

# Bible Study and Notes

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# THE MILLENNIUM

## (LESSON 18)

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### ***Bible Study***

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1. When Jesus returns as depicted in Revelation 19, He comes with a sharp sword. What is that sharp sword? **Hebrews 4:12**
2. What is the context of the sharp sword that separates those that call themselves Christians and those that are in complete submission to Christ? **Hebrews 4:4-11**
3. In what manner is Jesus returning? **Acts 1:9-11**
4. How many shall see Jesus when He returns?  
**Revelation 1:7**
5. What elements reveal that all will hear the second coming? **Matthew 24:31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**
6. How many resurrections are there? **John 5:28-29**
7. Where do the resurrected righteous and the living saved go? **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
8. What happens to the living lost? **2 Thessalonians 2:8, Psalms 68:2**
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10. According to the sanctuary service, how many humans are alive on earth during the Millennium? **Leviticus 16:20-22**
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### **Where Does the Millennium Appear in the Last Day Messages?**

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Revelation 14:10 tells us, “*The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*”

As we will discover in this lesson, the Millennium is between “*the Wrath of God*”, which is the seven last plagues (Revelation 15:1) and the period of “*fire and brimstone*” or hellfire.

But does the word MILLENNIUM appear in the Bible? No, it does not, however the word is made up of two words: MILLI meaning A THOUSAND and ANNUM meaning YEARS. Does A THOUSAND YEARS appear in the Bible? Yes, it does. Revelation 20:2-7 says, “*And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent,*

*which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and 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. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: 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; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.”*

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### **What Precedes the Thousand Years?**

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The closing events begin with Revelation 13:16-17, which says, “*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*” Soon to occur is the enforcement of the mark of the beast.

The second event, which is not seen by humans, is Revelation 15:8, which states, “*And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.*” What does that mean? Revelation 22:11-12 tells us, “*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*” Shortly after the enforcement of the mark of the beast, judgment concludes. At that point, every case is sealed. That is why it is important to surrender all to God now for we know not when our name will appear in the judgment.

The third event that reveals what takes place in heaven is told to us in Revelation 16:2: “*And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image.*” Then there are the seven last plagues, which fall upon those who are not sealed - they have accepted the mark of the beast.

The fourth event is Isaiah 66:5, which says, “*Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*” Then Jesus returns to some in joy while

others are ashamed. The joyful will utter the words of Isaiah 25:9, which says, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." The ashamed will cry the words of Revelation 6:14-16, which states, "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." What a shame. They gained the whole world and lost their souls. They were more worried about friends and family instead of following a "Thus Saith the Lord."

This is further detailed in Revelation 19:11-15, which tells us, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that

with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." Jesus returns with a sharp sword.

What is the SHARP SWORD? Hebrews 4:12 tells us, "For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." When Jesus comes, all that is going to matter is, have we followed a "Thus Saith the Lord" or not? If we have, we will be saved because it is giving evidence of a saved relationship – Christ completing the work he had begun in us (Philippians 1:6). Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14:23-24).

If we have compromised or rationalized the Word away, we will be lost. But God gets more specific. The ultimate evidence to the world that you obey God and not man is revealed in the preceding verses. Hebrews 4:4-11 tells us, "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in

because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Keeping the Lord's Sabbath and not a man made one reveals that you acknowledge God as your God for sanctification (Exodus 31:13) and not self or man. The clear "Thus Saith the Lord" on this is found in Ezekiel 20:12, which says, "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them."

Now, Revelation 19:16-21 tells us, "And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast

was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” Following the second coming, the beast (antichrist) and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. Then there are two great feasts. The one is called the marriage supper of the Lamb. This is where the Saints will be the guests and served by the angels and our Lord (Revelation 7:17). The other is the feast of the fowls where if we go there, we are the main course. I do not know about you, but I do not want some buzzard picking at my flesh. Amen?

The fifth event in sequence of last day Bible events is in Revelation 20:1-6, which says, “*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and 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. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: 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; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”* After the second coming, we then enter into the period of time known as the millennium or thousand years.

