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**December 29**

**Revelation 20:1-15**

**Satan Bound 1,000 Years**

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

**The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years**

<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

## Satanic Rebellion Crushed

<sup>7</sup> Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

## The Great White Throne Judgment

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

## OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

John sees an angel come down from heaven and bind Satan with a great chain throwing him into the bottomless pit so that he can't deceive the nations anymore for 1000 years. Next, John sees thrones and judges that were appointed to administrate judgment. He sees all those that overcame the Beast and all Christians appear before these judges at this time because it says **blessed** and **holy** is he that has part of **the first resurrection** over such the second death has no power. No unbelievers are here at this time because only the "Blessed and Holy" are here. This is the time for all of the Saints to be judged for their works done in Christ Jesus and receive rewards. This is not a judgment for their old sins because these people have received Jesus Christ as Savior and their sins have already been judged on the cross. The Bible says that all of us Christians must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be rewarded for what we did for Jesus while on earth.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The Bible says that at this time Christ begins to reign over all the earth for 1000 years and he appoints us his followers to administrate his kingdom over all the earth. ***Revelation 20:6...they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.***

While Jesus was with the apostles he taught them about his coming kingdom and how that they would help him administrate his government over Israel. Luke 22:29-30 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

The 1000 year millennial reign of Jesus Christ is a promise found throughout both the Old and New Testaments. After this 1000 year period of time the devil will be released from the bottomless pit and be permitted to go out and deceive the nations once again and gather them together to attack the holy city Jerusalem. Apparently, it's kind of like a probation period of time, God has allowed during this 1000 year period of time humanity to experience what it is like to live life on planet earth under the Lordship of Jesus Christ but they once again must make a decision about willingly following Jesus Christ as Lord. Once again mankind fails the test and God brings judgment upon all those nations that seek to destroy Jerusalem. God intervenes and pours fire out upon all these enemies and kills them all, captures the devil and throws him into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet are and they suffer in flames forever.

John see's a great white throne and multitudes of the dead appear before God and the books were opened and another book was opened which was the Book of Life. They were all judged from the things written in the books which were a record of their sins and the judgment they would receive would be in proportion to the kinds of sins that were recorded in the books. The Bible says that if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life that they were cast into the lake of fire which is the second death. The Old Testament and the New Testament Saints are not the ones being judged before the great white throne. No, these are unbelievers that refused to repent and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Their names were not found written in the Lambs Book of Life and therefore were cast into the lake of fire and brimstone which is not annihilation but rather eternal suffering and the flames of hell.

#### **PRAYER:**

Father we pray in the name of Jesus that we can be found worthy through the blood of Jesus Christ to be able to stand before you on that final day. Heavenly father we ask that you would show us what you would have each of us to do right now in the service of the kingdom of God here on earth. Fill us with you wisdom concerning everything in our lives. Help us to serve you faithfully and make us fruitful to influence many people to faith in Jesus Christ. Help us to do our part of building your church, the Body of Christ. Give us grace and empower us by your Holy Spirit to hear your voice and to be led by you every day. Help us to abide in Jesus Christ the True Vine and allow his life to flow in us and through us to others. In the name of Jesus, we receive the answers to these prayers, amen!

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