

Revelation 20

Satan, Sin and Death are Finally Eliminated

A. Satan is bound for a thousand years.

1. (1) A nameless angel comes to bind Satan with a great chain.

(1) Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.

This angel that will subdue _____ is anonymous.

It is not _____ Himself, nor does it appear that it is Michael or Gabriel or any other high-ranking angel.

He does not say whether this angel had appeared to him before, but the impression is rather that it was a _____ one.

The final importance of Satan is perhaps indicated in the fact that it is not the Father who deals with him, nor the Christ, but only an _____ angel.

This angel has a _____ to the bottomless pit, the abyss, and also a great _____.

2. (2-3) Satan is imprisoned for 1,000 years.

(2) And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, (3) and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Who is this angel, and how can he take on and _____ Satan? We see in Daniel 10, we see an angel that fought for 21 days against a great demon that was yet lesser than Satan. He was not able to depart from this battle until Michael came to _____ him.

When Michael disputed against Satan in the book of _____, even he was not able to pronounce judgment upon him, but instead invoked the Lord to rebuke him.

Left to his own devices, Satan would surely fight like a _____ in a bath to prevent being chained up.

We are only told the final end; that Satan _____ be bound and _____ be locked away.

Satan tried to imprison Jesus in a _____, but couldn't.

Is this a literal transaction? _____ it is.

If God can chain them _____, He can chain Satan for 1,000 years.

Satan will no longer be the _____ of the pit, the abyss. Instead, now it will be his _____ for the next 1000 years.

Satan is a deceiver, so the most potent defense and weapon against Satan is the _____ of God's Word.

Since Satan's work of deception continues _____, we know that he is not bound in the way that this passage describes.

But Satan will not be locked in the abyss indefinitely, but instead will only be there until the thousand years were _____.

Tragically, the Church through history has often _____ or denied the promise of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

Growing out of amillennialism is the doctrine of postmillennialism, saying the millennium will happen in this age, before Jesus' return - but that the _____ will bring it to pass.

Yet the clear teaching of the Bible isn't amillennialism or postmillennialism, but what is called premillennialism - the teaching that Jesus Christ will return to this earth _____ the millennial earth, and He will establish and govern it directly with His saints for 1000 years.

Even after the rapture and the vast judgments of the Great Tribulation, there will be many _____ left on earth.

During the Millennium, the citizens of earth will acknowledge and _____ to the Lordship of Jesus.

During the Millennium, there will be no more _____.

During the Millennium, the way _____ relate to each other and to humans will be transformed.

During the Millennium, saints in their resurrected state will be given responsibility in the Millennial Earth according to their faithful _____.

We should take this thousand years _____, because God has an important work to accomplish during the Millennium.

The Millennium is important because it will demonstrate Jesus' _____ and worthiness to rule the nations.

The Millennium will display the eternal depravity of _____, who continues his evil as soon as he is released from his incarceration.

Yet after this 1000 years was finished, Satan will be _____ from his prison.

B. Saints reigning for a thousand years.

1. (4) The saints live and reign for 1,000 years.

(4) Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

And then John saw thrones and those sitting on them. Who sits on these thrones? Perhaps the twenty-four _____ representing the church (Revelation 4:4)

or the _____ (Matthew 19:28)

or the company of _____ as a whole (1 Corinthians 6:2-3).

Perhaps this is the "judging of angels" mentioned in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3, but it is more likely that these are the saints ruling on and over the _____.

These sitting on the thrones is like a combination of the whole of all those who are _____ and dwelling in heaven at the time.

These all have already _____ on from the world, either by death or rapture. This does not include those who are still living upon the earth, saved or unsaved.

They (we) live and _____ with Christ for a thousand years.

All those who _____ in Jesus will rule and reign with Him.

This may be a specifically mentioned _____ to them, while not implying others will be left out.

So, these martyrs are literal, but also representative of _____ that give their lives in faithfulness to Jesus.

Beheaded is actually a broader word than we might think. The ancient Greek word really means "_____."

We are again reminded of what these tribulation saints endured and the temptations that they _____. They denied the antichrist even though it cost them their _____, and in return they received eternal lives and the right to reign with Jesus during the millennium.

2. (5-6) The first resurrection.

(5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The old testament saints were freed from _____ with Christ's resurrection.

The unsaved; those who died _____ Christ and are currently residing in Hades... Sheol... Gehenna – hell.

This actually refers to those mentioned in the _____ verse who come to life and reign with Christ.

This is a resurrection of _____ (blessed and holy is he), of _____ (over such the second death has no power) and a resurrection of privilege (they shall be priests of God... shall reign with Him a thousand years).

The rest of the dead are those who do not have part in the first resurrection and are not blessed, they are under the power of the second _____, being thrown into the lake of fire, and they are without privilege.

These two events are separated by this 1,000-year period because the rest of the dead are not given their resurrection bodies until the thousand years were _____.

If the first resurrection is an order or class encompassing previously dead believers (who are at once with the Lord), the raptured church (already in heaven), and saints from the Great Tribulation, then the idea fits in a _____-tribulation framework.

