

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 20

Revelation 20: Righteous Judgment Dealt in Plenty

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Note regarding where we ended last week: the Marriage Supper of the Lamb for the Saints of God, and Armageddon on Earth where Jesus Christ, through his Spoken Word, defeated the antichrist and false prophet.

Tonight we are going to talk about God's Kingdom:

"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?'" (Acts 1:6).

"Your throne, God, is forever and ever, the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice" (Psalm 45:6).

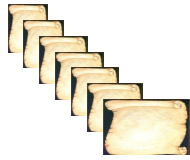
"He [Jesus] will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and his kingdom will have no end" (Luke 1:32-33).

Revelation Rhymes

Revelation Chapter 1: A Picture of the Eternal Son
Revelation Chapter 2: Work of the Church to Do
Revelation Chapter 3: Where Should Our Church Be?
Revelation Chapter 4: God Worshiped By 24 and More
Revelation Chapter 5: Jesus the Lamb Alive
Revelation Chapter 6: Judgment and Seals Mix
Revelation Chapter 7: Two Great Multitudes (One in Heaven)
Revelation Chapter 8: Silence, Prayer, and Trumpets Great
Revelation Chapter 9: Woe, Woe, Woe: Men Seek to Die
Revelation Chapter 10: The Little Book Consumed Within
Revelation Chapter 11: Two Witnesses Ascend to Heaven
Revelation Chapter 12: Israel Into the Wilderness to Dwell
Revelation Chapter 13: Antichrist the Great Unclean
Revelation Chapter 14: 144,000 in a Heavenly Scene
Revelation Chapter 15: Praise to the Lamb the Victors Sing
Revelation Chapter 16: Bowls of Judgment to Be Gleaned
Revelation Chapter 17: Scarlet Woman of Filthy Sheen
Revelation Chapter 18: Babylon's, Babylon's Destruction Seen
Revelation Chapter 19: Jesus Christ Reigns Supreme
Revelation Chapter 20: Righteous Judgment Dealt in Plenty



Gog & Magog I
Russia, Turkey, Iran, Sudan, Syria
& Libya & Possibly Central Asia
and/or Afghanistan



Seal Judgments

Revelation 6
1. Antichrist; 2. War; 3. Famine; 4. Death & Hell; 5. Martyrs in Heaven; 6. Upheaval & Destruction; 7. Trumpets.



Trumpet Judgments
Revelation 8 – 9

1. Bloody hail & fire; Fireball from Heaven; 3. 1/3 Oceans polluted; 4. 1/3 Fresh Water polluted; 5. Demonic torment; 6. 1/3 Mankind killed; 7. Bowls.



Bowl Judgments
Revelation 15 – 16

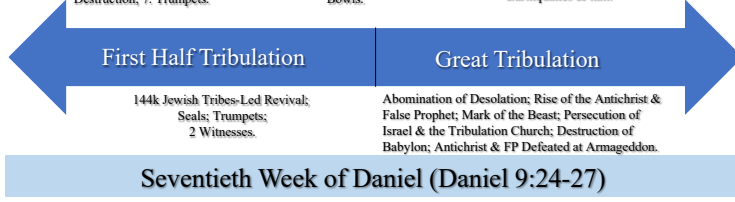
1. Sores on antichrist's worshippers; 2. Seas into blood; 3. Fresh water into blood; 4. Scorching heat; 5. Darkness & pain; 6. Armageddon; 7. Earthquakes & hail.



Babylon Destroyed
Revelation 14, 17-18



Armageddon
Revelation 14, 16, & 19



“Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.”

“An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:”

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches.
I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

2 Samuel 7:16; Matthew 1:1; Revelation 22:16



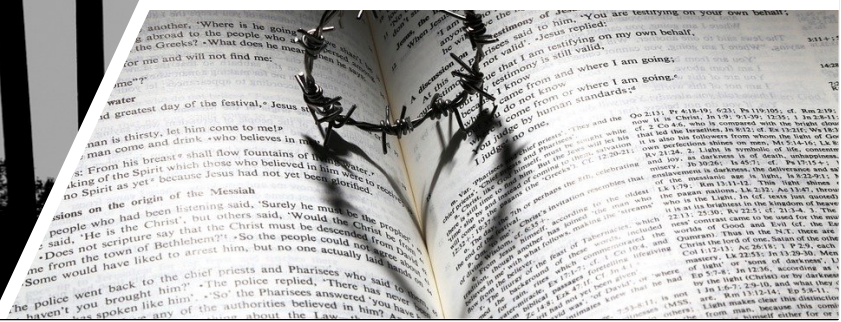
How Far The Fall?

