

Revelation 20 - "In the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ"

"Are You now going to restore the kingdom?"

- [Act 1:6 KJV] 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
- [Rev 1:9 KJV] 9 I John, who also am your brother, and **companion in tribulation**, and **in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ**, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
 - Our King Comes! - Our King Reigns!

for the word of God - the Bible is the word of God... - it is living and powerful... it is the truth...

for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

- He is coming again... He will rule the world for 1,000 years...
- He will judge the world for their sin of unbelief...
- He will destroy the armies of the nations that gather to fight Him...
- He will restore the Kingdom to Israel, to the saints of the Most High... We will rule with Him as kings and priests...
- Read, hear, and keep this prophecy of the Revelation of Jesus Christ - and be blessed

[Rev 20:1-15 KJV]

V1-3 - Satan Goes to Prison

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of **the bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on **the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan

- the deceiver, the accuser, the tempter, the schemer, the liar, the adversary, the father of all lies...

Satan will be locked up in the "abyss" - the bottomless pit... sealed... for 1,000 years

- the corresponding time in the fulfillment of the reign of Christ Jesus here on earth...
- that he should deceive the nations no more
 - this may be the Satan's greatest work and effect upon the peoples and nations in this world - deception...
 - [Rev 12:9 KJV] 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with

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- [Rev 13:14 KJV] 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
- [Rev 16:14 KJV] 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
- [Mat 24:24 KJV] 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- [2Th 2:10-11 KJV] 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

V4-6 - Judgment of the tribulation saints

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 **But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.** 6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years

- those that were killed by the Beast, raise with Christ
- and they enter into the millennium - to reign with Him
- [Dan 7:9, 18, 22, 27 KJV] 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. ... 18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ... 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. ... 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

This [is] the first resurrection

- those in Christ - by faith... believers are a part of the first resurrection - began with Christ - the first born from the dead - includes the church - includes the tribulation saints
- it's not an event - but the promise of new life in Jesus
- we will have our new bodies - in the likeness of Jesus - 1 Cor 15 fulfilled

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- we believe in the "resurrection" of all - there is a resurrection at "the end"
- [Dan 12:1-2 KJV] 1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt.

V7-10 - the final rebellion

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

after the kingdom of Jesus

- Satan is loosed and allowed to deceive the nations again
- Gog and Magog - Ezekiel 38 and 39 - similarities and differences
- Gog is the ruler - demonic power
- even after the reign of Christ - the nations gather to fight against God
- Great destruction

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- the second death
- eternal torment - this is hell - in its eternity...
- where their worm does not die...
 - [Isa 66:24 KJV] 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.
 - [Mar 9:42-48 KJV] 42 And whosoever shall offend one of [these] little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. 43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

V11 - 15 - the final judgement

11 And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books**, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was **not found written in the book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

Believers - we have had our judgment at the Bema seat of Christ

- [2Co 5:10 KJV] 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.
- rewards - works that pass through the fire - or don't and are consumed

great white throne

- **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books**
- the book of life - that contains those named - for eternal life in Jesus - He has granted life to those that believe in Him - the Son of the living God
- according to their works - what is the work of God - believe on His Son - Jesus

the dead rise again - all the dead

- the judgment of those **not found written in the book of life**
 - cast into the lake of fire - the second death - eternal hell and torment

Our Application:

1. Endure to the end - salvation is ours in Jesus
 1. have need for endurance
 2. waiting and suffering and not moved away from the hope of Jesus Christ
2. Receive the Holy Spirit Baptism and fullness
 1. be a witness unto Jesus - the Son of God - the coming King
3. Blessed Assurance is Ours
 1. we have the word of God
 2. we have the testimony of Jesus
 3. keep the prophecy of Revelation
 4. He has promised us life...
4. Re-prioritize your life now
 1. seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
 2. the entrance is supplied into this everlasting Kingdom
 3. Jesus is the Way...

4. let nothing keep You from eternal life...