

## **THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS**

### ***A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 34***

Revelation 20:7-15

In our previous study, we learned that after the battle of Armageddon Satan will be bound for one thousand years. (*Revelation 20:1*) Then we noted a resurrection takes place and the Tribulation saints will join the Church and reign with Christ for one thousand years here upon this earth.

#### **I. A TRUTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE**

- A. Some details are missing here in Revelation pertaining to the 1,000 years.
  - 1. The conditions of the reign of Christ are missing.
  - 2. Details about the beginning and ending of the 1,000 years are basically all that are given.
- B. The Old Testament writers filled in the details about the 1,000 years.
  - 1. Isaiah 2:4—*“And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”*
  - 2. Isaiah 11:6-9—*“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice (vipers) den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”*

#### **II. SATAN BACK ON EARTH AGAIN (*REVELATION 20:7, 8*)**

- A. Let's review the workings of Satan.
  - 1. Satan—working through the beast and false prophet—gathered the armies of the world at Jerusalem. (*Rev.16:13-16*)
  - 2. Our Lord victoriously tramples His enemies under His feet. (*Rev.14:18-20*)
  - 3. The beast and false prophet are placed into the lake of fire. (*Rev.19:20*)
  - 4. The Devil is placed in the bottomless pit. (*Rev. 20:1-3*)
- B. After 1,000 years, the Devil is released from the bottomless pit. (*Rev. 20:7*)
  - 1. One thousand years in the bottomless pit has not changed his nature.
  - 2. He goes out to “deceive the nations.”
- C. Who are the deceived ones? (*Rev.20:8*)
  - 1. A remnant will survive the Great Tribulation.

2. They will appear at the judgment of the nations.  
(*Matthew 25:31-46*)
  3. Those who have not followed the Anti-Christ but the Christ will enter into the 1,000-year reign of Christ.
  4. They will reign with Christ in physical bodies such as ours.
  5. These are saved people only who identified with Christ.
  6. They will bear children during the 1,000 year reign of Christ.
  7. Those children have never been tempted by the Devil, as he is confined in the bottomless pit. (*Rev. 20:3*)
  8. At the end of the 1,000 years, the Devil will be loosed to tempt those born during that period of time.
  9. A point will be proven.
    - a. A perfect environment will not provide perfect people.
    - b. Their true nature will be hidden while Christ rules with a rod of iron.
  10. Unrepentant Satan and unregenerate mankind will work together.  
(*Rev. 20:9*)
  11. Satan will deceive those who have been born and lived for 1,000 years in a perfect kingdom here on earth.
  12. As he did previously, Satan marshals these unsaved multitudes against Jerusalem. (*Rev. 20:9—“The beloved city.”*)
  13. They are supernaturally destroyed with fire from heaven. (*Rev. 20:9*)
- D. The devil is sent to his home permanently. (*Rev. 20:10*)
1. He joins his cohorts, the beasts and false prophet, in the lake of fire.  
(*Rev. 20:10*)
  2. After 1,000 years they are still very much alive. (*Rev. 20:10*)
  3. They shall burn but never be consumed for all eternity.  
(*Rev. 20:10—“For ever and ever.”*)

### **III. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS SEEN (*REVELATION 20:11-15*)**

- A. Daniel spoke of this judgment—*“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”*  
(*Daniel 7:10*)
- B. The background is described. (*Rev. 20:11*)
1. The earth and heaven will flee away. (*Rev. 20:11*)
  2. Peter describes this event: *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”* (*II Peter 3:10*)
  3. There will be no place to hide.
  4. The raw judgment of God will be manifested.
  5. Heaven and earth will be loosed from their moorings.
- C. The judge is revealed. (*Rev. 20:11, 12*)

## FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND

A 52-Week Study of the Book of Revelation

Week 34

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1. John 5:22—*“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:”*
  2. Acts 17:31—*“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will Judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”*
  3. They spat upon Him the first time, but no more.
  4. They crowned Him with thorns the first time, but no more.
  5. They buffeted His body the first time, but no more.
  6. They decided His fate the first time, but now He decides theirs.
  7. This court is convened by One Whose jurisdiction is universal!
- D. Those to be prosecuted are revealed. (*Rev. 20:12*)
1. The “small” will be there. (*Rev. 20:12*)
    - a. Those whose lives amounted to nothing will be there.
    - b. They chose to waste their lives on their selfish ambitions.
    - c. As far as the world these are the unknowns but lost.
  2. The “great” will be there. (*Rev. 20:12*)
    - a. These are the well-known.
    - b. These robust sinners used the world for their stage.
    - c. Their names were common household names.
    - d. These were rich in time but poor in eternity.
- E. Those summoned are from the four corners of the world.
1. Death gives way to resurrection. (*Rev. 20:13*)
    - a. Those who were buried in vaults are summoned.
    - b. Those who were in satin-lined caskets are summoned.
    - c. Those who were buried in pine boxes are summoned.
    - d. Those whose bodies were left for vultures will be summoned.
    - e. God knows where every member of the human race has resided.
  2. Hell gives way to resurrection. (*Rev. 20:15*)
    - a. Bodies from the earth and souls out of Hell are resurrected. (*Rev. 20:15*)
    - b. They stand before God as they lived: sinners without Christ.
- F. The criteria of judgment are seen. (*Rev. 20:12*)
1. Those summoned from death and Hell face:
    - a. A living God.
    - b. A book of works. (*Rev. 20:12*)
      - i. Every evil deed is recorded.
      - ii. Every evil thought is recorded.
      - iii. Every evil action is recorded.
      - iv. This book will reveal every work from birth to death.
      - v. This will be a book of memory.

- vi. They will be judged “According to their works.”  
(*Rev. 20:12*)
- c. The book of life. (*Rev. 20:12*)
  - i. This book is the final witness against lost humanity.
  - ii. Jesus told his followers to rejoice if their name was in this book: “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” (*Luke 10:20*)
  - iii. The name of every saved individual is recorded in the book of life.
  - iv. Those whose names are not recorded in the book of life are “cast into the lake of fire.” (*Rev. 20:15*)
    - a. This is the maximum penalty.
    - b. It means separation from God eternally.
    - c. It is a life sentence which will never be revoked.
    - d. There will be no parole.
    - e. There will be no possibility of early release.
    - f. There is no higher court of appeal.
    - g. The individual is on their own for all eternity.
- 2. The songwriter stated:  
*Is my name written there on those pages bright and fair*  
*Is my name written in the book of life*
- G. The end of death is announced. (*Rev. 20:15*)
  - 1. “Death” was cast into the lake of fire. (*Rev. 20:14*)
  - 2. Death is the last enemy—1 Corinthians 15:26: “*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death*”
- H. The present Hell is cast into the lake of fire. (*Rev. 20:14*)
  - 1. The present Hell is temporary.
  - 2. After the White Throne Judgment the present Hell will be cast into the lake of fire.
- I. Three evil beings will greet all lost people in the lake of fire.
  - 1. Devil—*Revelation 20:10*
  - 2. Beast—*Revelation 20:10*
  - 3. False Prophet—*Revelation 20:10*
- J. Those who are in the first resurrection will not appear here. (*Rev. 20:6*)
- K. Finally, at the white throne judgment:
  - 1. There will be a judge, but no jury.
  - 2. There will be a prosecution, but no defense.
  - 3. There will be a sentence, but no appeal.