Adam's sin was imputed with both physical and spiritual ramifications to the entire human race, notably meaning physical death is an absolute (unless Jesus returns) for every person and that each person has been separated by God through sin.

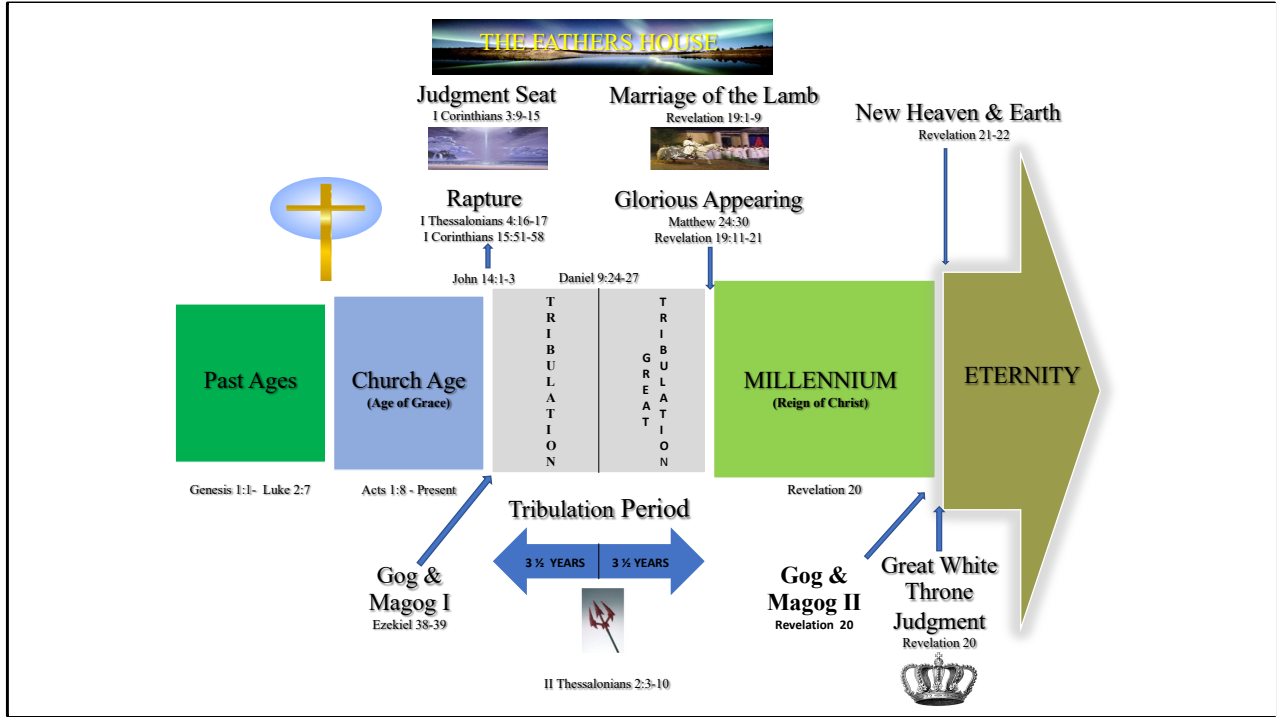
Those not of the age of accountability are not responsible for their sin until such age when God holds one accountable.

Genesis 3:15 Luke 2:7-14 John 3:16-18
Romans 5:18-19 Revelation 1:8, 22:1-21

“I will put hostility
between you and the
woman, and between
your offspring and her
offspring. He will strike
your head, and you will
strike his heel.”



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The Kingdom of God is one of the central themes in all of Scripture. Some people would say it is *the* central theme in the Bible.

