

# Revelation 20 – Part III

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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

- 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: Jeramiah 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 Scythians (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