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**Verse 17-** *Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great feast of God,*

*Then I saw an angel-* This reminds us of the angel John saw in 18:1. The first angel will introduce the fall of Babylon, and the second angel the fall of the beast and false prophet.

*standing in the sun-* The angel will be standing in the light of the sun so he will be able to be seen by all the birds of the earth.

*birds that fly in midheaven-* In context, these are flesh-eating birds.

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*"Come, assemble for the great feast of God,- This is prophesied by Ezekiel (Gog and Magog- Ezek. 39:4, 17-20) and by Jesus in Matthew 24:28- "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."*

There are two feasts contrasted in this chapter. The marriage feast of the Lamb (vv. 7-9) and the "great feast of God" where the birds will eat the carcasses of those who follow the Antichrist.

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**Verse 18-** *so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great."*

*you may eat the flesh-* Before God will execute the beast, the false prophet, and Satan, He will destroy their followers. Their final destruction will be later at the end of the millennial kingdom (20:11). Normally, men sacrifice animals, but here they are sacrificed to animals as their victims. Everyone on the earth will attend one of these two suppers.

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**Verse 19-** *And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army.*

This turns out to be the biggest “non-war” in history. The beast introduced in 11:7 and 13:1-8 manipulates the ten kings of the earth described in chapter 17 and all of mankind following them into a futile battle against Jesus, the redeemed, and His angels. Zechariah 14 describes this battle, and many verses and chapters in the Old Testament will help us to understand the millennial kingdom.

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**Verse 20-** *And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone.*

*And the beast was seized-* As soon as the battle begins, it's over when the sword comes from the Lord's mouth (19:15). The beast and the false prophet will be seized (*epiasthē*), a passive form of the word “squeezed.” These human men, who will be demonically controlled, are captured first and thrown into the lake of fire.

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*the lake of fire-* This is the first mention of “the lake of fire” in Scripture, and the beast and the false prophet are the first two inhabitants of four groups to be cast “alive” there: Also, the devil (20:10), Death and Hades (20:14a), and all unbelievers (20:14b). Hell is a temporary place of suffering for those who will be ultimately cast into the lake of fire, the final place of torment.

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**Verse 21-** *And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.*

*the sword-* The word of the Lord is a two-edged sword. It can save, heal, and restore or cut down and execute judgment. Every person who took the mark of the beast (all the unsaved of the earth) will be executed.

*all the birds were filled-* This verse reminds us of the winepress with its 180-mile blood flow (14:20) and the pouring out of the seventh bowl of judgment (16:17-21).

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## Millennial Views

**Premillennial view-** The millennium will occur after the second coming of Christ.

**Postmillennial view-** The millennium will occur toward the end of the church age, and that Christ's coming will occur at the close of the millennium.

**Amillennial view-** (Latin: *a-* "not" + *mille* "thousand" + *annum* "year") is a denial of a future, thousand-year, physical reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. The thousand years is a symbolic number, not a literal description. The millennium has already begun with the church age and is spiritual in nature.

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PROCLAMATION

We've a Story to Tell 427

*Unison*

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall  
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall  
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the  
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the

turn their hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy,  
 lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil,  
 Lord who reign-eth a - bove has sent us His Son to save us,  
 path of sor - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples

a sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light,  
 and shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword,  
 and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love,  
 may come to the truth of God, may come to the truth of God!

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn-ing, and the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,

and Christ's great king-dom shall come on earth, the king-dom of love and light.

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## Postmillennial Hymns

*"For the darkness shall turn to the dawning, and the dawning to noon day bright, and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light."*

- Postmillennialism was popular during the 19<sup>th</sup> century before WW I, II, and the atomic age.
- Written by Henry Ernest Nichol in 1896 (During the Second Industrial Revolution- The first was 1760-1830), 18 years before World War I (The Great War, 1914-18).
- *Lead on, O King Eternal*  
Ernest Shurtleff (1862-1917)
- *Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
Julia Ward Howe (1861)

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## Millennial Population

1. People who believe prior to Jesus' death and resurrection and the start of the church on the Day of Pentecost.

*Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: "Behold, I am going to open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. And I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it," declares the Lord.'"* Ezekiel 37:12-14

2. People who believe from the time of Jesus on earth to the rapture, both dead and alive.

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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3. People who will come to faith in Jesus after the rapture and die during the tribulation period.

*Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.* Revelation 20:4-6

4. People who become believers during the seven-year tribulation but don't die and enter the millennial kingdom alive. (Matthew 25:31-33). These believers will live long lives, marry, and have children (Isaiah 65:20-25).

*"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.*

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**Verse 1-** *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.*

*Then I saw an angel-* This reminds us of the angel (the same angel- Michael?) who opened the abyss during the fifth trumpet judgment in Revelation 9:1-2.

