

1 **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

LESSON 63

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We continuing in chapter 20 of the Book of Revelation
- As we come into this 20th chapter we will see the kingdom of God come into view
- This is the time period from the return of Jesus Christ and His bride to the earth up through the end of the 1,000 year reign
- The world looks at this time period as the supreme time this world will ever know but actually according to the Word of God it is after this 1,000 years that will be the best.....and for eternity
- The 1,000 year period will be a time of perfecting the world
- This 1,000 years will be a time of peace but less than the perfection of God

3 **SATAN CHAINED**

Revelation 20:1-3

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 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.

- Note that here are given 3 names for Satan but he is still just one

4 **SATAN CHAINED cont.**

- This is the same for our Lord and there is just One; Father, Son (Jesus), Holy Ghost are all one: different manifestations of the same Spirit

- Satan is not cast into the lake of fire yet but he is put in a place of confinement where he can no longer tempt the people or deceive the nations
- It is about time for the life of mankind as Satan has been here for close to 6,000 years
- At this time there is to be 1,000 years of perfect government
- This will not be absolute peace because Jesus is changing this world and training people
- There will be no wars but there will be chastisement

5 **A NEW DISPENSATION**

- There will also be no temptations of Satan but mankind's nature is still there like before all the plagues and judgement
- This 1,000 years is the perfect government that we have never had before on earth
- This perfect government will usher in the time of perfect peace which is after the Millennium
- This time, when Satan is chained, marks the beginning of a new dispensation
- This 1,000 reign of Jesus is not the beginning of a new world, it is the end of the old one
- What does the Jewish Sabbath and the Millennium have in common?

6 **GOD'S TIME**

- Recall the 6 days that God took to create the earth and everything in it and then on the 7th day God took a rest day to contemplate and look at all He had created
- One day is with the Lord as a thousand years (2 Peter 3:8)
- God had His first people, the Jews, to set this one day of the week aside to be given unto Him
- What the Jewish Sabbath is to the week, the Millennium is to the ages
- 6,000 years is almost up since God first created this world
- According to God's calendar, at the beginning of His 7th thousand

years we will enter into the Millennium

7 **GOD'S TIME cont.**

- God's calendar is exact and we have seen this with the outpouring of the Latter Rain that came precisely as foretold
- Our calendar is not exact with the Jewish calendar, we are a few years behind it
- This would make Jesus' coming sooner than we think
- With the time of Tribulation and the time of Judgement before the battle of Armageddon and the start of the Millennium we see it is time for Jesus to come back
- We keep looking for Him but we do not know the day nor the hour however we do know the season and it is almost time for the Rapture; it could be any day
- We are seeing the timeclock of God as we go into the 20th chapter of Revelation

8 **THE MILLENNIUM**

- There is a perfect government during this reign of Jesus and His saints but there is not a perfect world until the end of the Millennium after Satan is loosed for a short time and then cast into the lake of fire
- The plagues, the earthquakes, the great hail, and the fire have destroyed the works of man
- The earth will be in great ruins at the time of Jesus' return
- After the Battle of Armageddon it is even in more ruin
- It will require 7 months to bury the dead after the Battle of Armageddon

9 **A GREAT BURIAL**

Ezekiel 39:12

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

- The dead are from all the nations that came against Jerusalem at the

battle who were destroyed by Jesus

- This will be a greater battle than we have ever seen or heard of for there has never been such a battle in this world
- This 7 months of burying the dead refers only to the battle, how many more would perish from the plagues, earthquakes, great hail, and fires?
- What is the purpose of the 1,000 years?

10 **THE MILLENNIUM**

- The redeemed saints will be doing Jesus' work while He governs from Jerusalem
- Mankind and his ideas and his ways will be stopped and be no more
- The Millennium will be a training period for the inhabitants of the earth
- The work of reconstruction of the earth will begin at this time under the direct supervision of Jesus Himself
- The work will be carried on until perfection is attained
- That which mankind had failed to accomplish – lasting peace and universal prosperity with no cycles of depression – Jesus Christ will bring to pass

11 **THE MILLENNIUM cont.**

- There will be brotherly love under the one true God
- Long life will be restored during these days but death, "the last enemy", still prevails until the end of the 1,000 years
- Why is there still death during this time?
- They do not have access to the tree of life yet
- The world will be repopulated very quickly during this time in part due to the long age which they live

12 **JUDGEMENT**

Revelation 20:4-6

4 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.

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.

13 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM?**

- We are seeing the entire picture here of the bride and the saints
- Who will enter into this kingdom on the earth for this 1,000 years?
 1. The raptured saints and the tribulation saints – those who have immortal bodies
 2. The Jews living on the earth
 3. The Gentiles that survive
- For those who have been redeemed, the second death will have no power over them
- During the Tribulation it will not only be the Gentiles, it will be whoever does not take the mark of the beast
- The 144,000 Jews are sealed and on the earth but are separated and protected

14 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

- The past Jews will be present at the 2nd resurrection
- This is a defined time period as Satan will be loosed again
- All Gentiles are not destroyed during the Judgement period and battle of Armageddon otherwise there would be no judgement of nations
- There are nations that do not come against Jerusalem at the battle of Armageddon
- These are judged according to their works
- There are no absolute separations of the saved and unsaved until after the Millennium

- At present we are under the period of grace; repentance, baptism in Jesus name, and in-filling of the Holy Ghost is available to anyone, whosoever will

15 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

- During the 3-1/2 years of the Great Tribulation it is a time of mixture: grace mixed with judgement
- This is a time when salvation will be by martyrdom only, the shedding of their own blood for salvation
- These will then be able to enter into heaven as the tribulation saints which will be a much greater number than that of the bride
- Following the 3-1/2 years of Tribulation is the 7 years of Judgement during which no one is saved
- It is these unsaved and unsavable that go into the battle of Armageddon
- The question has been asked "If they took the mark of the beast how can they be ones that are still here when Jesus comes back and have the chance for life for the 1,000 years?"