Jesus personally instructed His disciples to pray, “Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”



To have a Kingdom, one must assume a King. During the Millennial Reign, it is God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Kingdom of God” is stated four times in Matthew, fourteen in Mark, thirty-two in Luke, twice in John, six times in Acts, eight times in Paul’s letters, and once in Revelation (12:10).



Satan Bound

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven holding the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.



The Great Binder is bound!!! That old devil, the great deceiver, the one who whispers lies to saints and sinners alike, is cast into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years! The Tribulation saints and all those alive in the Millennial Kingdom do not hear from him for ten centuries!



Millennial Timelines

Christ's First Coming/
Satan Bound

Present Age =
Millennial Kingdom

Christ's Second Coming/
Eternal State

Present Age+ Church Age

Future Tribulation=
7 Years

Millennial Kingdom=
1,000 Years

Eternal State

Christ's First Coming/
Christ's Second Coming/
Eternal State

Present Age =
Golden Age
Undetermined
Number of Years

Amillennial Timeline/Events

- 1) Parallel development of both good (God's Kingdom) and evil (Satan's kingdom) during this present age.
- 2) The Second Coming of Christ.
- 3) The general resurrection of all people.
- 4) A general judgment of all people.
- 5) Eternity.

-Mark Hitchcock's *The End*

Premillennial Timeline/Events

- 1) Increase of apostasy as the church age draws to a close.
- 2) Rapture of the Church.
- 3) Seven-year Tribulation Period on Earth.
- 4) The campaign of Armageddon.
- 5) The Second Coming of Christ to Earth.
- 6) The thousand-year reign of Christ.
- 7) The release of Satan.
- 8) The Great White Throne Judgment.
- 9) The Creation of a New Heaven & Earth.
- 10) Eternity.

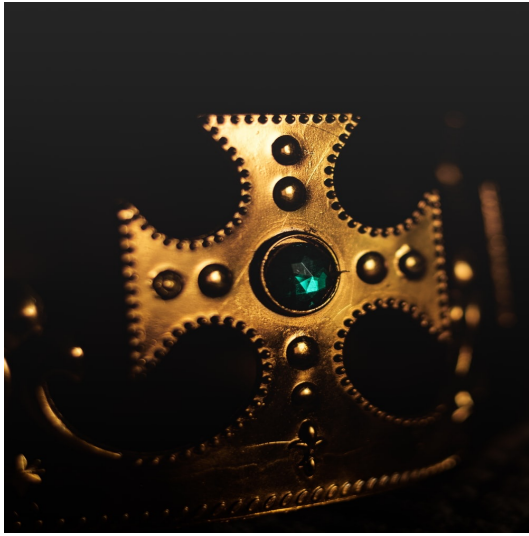
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Postmillennial Timeline/Events

- 1) Progressive improvement of conditions on the Earth as the end draws near, culminating in a golden age as the world is Christianized.
- 2) The Second Coming of Christ.
- 3) The general resurrection of all people.
- 4) A general judgment of all people.
- 5) Eternity.

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Six Key Reasons for the Premillennial View

- 1) Promises of God in Genesis 12:1-3, 15:18
- 2) Resurrection in Revelation 20:4-6
- 3) Earliest View
- 4) Most Natural Reading of Revelation 20:1-6
- 5) Imprisonment of Satan
- 6) Literal Use of Numbers in Revelation

-Hitchcock

Eleven Key Texts Regarding the Millennium: Isaiah 2:1-5, 11:1-16, 32:1-20, 35:1-10, 60:1-22;
Jeremiah 21:1-40, 22:1-16, Ezekiel 37:14-28, Amos 9:11-15, Zechariah 14:6-21; Revelation 20:1-10



One Thousand Years Means One Thousand Years

Satan's Current Activities:

- 1) The god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- 2) Binds the minds of unbelievers (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).
- 3) Prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2).
- 4) Disguised as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).
- 5) Prowls about like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8).

-John Walvoord

Satan's kingdom on earth is certainly limited by the Lord, by the prayers of the saints, and even by angels, but he is hardly bound at this time.

“There is nothing in the text itself to indicate that this period should not be taken literally.

Otherwise, all other time indicators in the Revelation would be meaningless.”