*key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand-* This angel, probably the one to free the demons (open it) from the abyss in 9:1-2, now takes “a great chain” (manacle) to bind the devil (close it) while he is in the abyss. The Gadarene demoniac was strong enough to tear iron chains apart (Mark 5:4), but this is not a physical chain. He only must use one hand (chain in the other).

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**Verse 2-** *And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;*

*took hold of the dragon-* Is this angel Michael who cast the devil out of heaven (12:7-9) and will now cast him into the abyss?

*dragon-* the term used repeatedly in Revelation

*serpent of old-* The snake in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3)

*devil-* slanderer, accuser

*Satan-* (Hebrew) adversary

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*bound him for a thousand years-* First, Satan was thrown out of heaven to the earth (12:9). Now, he will be thrown from the earth into the abyss for a thousand years (20:1-3). Finally, he will be thrown into the lake of fire (20:10).

During the millennial kingdom, the deception of the beast and false prophet will come to an end. They are in the lake of fire and the devil in the abyss. The only evil influence will be the fallen nature of people. The binding of Satan is a problem for amillennialists.

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**Verse 3-** *and he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

*Threw...shut...sealed-* These verbs help us to understand that the devil will lose authority once again, just as he had before when he was cast to the earth (12:9).

*the nations-* Used 23 times in Revelation. Of those, 16 use the plural "the nations." Satan will lose his power to deceive nations now that he is bound in hell.

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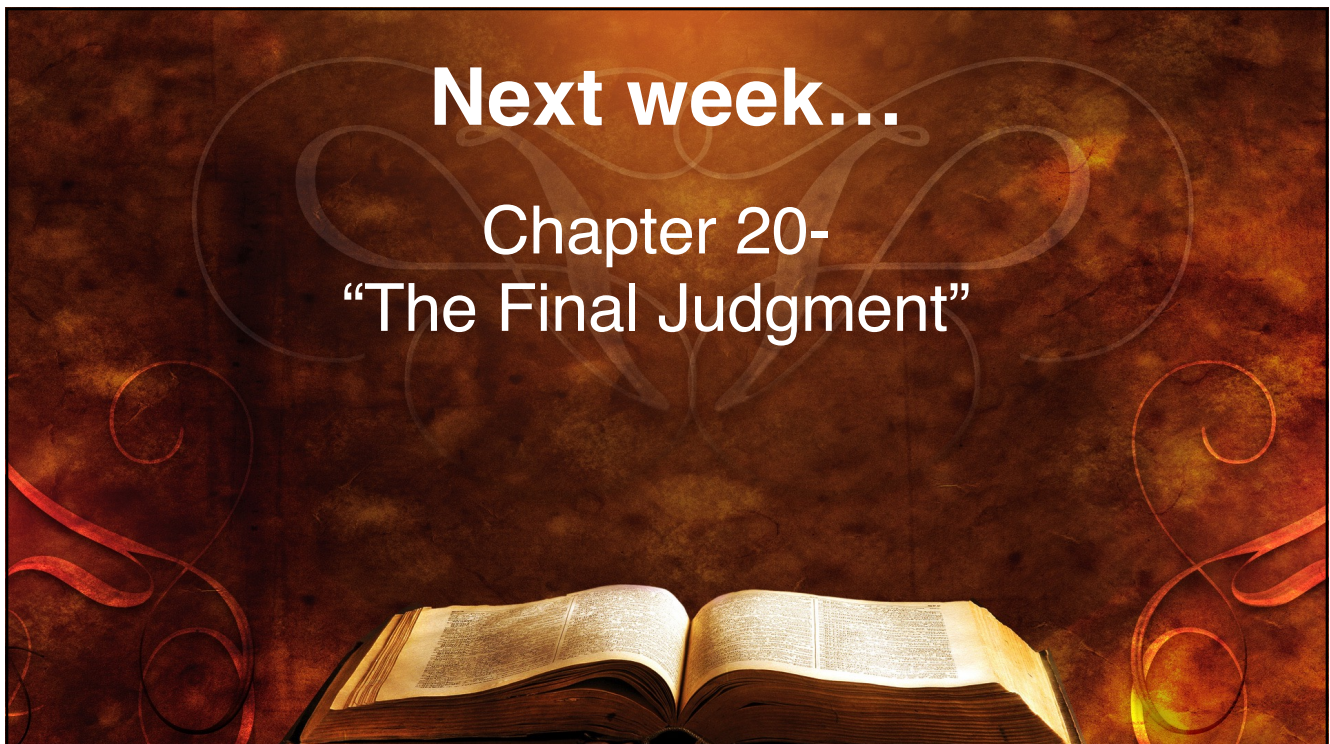
**Verse 3-** *and he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

*must be released for a short time-* Why would God release the devil after binding him for a thousand years? To show that those who were born during the millennium can be rallied by the devil against God. Our sin nature can cause us to rebel against God, with or without the devil's evil influence in the world. The release of Satan will be one last chance to show humanity that they have no real excuse for rejecting the truth of God.

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"The Final Judgment"



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