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### ***What Will the Second Coming Be Like?***

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Remember that for everything that God has Satan has at least one counterfeit. We should not be surprised then if Satan should even counterfeit the second coming and the millennium. Besides, when the saints cry for joy, part of the phrase they utter is “*Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him*” (Isaiah 25:9). The saints will wait for the real Jesus Christ and declare that “*this is the Lord*” versus someone else trying to personate Christ.

So that we may not be deceived by Satan taking on the form of Christ, let us study the details given in the Bible regarding the second coming.

The first element of the second coming is revealed in Acts 1:9-11, which says, “*And when he had spoken these things, while*

*they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”* Notice the five elements.

- 1) Jesus spoke.
- 2) The disciples beheld or touched him.
- 3) A cloud took him away.
- 4) He was taken out of their sight.
- 5) And they were looking stedfastly.

There are five references describing a literal departure. And the two men, angels more than likely, stated that, “*this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven*” (Acts 1:11). Exactly how He left is exactly how He is returning. That is quite clear. But let us get more detail.

A second element about the second coming is revealed in Revelation 1:7, which states, “*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*” Jesus returns on clouds just as we read in Acts, but notice the specific statement: every eye shall see him. That means not only the saved but also the lost. No qualifiers in this verse. So

clearly it will be visible.

A third element about the second coming is revealed in Matthew 24:31, which says, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." A trumpet will sound to signal the gathering of the saved (the *elect*). 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 tells us, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." And notice that a shout with the voice of the archangel will sound.

What is that voice? Revelation 16:17 answers this by stating, "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done." With these verses, the second coming is going to be very audible.

A fourth element of the second coming is in Psalm 50:3, which says, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him." In addition to reiterating the fact that there is nothing silent about the second coming, a glorious appearance will also accompany the event. This is even stated in Matthew 16:27, which tells us, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward

every man according to his works."

A fifth element is found in Matthew 24:27, which says, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." It is also going to be climatic.

So, the second coming is going to be a literal event that all will be visible to all, audibly heard, and it will be quite glorious and climatic.

Now, then what does it mean that Jesus will come as "a thief in the night"? 2 Peter 3:10 says, "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." This verse focuses on the "day" of the Lord, which signifies that the TIME is the surprise element and not the MANNER of His coming. Are we sure about this? Notice all the verses that contain the comparison of "a thief" speaking of surprise:

1. Matthew 24:42-44 - "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."
2. Luke 12:39-40 - "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come,

he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through."

3. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 - "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober." [As a side note, the peace and safety cry has already been fulfilled with the Vatican declaring a message of peace and the United States enforcing it. Numerous news articles support this "peace and safety" message being heralded today.]
4. Revelation 3:3 - "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."
5. Revelation 16:15 - "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Then what does Jesus mean by

*“one taken and the other left”?* Luke 17:34-37 provides the context: *“I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together.”* Clearly one is taken and the other left. However, where are the people taken to? Matthew 24:28 states, *“For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.”* Carcass? Birds with them? That sounds like Revelation 19:17-18, which says, *“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great.”* I do not want to go with them. How about you?

Besides, the Bible tells us that we want to be the ones that are left. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 states, *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the*

*archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

Is there a final Word on this subject? Matthew 24:26 tells us, *“Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not.”*

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### **How Many Resurrections Are There?**

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John 5:28-29 says, *“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”* Notice that there are two resurrections. One is to life everlasting while the other is to damnation. The thousand years, according to Revelation (20:5), separates the two resurrections.

Do the two resurrections occur at different times? Luke 14:14 says, *“And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.”* Jesus even pronounces a blessing to be in the resurrection that is for the just. That is because they are the saved ones as John revealed. That is blessed enough to have life.

The same teaching is recorded by Luke in Acts 24:15, which says, *“And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”* From this we see the names of the two resurrections: The Resurrection of the Just and the Resurrection of the Unjust.