-Hindson



The Saints Reign with Christ

⁴Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.

This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

“You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will rule on the earth”
(Revelation 5:10).

*Martyrs from the Tribulation will be present.

*Judgment is administered by people on thrones,
perhaps the apostles or the twenty-four elders.

*The Bride of Christ is present.



Resurrection:

The Resurrection is mentioned numerous times in Scripture including Daniel 12:2 which notes both the first and second resurrection: “Many who sleep in the dust will awake, some to eternal life, and some to disgrace and eternal contempt.” John 5:25-29, which also confirm the two types of resurrections (read).

In the first resurrection, there are several phases in which this happens including that of Jesus providing the way for the resurrection in all who believe in Him (1 Corinthians 15:20 and John 11:25-26 (read)).

Revelation 20:4 and Revelation 2):5 distinguish the two resurrections well: one is to eternal life with Christ and the other is eternal separation from Him.

Satanic Rebellion Crushed

⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹They came up across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them. ¹⁰The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



It is my view that Revelation 20:7-10 is one of the greatest Scriptural arguments against the theological concept known as double predestination; (the perspective that God predetermines one's destiny prior to birth).

Instead, we see Satan released because each person must choose whether to follow Jesus or to reject Him. Regardless of the Eden-like peace of the Millennial Kingdom, many people who are not Tribulation saints and/or martyrs, and who are not of the raptured Pre-Tribulation church, will choose to follow God's enemy, Satan, and will thus be destroyed by fire from God – along with their false god.



“Predestination” is a term that has been argued for centuries in the Christian community; indeed, many books have been written on the subject (and rightly so given the numerous Scriptures regarding predestination).

What does it mean to be predestined?

Theologians generally fall into two primary camps regarding predestination: 1) those who believe it means that God already knows the choices people will make concerning His Son Jesus Christ and thus “predestines” them to the Church; 2) the other camp essentially believes that God predetermines one's destiny prior to birth.

I believe Scripture plainly teaches the free will of humans to accept or deny the urging of the Holy Spirit to accept and follow Jesus Christ; thus, I believe the first definition of predestination to be the correct interpretation of Scripture.

Three Great End-Times Wars



Gog and Magog 1 Ezekiel 38-39

Occurs immediately before or immediately after the Rapture (and the subsequent Tribulation Period, also known as the Seventieth Week of Daniel).



Armageddon

Revelation 14:14-20;
16:12-16; 19:11-16

Occurs at the end of the Tribulation Period and immediately precedes the Millennial Reign of Christ. We will discuss in Chapter 19.



Gog and Magog 2 Revelation 20:7-10

Occurs at the end of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ and ushers in the end of Satan and the beginning of eternity.



Seven Year Tribulation Period



1,000 Year Millennial Reign



The Great White Throne Judgment

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹² I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. ¹³ Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works. ¹⁴ Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the Most Tragic Passage in all the Scriptures

Future Judgments:

- 1) Judgment of the martyrs (Revelation 20:4-5).
- 2) Judgment of the nations (Matthew 25:31-46).
- 3) Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- 4) Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).

-Robert Thomas

“God the Father is the judge on this occasion. Christ has judged the believers; now the Father judges the unbelievers. Written records of the deeds of all men are kept in books (Greek, *biblia*, ‘scrolls’). These accounts testify against all men that they have sinned.”

-Hindson

“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” -Hebrews 10:31



“The essential element of the idea of the Millennium is the appearing of the Messiah in history, prior to the revelation of the kingdom of God in the eternal and transcendent realm of the new creation.”

-G.R. Beasley-Murray

It is in Christ our Lord that we will rule and reign. It is in Christ our Lord that we will be saved from wrath. It is in Christ our Lord that we will escape the Great White Throne Judgment. It is in Christ our Lord that the effects of The Fall will no longer be a hold and a hindrance in our lives. It is in Christ our Lord that we receive grace in our hour of need; that we receive hope in a lost world; and that we receive our Mission for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What we do with that Gospel has everything to do with those who will, or will not, face the most tragic judgment possible.



God—his way is perfect; the
word of the LORD is pure.
He is a shield to all who take
refuge in him.

-Psalm 18:30

