

## Revelation 20

### Millennium and Last Judgment

The Bible is a composite of 7 dispensations (arrangements) God designed for man to know Him and submit to His rule. Every arrangement fails because of man's rebellious insistence to live according to his own arrangements rather than Gods.

1. Innocence (before the fall)
2. Conscience (fall to the flood)
3. Human Government (post flood to Babel)
4. Patriarchs (Abraham to bondage in Egypt)
5. Law (Moses to Christ)
6. Church (Pentecost to the rapture)
7. Kingdom (Second coming of Christ to the final rebellion of Satan)

Every dispensation ends in judgment because of man's rebellion against God. The plan of salvation is the same through the dispensations – faith in a Savior

Revelation 21 is divided into five events:

#### **SATAN BOUND (read 1-3)**

- *An angel... laid hold of (Satan) and bound Satan for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit (abyss, the lowest part of Hades) – Not only Satan but the demons as well*
- *Why was Satan bound only 1,000 years? 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 bottomless pit is not Satan's final end*

#### **SAINTS REIGN (read 4-6)**

- Tribulation saints w/ the redeemed from OT & NT will reign w/ Christ 1,000 yrs.
- The kingdom is the primary theme of OT prophecies
  - **Isaiah 11:6-12**
  - **Micah 7:8-15**
  - **Zechariah 14:1-11**
- *The rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished*  
The bodies of unbelievers of all ages won't be resurrected until the last judgment
- The resurrection before the Millennium *is the first resurrection*

The Bible teaches two kinds of resurrections: the resurrection of life & the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:29; Daniel 12:2; Acts 24:15).

- 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection is of the just of all dispensations (saved)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection is of the unjust from all dispensations (unsaved)
- 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection will enter the kingdom in resurrected bodies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection will receive their bodies for hell at the final judgment
- *Blessed...is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the **second death** has no power*
  - First death is physical
  - Second death is spiritual and eternal in the Lake of Fire
- Those who have part in the first resurrection *shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years*

### **SATAN RELEASED (read 7-9)**

- *Satan will be released from prison*  
He will be released to lead rebels born during the Millennium.
- The rebellious nations are referred to as *Gog & Magog* (the demonic forces who lead a rebellion in Ezekiel 38 & 39)
- These demonic forces will attack Jerusalem where Christ will be reigning (9)

### **SATAN REMANDED (read 10)**

- *The devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet **are**.*  
The Beast & False Prophet are still alive in the Lake of Fire after 1,000 years
- The devil will be remanded to the Lake of Fire for eternity

### **SINNERS JUDGED (read 11-20)**

- A vision of the judgment of unbelievers after the Millennium
- People are there because their names were not written in the Book of Life
- They will be judged according to their works
- Everyone at this judgment will be cast into the Lake of Fire
- The wicked will receive some kind of body
- They will spend eternity in a place prepared for the devil & his angels

**CLOSING THOUGHT:** II Cor. 5:11 – *Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men*

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