

Revelation 20 – Part II

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I. An Overview of Chapter 20

- A. Satan is bound – vs. 1-3
- B. Saints are Resurrected – vs. 4-6
 - 1. See Daniel 12:2; Job 19:25, 26; John 5:28, 29
 - 2. The first resurrection comes in phases. This is supported by various passages, plus the fact that verse 5 does not start with *kai* (and).
 - a. Christ and few designated saints. I Corinthians 15:23; Matthew 27:52, 53
 - b. The Rapture: I Corinthians 15:50-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - c. The Resurrection spoken of in verse 4d; Tribulation saints and Old Testament saints
 - d. Millennial saints
- C. Satan is loosed and judged – vs. 7-10
 - 1. Sin is in the heart, not your environment – Mark 7:21
 - 2. Your environment (surroundings) can aggravate sin within you.
- D. Sinners Judged – vs. 11-15
 - 1. This is called “The Great White Throne Judgement.”
 - 2. If you are here, you are going to Hell.

II. Three Views of Revelation 20

- A. A-Millennial
 - 1. Held by covenant theologians
 - 2. Simply means no literal millennium
- B. Post-Millennial
 - 1. Held by some prior to W.W. I and W.W. II
 - 2. The world gets better due to the work of the church. Jesus comes at the end of the Millennium.
 - 3. This view does not identify when the 1,000 years begins.
- C. Pre-Millennial
 - 1. A literal view of scripture
 - a. See II Samuel 7 - Unconditional versus conditional covenant
 - 2. Acts 1:6-11

- 3. This is the fulfillment of the *Abrahamic Covenant*.
 - a. Genesis 12,15,17; Jeremiah. 33:14-26; Acts 15:14-17

III. The Millennium – The Real Utopia – Shangri-la

- A. John
 - 1. States the fact of it
 - 2. Tells us its duration: 1,000 years – vs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- B. The Old Testament Prophets give us details
 - 1. Peace and tranquility between men: Isaiah 2:1-4
 - 2. Peace and tranquility between animals: Isaiah 11:6-8; 65:25
 - 3. Peace and tranquility between animals and men: Isaiah 11:6b; 8b
 - 4. The wicked will be judged quickly and justly: Isaiah 11:4, 5
 - 5. Longevity of life: Isaiah 65:20
 - 6. Peace and security: Isaiah 65:21-23
 - 7. Jesus is both the political and religious leader: Zechariah 14:9, 16-21
 - a. David may be the prince: Jeremiah 30:9; 33:15-17

IV. Satan vs. 7-10

- A. Satan Released – v. 7
 - 1. He was bound for 1,000 years in Revelation 20:2
 - 2. Why? To prove man is sinful; the heart, not our environment makes us evil.
 - a. (An evil environment can stoke the sin within man. I Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 106:35)
- B. Satan’s Rebellion – vs. 8, 9
 - 1. Who:
 - a. From the four corners of the earth
 - b. Those born outside Christ during millennium (Isaiah 65:20)
 - c. Gog = leader of the people; Magog = could mean peace.
 - d. Josephus identified Magog as the land of the Seythians (current Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan)

- e. Not the same battle as Ezekiel 38, 39
- 2. When: end of millennium
- 3. Where: Jerusalem
- C. Satan's Destiny – v. 10
 - 1. The Lake of Fire. (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:15)
 - 2. Note: The antichrist and false prophet are still there after 1,000 years, thus no annihilation.
 - 3. Tormented forever, day and night. See Matthew 25:46
- D. Satan's judgments in chronological order
 - 1. Cast out of his original position in heaven. Ezekiel 28:16
 - 2. Judgment pronounced in Eden. Genesis 3:14, 15
 - 3. Judgment at the cross. John 12:31, 32; I John 3:8
 - 4. Cast out in the middle of the tribulation. Revelation 12:13
 - 5. Confined to the abyss at the beginning of the millennium. Revelation 20:2

V. Sinners – vs. 11-15

- A. The Judge – v. 11
 - 1. This can be no one except Jesus. See John 5:21-29
 - 2. There is no place to hide.
- B. The Judged – v. 12a
 - 1. The unsaved of all peoples
 - 2. The one and only resurrection of the unsaved: Revelation 20:5a; John 5:28, 29; Daniel 12:2
- C. The Judgment standard – v. 12b
 - 1. The books – at least two – the deeds of men. See Ecclesiastes 12:14; Proverbs 15:3
 - 2. The Book of Life: proof that they are at the right judgment seat.
- D. The judgment results – vs. 13-15
 - 1. Note: even the sea gave up its dead.
 - 2. "Death": the grave; the immaterial part of man.
 - 3. Hades: where the immaterial part of the unsaved goes; a temporary place. See Luke 16:19-31
 - 4. Judged "*according to their deeds.*" Hell is bad for all, but worse for some.
 - 5. Second death is eternal spiritual death.
 - 6. If you are not in the book of life, the lake of fire is your ultimate destiny.

VI. Saints

- A. The judgment seat of Christ

- 1. It, like the great white throne judgment, does not determine eternal destiny.
- 2. As with the great white throne judgement, deeds are the issue. See I Corinthians 3:10-15; Romans 14:10-12; II Corinthians 5:10
- B. Our Hope – Our Goal
 - 1. Matthew 25:21-23
 - 2. Crowns: James 1:12; II Timothy 4:8; I Thessalonians 2:19; I Peter 5:4; Revelation 2:10, 3:11, 4:4, 10