The saints will be wholly devoted to and employed in the _____ of God and of Christ, and will be continually offering up the sacrifices of praise, or singing the song of the Lamb, adoring the grace and goodness of God and Christ, shown them both in providence and in _____ and they shall reign with him a thousand years.

C. The final battle after the thousand-year reign of Jesus.

1. (7-8) Satan is released and gathers an army.

(7) And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

For the thousand years of the direct reign of Jesus over this earth, Satan was _____ and inactive.

But we are told why he is released: to _____ the nations.

They will do it, and God will allow it, as a _____ demonstration of man's rebellion and depravity.

With the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus, God will give mankind a thousand years of a perfect environment - with no Satan, no crime, no violence, no evil, or other social pathology. But at the end of the 1,000 years, man will still rebel against God at his first opportunity. This will powerfully demonstrate that the problem is in _____, not only in our environment.

It will be proved once more that man, whatever his advantages and environment, apart from the grace of God and new birth, remains at _____ only evil and at enmity with God.

They will be those who _____ the Great Tribulation, enter into the Millennial Kingdom, and their descendants.

Gog and Magog are prophetic _____ of Israel in Ezekiel 38-39, but the battle described in those chapters of Ezekiel seems to be distinct and different from this final battle.

Seemingly, the battles described in Ezekiel 38-39 take place _____ the return of Jesus, perhaps right before or during the tribulation. This final battle clearly takes place at the _____ of the thousand-year reign of Jesus.

2. (9-10) A battle ends before it begins.

(9) And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, (10) and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The gathered nations with their innumerable force, referred to as Gog and Magog, apparently advances upon _____ (the beloved city) and surrounds it, with the intent of _____ it and the saints who were yet residing there, and perhaps, saints who descend from Heaven to be a defensive force.

As in Psalms 2, God is surely watching the intentions of these gathering armies and _____.

The God of creation has no _____ of any man nor any of their weapons of war and there is no force in the universe which can stand against God's fire.

The fight is _____ before it begins.

As his final judgment, the devil is cast into the _____ of fire; he is appropriately represented as consigned to the same doom as the beast and the _____ prophet, that those great enemies of God, that had been associated and combined in deceiving the nations, might share the _____ appropriate punishment in the end.

These will be tormented day and night _____ and ever

This is an _____ punishment.

In eternal punishment, a thousand years is just the _____. It _____ ends.

D. Judgment at the Great White Throne.

1. (11) An awesome throne.

(11) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

John now saw another sight in _____.

He says that he saw a great _____ throne: Great in status, power and authority; white in purity and holiness; and a throne in kingly sovereignty.

It is the throne of the _____ judgment, and he who sat on it is Jesus Christ.

There is absolutely no _____ from this throne. No one can escape the judgment that it represents.

Many - even most - Bible scholars believe that Christians will _____ appear before this great white throne.

The idea is that we are spared from this awesome throne of judgment because our sins are already judged in Jesus at the _____.

However, Christians will have to stand before another, _____, judgment - the judgment seat of Christ.

In that passage, he makes it clear that what we have done, and our motive for doing it, will be tested by _____, and the purifying fire of God will burn up everything that was not of Him. We won't be _____ for what was not done rightly unto the Lord, it will simply be burned up, and it will be as if we never did those things. We will simply be rewarded for what _____.

2. (12-13) The judgment of condemnation.

(12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

The dead, the _____ dead, are standing before the throne.

And all here have _____ that opportunity.

This is not a _____, trying to determine what the facts are. The facts are in; here is the sentencing of someone already condemned.

The “books” were opened. Books, _____.

And then after the former books have been opened, then were are told that the Book of _____ is opened as well. No other use seems to be made of this book in the judgment of the wicked, than only to observe whose names were _____ written in it.

Those who refuse to come to God by faith will, by default, be judged (and condemned) by their _____.

There are possibly degrees of punishment for unbelievers, according to their works (Matthew 11:20-24). And, here is where they are sentenced to their specific _____ punishment.

It represents the place of _____ bodies; the emphasis is on the universal character of judgment - everybody is included.

It may be inserted in order to show the _____ nature of this resurrection, although it may not, in conjunction with the next part of the verse, constitute a strictly logical classification of the dead.

The sea being a type of the ungodly _____, the sentence may mean those spiritually dead, but living on the earth at the time of the judgment.

Each one who stands before the throne will be judged according to what they have _____.

3. (14-15) Death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire.

(14) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The last echoes of sin are now _____.

All of those unsaved whose abode was hell are now sent to their _____ destination.

When a person refers to _____, the lake of fire is what they usually have in mind.

_____ is a Hebrew word with the idea of the "place of the dead."

_____ is a Greek word used to describe the "world beyond."

_____ is a Greek word borrowed from the Hebrew language. Hell is a Greek translation of the Hebrew "Valley of Hinnom," a place outside Jerusalem's walls desecrated by Molech worship and human sacrifice. It was also a garbage dump where rubbish and refuse were burned.

So John tells us this is the _____ death.

And whosoever was not found _____ in the book of life was east into the lake of fire.

It is a _____, emphasized and underlined warning of the finality of the destiny of those who have refused God's mercy and salvation. The door is now closed...for good.