because infractions are not allowed. Sin is visited with swift and certain judgment. The era lasts for a thousand years.

The following seven truths are not what you are likely to ever hear except from the only book that tells always and only the truth, The Word of God! Note these and mark them with me:

#### #1 Satan is Stoppable/Vulnerable Rev. 20:1-3

We can overcome him by:

Rom 12.21 The Way of Goodness [a fruit of the Spirit]

I John 2.14 The Word of God

I John 5.4 The Walk of Faith

Rev 12.11 The Blood of Jesus and the Word of our Testimony

#### #2 Suffering is valuable Rev. 20:4-6

- Romans 8:17-24 =partnership HS
- Phil 1.29 = plan of God
- Phil 3.10 = personal time w/X
- II Th 1.4 = provides strength
- II Tim 2.12 = prepares us to reign
- I Peter 4.13 = share in it
- I Peter 5.10 = wait through it

#### # 3 People are so deceivable /gullible Rev 20:7-9

Beware Mt24.4-5,11,24

#### **#4 The Lake of Fire is literal Rev 20:10**

Mt 8.12; 13.42,50; 22.51; 25.30; Lk 13.28.

#### **# 5 Sovereign Judgement is inescapable Rev 20:11**

Dt 32.34

Psalm 7.11-13; 11.6; 21.9-10; 37

Isaiah 13.9-11; 24.17-18; 26.21

#### **#6 The Accounting of all deeds is personal Rev 20:12-13**

1. There is no way out of it. Daniel 12:2-3 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.<sup>3</sup> And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (KJV)
2. The lost will answer and be punished for everything. Mt 12.36; I P4.5
3. Christians will answer for their stewardship of life. Rom 14.12
4. Overseers and Elders will give a double accounting. Heb 13.17

#### **# 7 Unbelief is Final Rev 20:14-15**