

**Revelation: Lesson #107 – Judgment Day**  
**Notes for Parents to Study With Their Children**  
**For Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Read Revelation 20:6-15 (a simplified explanation of the text will be supplied at the end of these notes.)

**Memory Verse:** Rev. 20:15 “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

**The First Resurrection**

- Rev. 20:6 speaks of a first resurrection. This is not the resurrection of our bodies that will occur when Jesus returns. It is talking about the faithful Christians who had endured hardship and had died on earth. These may have died, but they were still alive with the Lord. Rev. 20:4 explains that these were the “souls” of those who had died for the Lord and who did not worship the beast or his image.
- When we die, our souls continue to exist. Christians can know that they go be with Christ when they die. In Philippians 1:21,23, Paul said, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. He knew that if he died faithful to Christ he would “be with Christ” which would be “far better.”
- Revelation 20:6 says that there they will be “priests of God and Christ.”

**Reigning With Christ**

- Not only would those who had died in Christ continue to live with Christ, they are also promised that they would reign with Him.
- Jesus is reigning at the right hand of God. He was crucified, resurrected and then ascended to the right hand of God’s throne. There He was given “all authority in heaven and on earth” (Matt. 28:18). Eph. 1:20-22 says that God seated Jesus “at His right hand in the heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet and made Him to be head over all things to the church...”
- As we talked about in our last lesson Christians reign with Christ both in life and in death.

**Satan is Let Loose**

- In our last lesson we found out that Satan would be bound for 1,000 years. That did not mean that Satan could no longer tempt people to sin, but for a long period of time, Satan would not be able to deceive nations like he had the Roman empire into worshipping idols and worshipping their leaders and most of all persecuting Christians who would not practice their evil ways (Rev. 20:3).
- Back in Rev. 20:3, it said that at the end, the Devil would be released for a short time to deceive the nations once again. This means that at some point harsh persecution could return and Christians could once again face what the earlier brethren had to face.

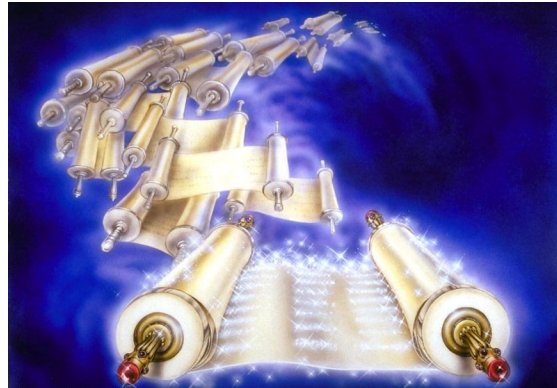
- We don't know when that will come, but we know that God says it will come. We must remember to live faithfully to Jesus. We must follow Him, we must never worship anything other than Him and His Father, and we must never deny Him. Sometimes children grow up going to church and studying the Bible, but when they are grown they forget all about God and quit being faithful to Him. Some will get to a point where they say they don't believe in God and Jesus and don't follow the Bible. That's very sad. They won't get to go to heaven if they continue to live that way. Please make up your mind right now not to forsake God.
- Satan will succeed in deceiving the whole world just as he deceived so many in the days of the Roman empire. Rev. 20:8,9 says, "And he will go out and deceive earth's nations in the north, south, east and west. Gog and Magog will be gathered together for war, and their number will be like grains of sand at the sea. And they spread out across the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city."
  - Who are Gog and Magog? No one knows for sure. They are mentioned in Ezekiel 38:17 as those who everywhere in the world who would fight against God's people. The number of people that will oppose Christ's people will be very large.
  - Satan will deceive these into coming against the church which is described as the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

### **Judgment Day**

- Just as Satan attempts his attack on Christians using the nations of the earth, God puts a stop to it. "Then fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them." (Rev. 20:9). This brings an end to the reign of the saints with Christ on the earth. The end of the world has come.
- Satan is immediately captured and cast into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, the same place that God had already thrown the beast and false prophet. There he and all who are with him "will be tormented day and night forever and ever."
- The heavens and earth will come to an end. 2 Peter 3:10 says, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."
- Suddenly all who have ever lived will find themselves standing before God's throne. Even those who had died and their bodies were lost in the sea will be found that day standing before the throne of God. Now death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire. So we are most certainly at the end of time, there will be no more death, no more grave, and no more Hades which is the resting place of the dead.
- John said that he saw books being opened.
  - One book that will be opened will be the things God has commanded as we find in the Bible. Jesus had said, "the word that I have spoken will judge you in the last day" (John 12:48). Paul said that we would be judged by the gospel (Rom. 2:16).
  - There will be books that record everything we have ever done (Rev. 20:12). II Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to

what he has done, whether good or bad.” Rev. 20:13 says, “And everyone was judged according to the works they had done.”

- Another book that will be opened is the Book of Life. The Book of Life was mentioned by Paul (Phil. 4:3). If you are a Christian, your name has been recorded in the Book of Life. If you are unfaithful to God, your name can be taken out of that book (Rev. 3:5). Those of the world do not have their names written in the Book (Rev. 13:8).
- Any whose name was not found in the Book of Life, were thrown into the Lake of Fire. Jesus spoke about these in Matthew 25:41, “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”
- To be cast into the Lake of Fire is the second death. This person died in life, but now they will face eternity forever in punishment, forever separated from God, forever dead spiritually.



### **Simplified Explanation of the Text**

#### **Satan’s Attack At the End of the 1,000 Years**

20:6 Everyone who gets to be part of that first resurrection are blessed and holy. The second death will have no power over them. These will be priests of God and Christ and will reign with Him 1,000 years.

7 And when the 1,000 years are finished, Satan will be let loose from his prison.

8 And he will go out and deceive earth’s nations in the north, south, east and west. Gog and Magog will be gathered together for war, and their number will be like grains of sand at the sea.

9 And they spread out across the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. Then fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them.

#### **The Devil is Thrown Into the Lake of Fire**

10 Then the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet had been taken. And they all will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

#### **Standing Before the Throne**

11 And I saw a large bright throne and the One who was sitting on it. Heaven and earth wanted to escape from His face, but there was no place for them to escape to.

12 I saw all those who had died, the small and the great, standing before God and books were opened. Then another book was opened which is the Book of Life and the dead

were judged out of the things which were written in the books in regard to the works they had done.

13 The sea had given up all those who had died in it. Death and Hades (the realm of the dead) gave up their dead. And everyone was judged according to the works they had done.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is what was meant by the second death.

15 And if anyone was not found in the Book of Life, they were thrown into the Lake of Fire.