

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

LESSON 66

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We continuing in our study of the Book of Revelation
- We are finishing up the 20th chapter that shows the Kingdom of God
- The time period is from the return of Jesus Christ to the earth at the Battle of Armageddon through until the end of 1,000 years reign (also known as the Millennium)
- Last week our teacher asked us to study about Gog and Magog in verse 8

3 **THE FINAL CLEANSING**

Revelation 20:7-10

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.

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.

4 **GOG AND MAGOG**

- What do the Scriptures teach about Gog and Magog?
- We studied this before in Revelation chapter 14 (Lesson 47)
- Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 gives us the prophetic details of Gog and Magog
- Gog is Satan and Magog is the man Satan possesses or uses
- Magog is the name of a man and that's the reason they are used

together

- In Genesis 10:2 we find that Magog was one of the sons of Japheth
- Magog as used here is the name of a man

5 **GOG AND MAGOG cont.**

- When these names are used together, as in Ezekiel 38 and 39, they mean Satan and the man Satan possesses
- Gog in every case in the Bible is representative of Satan himself, his power
- Magog represents the man Satan is using
- When Satan is operating personally in this world he is known as Gog and Magog in every instance
- These names are not used to depict nations or people, they mean the same thing in every case
- Nowhere in the Bible do we find something that is a type of one thing in one place and in another place it's a different type

6 **GOG AND MAGOG cont.**

- The Bible is consistent and does not change types
- We find that Gog and Magog is used twice in Revelation; once before the 1,000 years when we saw Satan in the body of Antichrist where he is operating personally in the world
- Again we find Satan operating personally in world here in chapter 20 at the end of the 1,000 years in the very same way
- It is the same idea as his first physical appearance where here he is loosed for a very short time
- He will need a physical body to operate on the earth however the details of his transformation here are not provided

7 **GOG AND MAGOG cont.**

Revelation 20:7-8

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.

- Here is Satan again personally gathering nations from the 4 quarters of the earth together to battle
- This time the battle is over very quickly not like before where there was a gradual buildup to the revealing of Antichrist, the Rapture of the church, the Tribulation and Judgement periods and the Battle of Armageddon

8 **GOG AND MAGOG cont.**

- This buildup is important to the church which is why we are provided the details of those events
- The event here where Satan is loosed out of prison is not all that important to us as we are already with God; ruling and reigning with Jesus
- Satan, once loosed, will get a body and then gather all the people that will follow him from all over this world
- We are not told how long this will take as it has nothing to do with the church or the church's time which the Book of Revelation is all about

9 **GOG AND MAGOG cont.**

Revelation 20:9

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.

- Here God finishes them off; He completes the final cleansing
- God used Satan here just as He did earlier: Satan on earth in a man's body
- The man Magog is not important here so no name or description is provided

10 **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE**

Revelation 20:10-12

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.

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.

11 **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE cont.**

Revelation 20:13-15

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.

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.

- We have some really good questions here in this portion of Scripture

12 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT**

- At the end of the 1,000 years of the reign of Jesus and His saints, the final judgement is complete
- Satan is finished once and for all
- We have seen many different judgement periods where we have seen the mercy of God and how longsuffering He is
- With this it is difficult to take in and comprehend that there is going to be one final judgement
- Our final judgement is the Rapture
- The end of the Tribulation period will be judgement for those who were martyred for the Name of Jesus and not taking the mark of the

beast as they are resurrected

13 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT cont.**

- This is the end of the 7 dispensations or cycles of world history that God wrote before it ever happened
- Sin and death are to be found no more on the earth
- The whole plan of redemption is now complete
- The time has come for the judgement of the dead
- There are a lot of people who will not be judged here: those who were in the first Resurrection
- The dead include all those from Adam to the end of the Millennium who have not been resurrected
- This judgement does not take place on earth and the people on earth have no part in it

14 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT cont.**

Revelation 20:11

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.

- The phrasing used here is almost identical to what we studied in Revelation 13:8:
And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- Here in verse 11 we find that there is no place found for them that are already immortal

15 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT cont.**

- The people on earth have no part in this judgement and neither do those who have previously been raised immortal in heaven
- The subjects of this judgement are the dead through the 7 dispensations of earth's history
- This judgement is between God and the dead, that's it

- It is according to the dispensation in which you lived as to how you will be judged

Revelation 20:10-12

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.

16 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS?**

- The subjects of this judgement are all the dead who were not saved by the blood of Jesus Christ
- Here are the dead that's left who are not saved by the blood of Jesus, so here is a question: who do we find that can be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ?

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

17 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

Ephesians 4:4-9

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first

into the lower parts of the earth?

18 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

Ephesians 4:10

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

1 Peter 3:17-19

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evildoing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

19 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

1 Peter 3:20-22

20 which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

22 who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

20 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

- The Bible must be studied for yourself: you cannot just read it or take someone else's word about it

- The Bible is built line upon line and precept upon precept and it never contradicts itself

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.....

- This isn't just for our time, the dispensation of grace

1 Peter 3:18-19that he might bring us to God, being put to death

in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: (19) by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

- This is the spiritual world that is referred to here so this prison is a spiritual prison where Jesus preached unto the spirits

21 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

1 Peter 3:20 which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

- So in 1st Peter we see Jesus went down and preached to those spirits that were in the lower parts of the earth
- We know from other Scriptures, such as Lazarus and the rich man, that hell and paradise, up until the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, were separated only by a gulf
- Jesus said those that were in paradise, signifying by Abraham's bosom, were at peace

22 **THE FINAL CLEANSING cont.**

- Those that were in hell were also in the lower parts of the earth but separated from paradise by a gulf
- When Jesus preached to these captive spirits in prison in the lower parts they were separated: the obedient from the disobedient
- Neither side could cross the gulf to other side
- At that time these dead are spirits and they are in paradise and hell in the lower parts of the earth
- When Jesus was in the grave for those 3 days, where did He go?
- The Scriptures show us that He went down and led captivity captive

23 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

Ephesians 4:8-9

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all

heavens, that he might fill all things.)

