

Questions About What happens to the beast and False Prophet at the 2nd and 3rd Comings of Jesus

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What happens to the beast and False Prophet at the second coming of Jesus? Then what happens to them at the 3rd Coming of Jesus after the Millennium?

Answer:

Great question — and very important for understanding the **sequence of end-time events** as laid out in Revelation.

Let's break this down clearly and biblically:

AT THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

What happens to the Beast and the False Prophet?

Revelation 19:20 – *“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him... These both were cast alive into a **lake of fire burning with brimstone.**”*

Key Points:

- They are **not killed** in the normal sense.
- They are **cast alive into the lake of fire** at the second coming.
- This event takes place **before the millennium** begins.
- This “Lake of Fire” here refers to **total destruction** (see also Malachi 4:1).

Interpretation:

- The **Beast** represents the **global religio-political power** opposed to God (often identified with papal Rome in historicist interpretation).
- The **False Prophet** is a **miracle-working apostate power** that deceives (many see this as apostate Protestantism or the United States enforcing false worship).
- Both are **symbolic powers or systems**, though possibly represented by individuals — and they are **fully judged and destroyed** at the return of Christ.

DURING THE MILLENNIUM (1000 years)

Revelation 20:1–3

Satan is bound for 1000 years in the bottomless pit (abyss), symbolic of a desolate, lifeless earth.

Key Facts:

- The Beast and False Prophet are already **destroyed**.
- Satan is **alone** on earth, with no humans alive to tempt.
- The righteous are **in heaven** reigning with Christ (Revelation 20:4).
- The wicked are **dead**, awaiting the **second resurrection** (Revelation 20:5).

AT THE THIRD COMING (After the Millennium)

Revelation 20:7–10 —“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed... and shall go out to deceive the nations... And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them... and the devil... was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are...”

What happens?

- The **WICKED DEAD** are raised (2nd resurrection).
- Satan rallies them for **one final rebellion** (Gog & Magog).
- **God sends fire from heaven** — this is the **final judgment**.
- The **Lake of Fire now burns the entire earth** — this is the **second death**.

What about the Beast and False Prophet?

- **They are already destroyed** at the second coming.
- Revelation 20:10 says the devil joins them “*where the beast and the false prophet are*” — meaning in the **same fate**: utter destruction.
- This is not a place of eternal life in torment, but a **symbol of final judgment**.

“They shall be as though they had not been.” — *Obadiah 1:16*

“The wicked... shall be stubble. And the day that cometh shall burn them up.” — *Malachi 4:1*

Summary Timeline:

Event	Beast & False Prophet	Satan	Wicked
2nd Coming	Cast into Lake of Fire (destroyed)	Bound on desolate earth	Slain (dead)
Millennium	Gone	Bound	Dead
3rd Coming	Already destroyed	Cast into Lake of Fire	Resurrected, then destroyed

Final Thought:

At the end of it all:

- **Sin is fully eradicated.**
- Satan, his angels, and all who follow rebellion are **consumed**.
- God creates a **new heaven and new earth** (Revelation 21:1).
- God's people will dwell with Him **forever**, never again touched by sin, beast, or deception.

“Affliction shall not rise up the second time.” — *Nahum 1:9*