

REVELATION 20 - LESSON 27

REVELATION 20:7-15

Life during Millennial Kingdom

Life will be somewhat like now with some really big changes and exceptions.

1 - Satan bound 1000 years. (Rev 20:1-3)

2 - Jesus will rule and reign from Jerusalem; Christians will rule and reign with Him. (Rev 20:6; I Cor 6:2)

3 - Judgement of tribulation survivors. (Matt 25:31-41)

4 - A time of peace and joy. (Isaiah 2:1-5)

5 - A time animals will be tame (Isaiah 11:1-10)

6 - A time of longevity. (Isaiah 65:19-25)

7 - A time of worshiping Jesus in Jerusalem.
(Zech 14:16-21)

So that is where we have been and tonight 2 more main events:

1) LAKE OF FIRE

2) GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

Rev 20:7-15

There is a transition that occurs here.

First portion deals with Jesus ruling and reigning from Jerusalem for a 1000 years.

His first order of business is going to be to bind Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit (Abyss) for a 1000 years.

Recorded in vs 1 where this angel was given by God the authority to bind Satan with a chain and cast him into the Abyss for 1000 years.

Remember there will also be people on earth that will be having children over the course of this 1000 years.

And even though no satanic influence, there is still a sinful nature.

It's not like there will be no evil or sin because we can mess this up all by ourselves.

Just know for better but not perfect and Satan bound for 1000 years.

Vs 7 - After the 1000 year reign, Satan is released. Question, why? Because we like him bound by chains in bottomless pit.

Think about the fact:

1 - Jesus is on the throne.

2 - Greatest peace world's known.

3 - Satan is bound.

There will be people who are born and grow up in that kind of world.

It's a time when people really are not faced with a dilemma, cause Jesus is really the only choice.

God will allow Satan to be released and people will need to decide who they are going to choose now.

Satan is released one last time so people will have a choice one last time.

Vs 8 - "He goes into 4 corners of the earth".

This is probably still Russia but it's really a gathering of Nations for one last battle, but it's after and not Armageddon.

Remember Armageddon would have been 1000 years earlier than this.

Almost unbelievable to see that Satan is able to band another army together and the end of (vs 8) says it's like the sand of the sea.

Vs 9 - So they advance on Jerusalem and then God is saying I have had enough and sends fire and devours them.

What do we learn from this and Satan being released?

1- The Human Heart is Depraved

For people to be living in an almost utopian society and abandon that to follow Satan is almost unfathomable.

They have been experiencing peace on earth and good will toward men and still choose the wrong.

2 - Satan is powerfully deceptive enough to lure people away from a “perfect” world.

I put quotations because this is not yet heaven.

However, this does prove how powerful Satan’s deception actually is.

3 - God is JUST in His JUDGEMENTS

It’s a “utopia” and yet people reject and actually attack God and it’s further proof that God is totally just in His judgement.
If people reject God in that environment, it’s a reminder God is just in all His judgements.

Vs 10 - “Antichrist & False Prophet”

They have already been there for a 1000 years (beast & false prophet). Satan was only put in the “Abyss”, but now Satan after his coup, he is put into the lake of fire with them.

Lake of Fire is Not Hell!

We will see in a moment that Hell will be destroyed and then it's the “Lake of Fire”.

Jesus referred to the Lake of Fire 11 times in the Gospels.

Jesus used an Aramaic word “Gehenna” derived from Hebrew = “Valley of Ge Hinnom”.

It's the ultimate final place that all those that reject God will end up, including the Devil, False Prophet and Antichrist.

The Bible describes this as a place of perpetual ongoing suffering.

There is a false doctrine known as “Annihilationism” which teaches either Hell doesn’t exist or if it does, as soon as people enter, they are actually annihilated and no longer exist.

Human soul is never extinguished.

Everyone that’s ever lived is still alive somewhere.

1 - Either with Lord

2 - Separated from Lord

Back in 2018, Pope Francis gave an interview with a Journalist and was asked “where are bad souls punished”?

Pope “bad souls are not punished, those who do not repent cannot be forgiven and disappear. There is no Hell. But there is the disappearance of sinful souls”.

Vs 11 - Begins a discussion on Great White Throne.

Synopsis

1- It's for unbelievers

It's not for believers

Why? Well, either believers have already died and gone to heaven, either O. T. Saints or N. T. Saints or even during Tribulation. Those Saints come back with Jesus during the Millennial Reign.

Matt 25 - Jesus separates Sheep (righteous) and the Goats (unrighteous).

Jesus makes a determination at end of Tribulation at beginning of the Millennial Kingdom who are the righteous who will go into the Millennial.

Matt 25:31-34

Matt 25:41

At end of Tribulation, Jesus will separate the righteous from the unrighteous.

The unrighteous go into the Lake of Fire.

The righteous go into the 1000 year reign.

By the time you get to end of Millennial Kingdom (1000) years, the righteous believers have already been judged.

So this Judgement is for unbelievers.

2 - It's like a courtroom with a few differences.

- *No debate about guilt or innocence

- *Prosecutor but no defense

- *Judge but no jury

- *Sentence with no appeal

- *Punishment without parole

Vs 11 - "Heaven and earth fled away". It's telling us that heaven and earth will pass away and be a "New Heaven and a New Earth".

Matt 24:35

II Peter 3:7

II Peter 3:10-13

Vs 12

There is a time and I don't know how long between the present Earth and Heaven and the New one that people are before God.

He says he sees the "dead both small and great", standing before God and "BOOKS were OPENED".

“Books” - plural

Vs 12 - God's got some books? (What Books???)

1 - Bible (John 12:48)

2 - Book of Records (Ps 139:16)

God has a record book of when you were born and when you die.

3 - Book of Remembrance (Ps 56:8; Matt 3:16)

It tells us that God records our tears, and our pain and suffering does not go unnoticed by the Lord.

4 - Book of Works (Rev. 20:12)

So they will give an account for their works and the evil they have done.

5 - "Book of Life"

It appears 9 times in Bible.

Phil 4:3

Ps 69:28

7 times in the book of Revelation

3:5 13:8 17:8 20:12 20:15 21:27 22:19

Always questioned about kids that die before able to make a decision for Christ?

2 things:

1 - God made provision for children in wilderness wanderings.

2 - King David when lost child, David said “he will not come back to me but I will go to him”.

So question becomes when is name written in and its before its blotted out?

I personally think, it's written in the beginning and blotted out when you reject Christ. “God NOT willing ANY Perish”!

Rev 3:5 - Doesn't say He will enter it, but “blot it out”.

Same thing David prayed in Psalm 69:28.

Bottom line, there is coming a day the Books will be opened.
and if name is not there, will be no entry into Heaven.

Vs 13 - Answers about those who had ashes spread.

“Death & Hades gave up dead in them”.

It's a judgement of the unrighteous.

Vs 14 - “No more Hell but a Lake of Fire”

Vs 15

It's a tragic ending for those that reject and choose to go there.