There are initially two groups of people according to the Bible: the saved and the lost. Now they come in two different ways: dead and alive. That makes four groups. There are the dead saved and the dead lost as well as the living saved and the living lost.

What happens during the first resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 says, *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 states, *“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the*

word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Basically, the dead saved rise from the grave and ascend into the air, and those who are saved and yet alive are also caught up into the air to meet the Lord.

Are we sure Christ does not simply set up an earthly kingdom at the second coming? John 14:1-3 says, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also."

According to this, when Jesus comes again, He is coming to take us where He is. He is coming to receive us unto Him.

That quickly takes care of the two saved groups. Also notice that we meet Jesus in the air. If Satan were to try and counterfeit the second coming, he cannot take us to heaven, his only option is this planet, therefore, if one who looks like Jesus were ever to step foot on this earth, you know immediately that he is not the true Son of God. Amen?

What about the lost? In 2 Thessalonians 2:8, we are told, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." Psalms 68:2 tells us, "As smoke is driven away, [so] drive [them] away: as wax melteth before the fire, [so] let the wicked perish at the presence of God." At the second coming, the wicked who are alive will be consumed by the brightness of Jesus, and we already read that the fowls will then feast on their dead bodies and even the animals. Clearly, the wicked living will be destroyed.

How about the wicked who were already dead? Revelation 20:5 says, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection." They just remain dead.

So, if the righteous dead who are resurrected and the righteous living both meet in the air to be with the Lord, and the wicked living were slain, and the wicked who were dead just remain dead, what people are alive on this earth during the thousand years? None. This planet will then be recognized as an uninhabited place. This is important for later in our lesson.

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### **What Happens To the Earth?**

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Jeremiah 4:23 describes it as, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light." This sounds a lot like Jeremiah is repeating Genesis. But, continue reading. Jeremiah

4:24-26 says, "I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger." Jeremiah is not looking at Genesis; rather he is looking at the second coming. Basically, when Jesus returns with all power and might, He causes the earth to return to its original state.

Continuing on in Jeremiah 4:27, we are told, "For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end." Why does God not make a full end? He does not make a full end because of the thousand years.

Is that really what is going to happen? Jeremiah 4:28 says, "For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken [it], I have purposed [it], and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it." It will happen just as planned.

Isaiah also was able to see the result of the second coming. Isaiah 24:1 says, "Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof." The second coming turns this place inside out.

Why does God do this? Isaiah 24:3-5 tells us, "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth [and] fadeth away, the world languisheth [and] fadeth away, the haughty people of the

earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

What is the covenant? Hebrews 10:16 says, "This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them."

Isaiah describes the situation also in Isaiah 24:19-22, which says, "*The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones [that are] on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, [as] prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.*"

How long are many days? According to Revelation 20:7, a thousand years. By the way, who else is in the pit? Satan is in the pit according to Revelation 20:3. This earth is Satan's prison for the thousand years.

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## **What Happens To Satan?**

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Isaiah 14:12-15 says, "*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the*

*ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*" That is what we read in Revelation. Satan is bound to the pit.

Continue reading to see more detail. Isaiah 14:18-20 continues on by saying, "*All the kings of the nations, [even] all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, [and as] the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, [and] slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.*" Satan is bound to this pit (earth) and will not join all the wicked that were slain. He will not enter into the grave. For a thousand years he is bound to this earth with skeletons everywhere, all the cities broken down, and the sun not shining. It will be miserable.

How sure are we? Psalms 77:13 says, "*Thy way, O God, [is] in the sanctuary: who [is so] great a God as [our] God?*" All theories should be tested against the sanctuary. According to the sanctuary, are there people living on this earth during the Millennium? Is Satan in a prison during the Millennium with a lid and chain locking him

in or is he just bound to an uninhabited place? To answer these questions, remember Jesus is fulfilling the feast days recorded in Leviticus.

