

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the Millennium. What does it mean? Who partakes in it? What is another name for it?
2. Who will compose Satan's last army?
3. Who all must appear before the great white throne?
4. How shall God judge? What is the result? Who shall be delivered?

SUMMARY:

In our study of this book the time of great tribulation now will be over. Satan, who had reigned unhindered during that time, now is bound. The beast and false prophet have been cast into the lake of fire. We study about the millennium period when Christ shall rule over the world having complete control over sin.

Then Satan is loosed again and immediately deceives multitudes of people who comprise a new army of evil which attempts to go to war against Christ and His followers. They are consumed with fire and Satan finally suffers his total defeat and is cast also into the lake of fire.

All the dead now are raised, those who were not included in the first resurrection, and are judged by God. Those whose names are not in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire. The difference will be: is your name in the book of life?

NOTES:

[SoF:10] We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

December 6, 2020

Fourth Quarter

SATAN, A DEFEATED FOE

LESSON TEXT: *Revelation 20:1-15*

LESSON SETTING: Satan bound: His final overthrow and judgment

TIME: Approximately 96 AD

I. SATAN BOUND. Revelation 20:1-3

- A. Satan Identified (vs. 2) Genesis 3:4; 2 Corinthians 4:4
- B. Satan Restrained (vs. 2-3) Romans 16:20; Revelation 12:12

II. THE MILLENNIUM. Revelation 20:4-6

- A. The 1,000-year reign (vs. 4)
- B. The First Resurrection (vs. 5) Luke 14:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- C. Blessed Participants (vs. 6) 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

III. SATAN'S FINAL ATTACK AND DEFEAT. Revelation 20:7-10

- A. Satan Loosed (vs. 7)
- B. Satan Deceives (vs. 8) Genesis 3:5; Matthew 4:6; 2 Corinthians 11:14
- C. Satan Defeated (vs. 9-10) John 12:31; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Hebrews 2:14

IV. GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT. [SoF:10] Rev. 20:11-15

- A. Throne of God (vs. 11) Psalm 103:19; Revelation 4:2
- B. Books Opened (vs. 12)
- C. God's Judgment (vs. 12) Matthew 16:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 3:7; Revelation 22:12
- D. The Book of Life (vs. 15) Exodus 32:33; Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20; Revelation 21:27

GOLDEN TEXT: *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.*

Revelation 20:12

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Revelation 21:1-27

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 60:11-22; 65:17-25

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, The Triumphant Lord

TOPIC: NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

INTRODUCTION:

Isaiah foretold the creation of new heavens and new earth (Isaiah 65:17) *“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind.”* Also in Revelation 20:11 we read, *“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.”* The word “Create” means “to cause to come into existence, originate.”

The New Jerusalem is a literal city having the building materials, dimensions, appointments, inhabitants, the divine glory, indwelling of God and Christ and its eternal nature clearly declared. The church as the Bride of Christ, the wife of the Lamb, inhabits this city. Many others, apparently separate from the church, such as Old Testament saints whose names are in the book of life, shall also be there. The promise of having names written in the book of life was given in Moses' time (Exodus 32:33). The size of the city is a cube 1,500 miles on each side, equal to a distance from New York to Denver. It will be lighted by the glory of God and the presence of the Lamb. It will have no need of a temple because God and the Lamb will be there in person. No need for a temple built by man's hand which only pointed to Christ. We will be with Him. *“We shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”* (1 John 3:2)

There are two classes of people, but they are not divided by race, social status or wealth. The first class consists of those who “overcome” and become the sons of God and inherit all things. The second class are all those who live in sin. Those who do not believe, murderers, adulterers, idolaters, **all** liars, those practicing witchcraft: all will have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death. God in His love will not permit in the New Jerusalem anything that harms His children. How blest are those who come to Him and are redeemed by His blood!

CENTRAL TRUTH: Those whose sins are not covered by the blood of Christ will be judged for them before His throne.

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID, BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.* Revelation 21:5

What a blessed state shall exist for those who are partakers of the high and heavenly calling of God through Christ Jesus. Imagine a glorious new heaven and new earth. There will be no pollution of the atmosphere, of the food and of the water of the river of life. There will be no weeds or thistles that came into existence because of man's sin. There will be no more toil and sweat as we know it today. No more backaches, or heartaches (vs. 4, also Chapter 7:16). The new heaven and new earth, the New Jerusalem shall be the dwelling place of all overcomers. It will be all beauty and majesty and glory. It will be filled with the very presence of God.

If we are to have part in this wonderful home of God (vs. 3) we must be made new also. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Satan's host through seeming gladness
Shall go unto endless pain;
But the saints by way of sadness
Shall the marriage-supper gain;
Then, my soul, let nothing move thee
From the strait and narrow way;
Even though the body weaken,
Ere you reach your burial day.

Z.H. 36:5

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 7 – 13

- M. Heaven - A Matter of Choice. Luke 16:19-31
- T. Heaven - The Christian's Hope. John 14:1-6
- W. Heaven - Man's Eternal Hope. 2 Corinthians 5:1-9
- T. Heaven's Indescribable Glory. 2 Corinthians 12:1-6
- F. *Heritage of the Overcomer. Revelation 21:1-8
- S. *The New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:9-21
- S. *Redeemed Earth and People. Revelation 21:22-27

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