16 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

- Almost with one accord they all lose their lives at the end of the 1,000 years
- Not everyone dies during the 7 years of judgement as there will be armies that go against God at the Battle of Armageddon, but no one will be saved
- There will be a chance of salvation during the 1,000 years period after the battle
- There will be young ones who have not taken the mark of the beast or been tested that way
- Those who enter into the 1,000 year kingdom will be the saints with immortal bodies, the Jews still living on the earth, and the surviving Gentiles
- The population of the earth will be greatly reduced by the time of the Millennium

17 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

- The greatest reduction in population will be the man-power
- Most of the men who have survived the plagues will be at the Battle of Armageddon and most of them die in the battle
- This is similar to other wars in history and present days where it is the men who lose their lives

18 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

Isaiah 4:1-2

1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

2 In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

- We see here the ration of 7 to 1 as they enter into the Millennium that is a direct result of this devastating war

19 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

Isaiah 13:11-13

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

- Again we see in verse 12 the scarcity of men: it will not be as we know the world today
- Men will be rare indeed

20 **WHO WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM? cont.**

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

- These Scriptures show us first the birth of Jesus Christ and then right on through to eternity
- Currently, we have only reached the first part of verse 6

21 **THE FOUR JUDGEMENTS**

- There are 4 distinct judgements in the Word of God
 1. The 1st is when God judges us to give us the Holy Ghost with which we are sealed
- When we come to God and we repent, what we are doing is sending our sins on ahead of us; it is the only time in creation that mankind can do this
- We send our sins ahead to be judged right then, when we've really repented
- This is the reason saying "I'm sorry" is not repentance
- With saying "I'm sorry" we do not have the washing away of sins as being sorry is not a final end to committing sin
- True repentance is a turning away from; it is a fundamental change in behavior and attitude

22 **THE FOUR JUDGEMENTS cont.**

- There is a godly repentance and there is man's repentance because you got caught
- Godly sorrow worketh repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10)

- When you come to God, if you want to make the bride, you have to send your sins ahead, you've turned away from them, God looks into your heart, and He'll fill you with the Holy Ghost
- If you change your mind along the way and go back to them, then you have those sins put right back on you
- Repentance means – you don't do it again

23 **THE FOUR JUDGEMENTS cont.**

- There are 3 remaining distinct judgements in the Word of God
 2. The 2nd is the judgement at the tribulation time
 3. The judgement of the living nations
 4. The Great White Throne judgement

Revelation 20:11-12

11 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.

24 **THE FOUR JUDGEMENTS cont.**

- We see the separation here when the dead come forth for judgement
- When death and hell are cast into the lake of fire at this last judgement, this is the 2nd death (Revelation 20:14)
- The final judgement is the great white throne judgement
- Jesus brings this out clearly in Matthew when talking about the end of the world

25 **THE JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS**

Matthew 25:31-34

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

26 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD**

- We find all the way through the Bible that all mankind are judged somewhere and sometime
- The very final judgement is of all mankind from Adam and Eve; all the dead from the very beginning to the very last one after Satan is loosed at the end of the Millennium
- All are judged somewhere: not one escapes God's judgement
- They are all judged by Jesus Christ
- Here are some Scriptures that give us more detail

27 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Romans 14:10-13

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

28 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:1-4

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but

the things which are not seen are eternal.

1 For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

29 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

2 Corinthians 5:5-10

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

30 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

2 Corinthians 5:11

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

- We must all appear before the judgement seat of Jesus
- Just having the Spirit of God bring condemnation to us is not

enough

- We have different types of prayer and different moves of the Spirit of God
- When we have sinned before God, whether it's anger, stealing, lying, adultery, etc. (sin is sin) and we come before Him, His presence convicts us

31 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

- Do not take your tears and remorse as a sign that all is well with you
- The conviction has to go to repentance before you're any better off
- In the cycles of sin and conviction where you come in and feel God and the tears flow, this is not of forgiveness; it is the touch of God of conviction
- It is not the touch of God that all is well
- You have to go from conviction to repentance: where God sees you turn away from sin and you really mean it
- You have to go from conviction to repentance and from repentance to worship

32 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

- Then the blessings of God can come
- Conviction is not a blessing of God other than He is still drawing you to Him
- It is condemnation that gives us tears, knowing we have done wrong, as God is using His grace to draw you in
- If God ever lifts His grace from you, you will not feel any spiritual moves or blessings
- The following Scriptures in Isaiah concern the judgement of nations

33 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Isaiah 2:1-3

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and

shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

34 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Isaiah 2:4

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

- This shows us clearly what is happening here when He establishes His kingdom and His house in Jerusalem
- It is from this temple in Jerusalem that all the laws of the whole world will be governed
- From Jerusalem, Jesus will personally send out His saints, those who have immortal bodies, and they will rule with Him for the 1,000 years

35 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

- He will judge them and rebuke many people during this time as people are not perfect during the 1,000 years
- They will not be tempted with sin but they will still have a natural nature
- Jesus will finish and perfect mankind with the perfect government

36 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Jeremiah 3:16-17

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all

the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

- Here is another example of how it will be

37 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Zechariah 14:16-20

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

38 **THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD cont.**

Zechariah 14:20

20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

- Jesus is still judging during the Millennium and mankind is still misbehaving
- This concludes this lesson which covers Revelation chapter 20 verses 1 through 6

39 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**