It started at the cross and continues forward to the second coming. The feast referred to as the Day of Atonement is the cleansing of the sanctuary. Involved in the process, as we will study in *The Longest Time Prophecy*, there are two goats. One represents Christ dying as the sacrifice for our sins. The other represented Satan. Let us look at these two goats. Leviticus 16:7-10 tells us, "*And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD [at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him [for] a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, [and] to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.*" Notice that Satan, represented by the live goat, is lead to the wilderness, which is what this earth will be during the Millennium.

Does this feast confirm that no human beings will be alive on the earth? Leviticus 16:20-22 tells us, "*And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy [place], and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of*



Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send [him] away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness." With no one to tempt because everybody is either in heaven or dead, he has no power.

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### **What Will the Saints Do During the Thousand Years?**

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Revelation 20:4 tells us, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: 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; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." The Saints will be with Christ, but notice that they will be on thrones judging.

What will they be judging? 1 Corinthians 6:2 states, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" Well, that is a surprise. Not only will they judge the world, but notice who else they will judge: "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:3). Which angels? 2 Peter 2:4 tells us, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and

delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." They will judge the fallen angels. By the way, those chains of darkness are the same chains that bind Satan to this earth.

Does anybody else substantiate this? Malachi 3:17-18 tells us, "And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

Basically, it is like this. Let us say that you made it to heaven. You will experience three great surprises. The first is that you are there. Praise the Lord! The second is that a whole bunch of people you thought would be there are not. The third is that a whole bunch of people you thought would not make it, they are there. Now suppose a loved one is missing and you went to Jesus and inquired. He would probably reply, "Sorry, they chose not to be here." You may doubt Jesus through all eternity. The purpose of this judgment is not to overrule the decisions that were made; rather it is so we will know full well why a person is not there. It is a settling into our minds.

A second reason why Jesus permits the saints to judge is that for the whole history of the earth, God has been getting a bum rap. Every bad thing that occurs is known as "An Act of God". We will see that Satan was actually behind every death, disaster, and problem.

A third reason is that time heals

all wounds. We will not see sin for a thousand years. When we see it again, we will plead with God to put it out of the way permanently.

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### **What Happens After the Thousand Years?**

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Revelation 20:5 says, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection." After the thousand years, the wicked are resurrected.

Revelation 20:7-9 then tells us, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Satan now has people alive to deceive, hence, he has power again. The chains of darkness are removed. The host of wicked surround the Holy City, and then hellfire comes down from heaven to devour them.

Revelation 20:14 goes on to say, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." The wicked including Satan will receive the second death and are destroyed for eternity.

Revelation 21:8 further states, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and

*murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Again, all the lost receive the second death.*

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### ***What Is After the Fire?***

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Revelation 21:1-5 tells us, “*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*” God will create a new heaven and earth. The new city is that of the New Jerusalem. God will, throughout all eternity, dwell on earth with man. And all the problems that sin had caused will have been put away for all eternity. And God adds, “*these words are true and faithful.*”

Praise the Lord. I am looking forward to this time, how about you?

This is reiterated in Isaiah 65:17-19, which says, “*For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*” Satan has tried to make heaven sound boring saying that everyday, all day, we will be strumming harps and praising God or cleaning clouds. When God says there is joy that means that the saints will enjoy heaven beyond their greatest dreams.

What will the Saints do there? Isaiah 65:21-25 says, “*And they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they [are] the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat*

*straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.”* Sure, they will praise God and worship Him, but there is more. In addition to the mansion that Jesus and the Father are preparing for the saints, they will be able to build their own country estate and plant all types of things in the most perfect garden. Now it will take a while until they perfect such skills, but they have all eternity to learn how to build and plant. Additionally, there will be no fear in petting a lion, a bear, or any other creature for that matter.

Isaiah 66:22-23 goes on to say, “*For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.”* They will listen to the greatest preacher of all time on the Sabbath.

Clearly heaven is far more exciting than strumming harps and being assigned a cloud. It is a place worth giving up every earthly interest for – even to die to this life. What do you say?

May you allow the things of this world to grow dim while the things of the next world grow brighter in your heart.