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Lesson 16 Chapter 20:1-15

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We have reached a new section of the Book of Revelation.

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In his vision, John saw the dragon captured and imprisoned.

- And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,



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.



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Next, John witnessed the final five judgments. First came the judgment of the Tribulation Saints.

The Judgment of the Tribulation Saints

Revelation 20:4-5

- 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.



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Revelation 20:6

- 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.

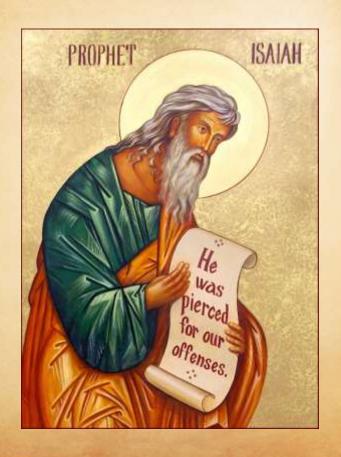




The angel told John nothing more about the 1000-year reign of Christ, but there is much for the Bible student to read from other books of the Scriptures.



Isaiah saw a vision of the blessings of the Messiah's kingdom when all the powers of evil will be held captive and the earth will be renewed.



The new heavens and a new earth of Isaiah 65 are not the eternal paradise, but the restored earth of the millennial age.

We know this because sin and death are not yet eliminated.

Isaiah 65:17-20

- 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
- But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
- ¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

The curse that has been on the earth since Adam's fall will be no more, and men and women will find pleasure in their work.

Isaiah 65:21-22

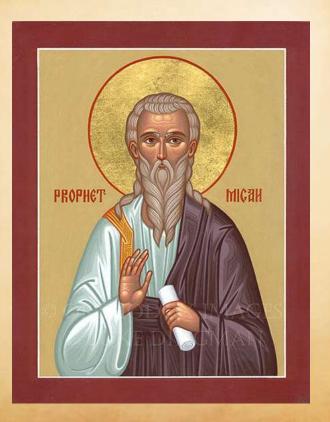
- And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
- ²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.



Isaiah 65:25

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.



The prophet Micah foresaw an age of global peace.

Micah 4:3-4

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:

nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁴ But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid:

for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.



Zechariah's vision of the millennial age includes children playing in the streets.

Zechariah 8:3-5

Thus saith the LORD;
I am returned unto Zion,
and will dwell in the midst of
Jerusalem:
and Jerusalem shall be called
a city of truth;
and the mountain of the LORD of
hosts the holy mountain.

- Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.
- 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.



Those who do not know the LORD will seek him still.

Zechariah 8:20-23

- Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:
- 21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.
- Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

²³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.



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4-6 The Judgment of the Tribulation Saints

7-9 Satan is released to lead the final war

The 1,000-year reign of Christ will be a glorious time, but it will come to an end. Then, at a time appointed by God, the dragon will be released.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,



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.



Chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel describe the battle of Gog and Magog.

The slaughter will be so severe that it will take seven months to bury all the dead.



Ezekiel 38:14-16

- 14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?
- ¹⁵ And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:
- ¹⁶ And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Ezekiel 39:11-13

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog ['the multitude of God'].

- 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.
- Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

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.





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After the war ends, the final five judgments continues. The second judgment is upon the dragon.

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.





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The third of the final five judgments is on the unsaved.

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.





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The Judgment on Death and Hell (the grave)

These are the 4th and 5th final judgments.

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.





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UP NEXT Chapter 21: New Jerusalem

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Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.





