

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

LESSON 65

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We continuing in our study of prophecies in the Book of Revelation
- Chapters 19 and 20 go together and we are in chapter 20
- This is Room 6 on the Revelation Study Floor plan Chart
- This time period is from the return of Jesus Christ to the earth through time until the end of 1,000 years reign (also known as the Millennium)

3 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

4 **REVIEW**

- In our last lesson we learned about the first Resurrection and the second death
- We learned from the Scriptures that there is no second resurrection
- There is a first Resurrection and a second death only
- We read in 1 Corinthians the 15th chapter that the very last enemy that shall be destroyed is death
- Through the 1,000 year reign there will still be death
- It will only be after the 1,000 years that there is no more death and perfect peace
- The Scriptures show us that there will be once again the long, long life of people during this time

5 **REVIEW cont.**

- During the 1,000 years no one will be resurrected
- The people who die during the 1,000 years will be resurrected all at once at the end of the 1,000 years
- All the resurrections do not occur individually one at a time but all at one time as a group; the Rapture, the Tribulation Saints, and here at the end of the Millennium
- Let's pick up where we left off in Revelation the 20th chapter

6 **THE FINAL CLEANSING**

Revelation 20:6-9

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.

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

8 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.

9 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.

7 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- As we look at these Scriptures and take them one at a time we see in verse 7 that the 1,000 years have expired or ended
- As we have studied, it is during this 1,000 years that the saints have been reigning on earth with Jesus Christ as He sits upon the throne of David in Jerusalem
- The saints will not enter into the New Jerusalem until the end of this time
- Jesus uses this 1,000 years to perfect the earth
- It is not yet fully cleansed and without sin
- The souls of those that die during this 1,000 years are not going to be raised until the end this time

8 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- As we have studied the Tribulation Saints were also raised all at one time and so shall it be at the end of the 1,000 years
- This portion of Revelation we are now studying is the final cleansing of the earth
- As we have learned the Millennium does not have a perfect world or a perfect people

- The 1,000 years does have a perfect government
- The Millennium is not the beginning of a new order but the end an old one
- Although Satan himself will be chained and without power, sin will not have been eradicated from the human race

9 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- Why does the human race still have sin even with Satan neutralized and Jesus Christ ruling?
- Those that go into the Millennium at the judgement of nations, those that are still alive, still have sin and the thoughts of sin, and the understanding of sin
- To remove sin altogether from mankind will require one more cleansing
- This is one reason why Satan must be loosed again as stated in verse 7
- If there were a perfect people during the 1,000 years God would not have to loose Satan
- God is a just God and we all must go through the same things as we must learn obedience

10 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- For this final cleansing we find that even the judgement of nations mentioned by Jesus Christ may be a process lasting many years
- Because of this many people will enter the kingdom age who will obey Jesus Christ only because they have to
- At the end of the 1,000 years all such people will be segregated and destroyed from the earth
- Mankind still has a choice until God knows it is too late and removes the choice
- The method of separating them is very simple: Satan will be loosed and will immediately set about to gather his own kind together against the Lord
- Satan does not ever, ever want you for yourself

11 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- Satan just wants to keep you away from God
- At the end of the 1,000 years Satan will go out to deceive just as he does today
- The only way not to be deceived is to have a true desire and love for truth
- There are many that start off with is desire for truth but some never realize that the Bible is a living Word; we are to live it
- We start out with a common thought of what is real and what is not but that's not always truth
- We have to want that truth including the truth about ourselves, which is the most difficult see and understand

12 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- There is a parallel with learning the Word: the more we see of God, the more we see of ourselves
- We must measure up to the perfect image of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:13)
- To really walk in this truth and not to be deceived we must look at our true image and line ourself up with God
- Our natures will always be there to foil us or trip us up
- We don't always agree with God even though we want to
- What God wants and what our old natures want are usually not the same thing

13 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- We will always have the ability to disagree with God but it can only be for that moment and not taking a step or action with our nature
- Our natures cannot be in control so we need to ask ourselves earnestly "What is it that you want God?"
- We need to realize and remember God is never wrong
- Most of us think we're pretty good people but we all can be easily deceived
- The apostle Paul says there is in me there is no good thing (Romans

7:18) but most people do not believe this

- The only good things in us is the Holy Spirit and the things thereof such as fruits, gifts and righteousness

14 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us if we will let it
- God could by force, as He does in this 1,000 years, make us all obey but He does not do this in our dispensation
- We obey by choice; He will bring it to us and make us to know it but if we close our mind off we are in danger of receiving a reprobate mind
- We are used to hearing and using the word reprobate in a derogatory manner such as someone terrible out there sinning
- The word reprobate doesn't mean that: it is one who hardenes his heart continuously as God tries to change our old natures

15 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- God finally takes you at what you show Him
- Your heart has become hardened so hard that He cannot reach you any more
- God turns you over to where you cannot understand, you no longer see (spiritual blindness)
- The Scriptures teach us that God allows this to happen if that is what you want
- A reprobate is one that has a mind that does not see and understand
- It is one who has been deceived by allowing themselves to be deceived
- Here in Revelation during the 1,000 years we are seeing deception and sin

16 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

Revelation 20:8

8 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.

- This sounds almost as bad as the Battle of Armageddon but it does not last as long
- As they come up against the camp of the saints, God doesn't even bother with them, He just sends the fire down, destroys them, and Satan is thrown into the lake of fire from which no one ever returns
- Satan will be set loose and immediately set about to gather his own kind together against God's saints

17 **THE END OF THE AGE**

- The kingdom does not come to an end at the end of the 1,000 years
- There is a change, as Satan is forever vanquished and sin eliminated, but the Kingdom of God is everlasting
- The redemption work is finally finished: the promise started with Eve, came into power and force with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and is now finished with the elimination of sin
- *The 1,000 years is not the length of the kingdom but the length of time Satan is chained*
- There is no such thing as the end of the world
- The Bible speaks of "the end of the age" (sometimes translated as "world") but it does not teach the world will end

18 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM**

- So what does the Bible teach about this? Why does it speak of "the end of the age" and the destruction of the earth and the "new earth" and "new heaven?"

Isaiah 45:17-18

17 But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is none else.

19 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

Isaiah 45:19-

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

20 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

Isaiah 45:22

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

2 Samuel 7:8-9

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

9 and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

21 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

2 Samuel 7:10-12

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 and as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies.

Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee a house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

22 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

2 Samuel 7:13-17

13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

23 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

Daniel 7:14-17

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

24 **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

Daniel 7:18

18 But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Daniel 4:1-3

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

25  **THE NEVER ENDING KINGDOM cont.**

Luke 1:30-33

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

26  **CLOSING GRAPHIC**