

Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ! Welcome to this continuation of our study in the Book of Revelation. Today, we are in Chapter 20, one of the most profound and prophetic sections in Scripture.

REVELATION 20:1-3 The Binding of Satan

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 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.”

(Revelation 20:1-3, NKJV)

- After the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19), where Christ defeats the nations, we see here that Satan is not yet cast into the Lake of Fire like the Beast and the False Prophet (Rev. 19:20). Instead, Satan is bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit (Greek: *Abyssos*) a deep, dark, spiritual prison.
- This angel is likely one of God's warrior angels, entrusted with divine authority. The “key” and “chain” signify power to imprison spiritual beings.
- The purpose of the binding is to prevent Satan from deceiving the nations during Christ's 1,000 year reign. However, he will be released briefly afterward, for a final test of the nations.

Jesus holds all authority over life, death, and Hades (Revelation 1:18). The angel acts on Christ's authority when imprisoning Satan.

Luke 8:31

“And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.” (*demons recognize the Abyss as a place of torment*)

2 Peter 2:4

“God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness...”

REVELATION 20:4-6 The First Resurrection and Reign with Christ

“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... They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

(Revelation 20:4, NKJV)

Two Groups are Seen Here:

1. The Saints Who Sit on Thrones:

These are the faithful believers (likely the raptured Church Christ's Bride) who will rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium. "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?"

(1 Corinthians 6:2, NKJV)

"You who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Matthew 19:28, NKJV)

2. The Martyrs of the Great Tribulation:

These are believers (both Jews and Gentiles) who refused the Mark of the Beast and were killed during the Tribulation. They are

resurrected and given glorified bodies to also reign with Christ for 1,000 years.

This is the First Resurrection (v.5-6)

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power...” (Revelation 20:6, NKJV)

The first resurrection is for the righteous. It includes:

Christ (the firstfruits) The raptured saints (1 Thess. 4:16-17)

The Tribulation martyrs

The “second death” refers to eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire

(Rev. 20:14). Those in the first resurrection are eternally secure.

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (1,000 Year Reign of Christ)

During this reign:

Jesus will rule from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4)

Saints will govern with Him (Luke 19:17-19)

Peace will cover the earth, even among animals

Isaiah 11:6-9 “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb... the lion shall eat straw like the ox...”

Lifespan will increase; sin will be rare but still possible

Isaiah 65:20 “The child shall die one hundred years old... the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.”

REVELATION 20:7-10 The Final Rebellion: Gog and Magog

“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations... Gog and Magog... to gather them together to battle... Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

(Revelation 20:7-9, NKJV)

- After 1,000 years of peace, Satan is released, and shockingly, many will still choose to rebel against Christ.
- Gog and Magog here are symbolic of the nations that align against God distinct from the Gog/Magog invasion in Ezekiel 38-39.
- God ends the rebellion instantly with fire from heaven. Satan is then finally cast into the Lake of Fire.

“And the devil... was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone... and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

(Revelation 20:10, NKJV)

REVELATION 20:11-15 The Great White Throne Judgment

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... the dead, small and great, standing before God... and books were opened...”(Revelation 20:11-12, NKJV)

Two Sets of Books:

1. “The Books” A record of every person’s deeds, both good and evil (Ecclesiastes 12:14)
2. “The Book of Life” Contains the names of all who received eternal life through Jesus Christ

The Second Death:

“Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”
(Revelation 20:15, NKJV)

- All who rejected Christ or lived unrighteously will be judged according to their deeds, and condemned.

Hebrews 9:27 “It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”

Is Your Name in the Book of Life?

Everyone is writing a “book” with their life your daily choices, words, and actions are being recorded. One day, that book will be opened.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body...”

Make sure your life aligns with God’s Book the Word of God. If your life doesn’t reflect the truth of Scripture, your name will not be found in the Book of Life.

HOW TO ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN

- Repent of your sins (Acts 3:19)

- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16)
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Live a life of holiness (Hebrews 12:14)
- Overcome through faith and obedience (Revelation 3:5)

Are You Still Living in Sin?

If you're still living in lust, drunkenness, fornication, gossip, vanity, or other ungodliness don't deceive yourself. Without repentance and transformation, the Lake of Fire is your end (Revelation 21:8).

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."
(Hebrews 3:15)

When all these things are fulfilled Satan judged, sin eradicated, death defeated then begins eternity with God, in the New Heavens and the New Earth, which we'll explore in Revelation Chapter 21.

Prayer

May the Holy Spirit convict every heart reading this. May your life be found in alignment with God's Word so that on the Day of Judgment,

your name will be read aloud from the Book of Life.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 2:7)

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