- Before Jesus Christ gave His life, was buried and arose, who had the keys to death and hell?
- Satan had the keys of death and hell up until this time

24 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

- God kept the obedient and disobedient separated but both were still captives in the lower parts of the earth until came the sinless blood of the Lamb
- Those who were obedient to God in the dispensations before the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus were waiting there in paradise but they were still captive
- What did Jesus preach to them?
- There were a number of different messages preached according to the dispensation they lived in
- In this case, where we are seeing the spirits of the dead in paradise, He would have had to preach to them: Here I am, this is that blood

25 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

- They would have to have that sinless blood cover them as they died with their sins rolled ahead
- Jesus Christ died for the whole world, but not just for the ones who lived now and not just for the ones who lived when He walked in this life
- Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)
- I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.... (Revelation 1:8)
- His blood had to cover what the sacrifices of animals didn't
- We see those such as Noah, Able, who were obedient, did not have their sins washed away

26 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

- When Jesus Christ took the keys to death and hell after His resurrection, this final sacrifice was able to be applied to all those

- who were obedient to God under their time
- They were captives and now He led these captives and set them free and we see their spirits under the throne of God
- They still don't have their immortal bodies and these are not only Tribulation Saints under the throne
- Jesus has taken them out of their captivity
- He preached to them the blood of Jesus Christ, the sinless blood they were waiting for when they rolled their sins ahead

27 **WHO CAN BE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? cont.**

- Here was the final sacrifice for sin through the ages
- The blood of Jesus Christ was for everyone who has ever lived (back) and everyone who ever will live (ahead)
- Jesus did not come just for one dispensation for He was the fulfillment of all sacrifices
- This is why we find in Revelation that they are judged according to their works (actions)
- In our dispensation Jesus' blood buys our salvation freely
- We live in the simplest, easiest, most beautiful, most rewarding time in the history of mankind

28 **CAPTIVES SET FREE**

- The world does not realize the dispensation they live in
- It is likely that those captives were judged when they were sent to either paradise or hell
- The great white throne is the end of their judgement
- The dead were held in the lower parts of the earth by Satan who had the keys and then Jesus set them free
- Although God had His protective hand on them they were separated by the gulf much as we are separated from sinners
- This is why God tells us to come out from among the world and be you separated and you are a peculiar people (2 Corinthians 6:17, 1 Peter 2:19)

29 **CAPTIVES SET FREE cont.**

- If you live your life with sinners instead of trying to win them to God's way then you'll have that gulf separating you
- We have to walk a very different, separated, peculiar, holy life
- Be you holy because I am holy (1 Peter 1:16)
- This is the way it was then except it was a separation in the spiritual world and one couldn't cross over to the other
- Now they are free because Jesus broke the barrier of death and now death has been set aside
- Jesus had the keys so He took them up and they are no longer in the depths of the earth

30 **CAPTIVES SET FREE cont.**

- However the Scriptures tell us those in hell are left there in the lower parts of the earth
- Scientists find at the earth's core tremendous heat and pressure and the core's expansion and movement of the earth's crust that causes the earthquakes and volcanoes that vent the heat out: it is still hell
- Most people think hell is a spiritual place however the Scriptures tell us in Ephesians 4:9 that we just read that He descended first into the lower parts of the earth and it means just what it says
- Everyone that inherits this new earth will have immortal bodies

31 **CAPTIVES SET FREE cont.**

- The Tree of Life that used to be in the Garden of Eden is next mentioned as being in the New Jerusalem
- The bride of Jesus Christ (those dead and alive) is given their immortal bodies immediately at the Rapture, in the twinkling of an eye
- Is it any wonder that God demands *be you holy because I am holy* for this dispensation?
- The power He gives us in the Holy Ghost, and the love, and the mercy, leaves us with no excuse
- The bride is only from this dispensation of grace; from this side of the cross to the Rapture

- The only thing we see in the Scriptures of the dead in Christ is that they are under the throne of God

32 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT**

- In Revelation chapter 20 in verses 11 and 12 we see the dead being judged; all of those who are dead who are not saved by the blood of Jesus
- In verse 11 we see John is looking at this great white throne before which all the dead will be judged and that there is no place for earth or heaven or the people in them – it is only for the dead and God Himself
- In verse 12 there are 2 sets of books and 2 classes of people in this judgement
- Until this final judgement we have see the separating of the sheep and the goats, the resurrection of the dead, the Tribulation Saints that give their lives, those under the law that kept their sins rolled ahead

33 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT**

- We are seeing here that fine, fine, perfect, pure judgement of God
- This also shows in that Scripture where He says He looks on the very intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12)
- Being judged by God as "doing the best you can" is not according to Scripture
- We find that, according to Scripture, for each dispensation God has a plan
- We have to come under God's plan for the dispensation in which we live and die but God's plans are so full of mercy, much more than we could ever understand
- Yet, it has to be God's plan and not what we think

34 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT cont.**

- God's Word cannot change and He is consistent and no respecter of persons
- There are a number of God's judgements that have already taken

place: Noah's time, Korah, the Israelites, Sodom and Gomorrah, and so on

- God's judgement is consistent through the dispensations and sin is sin, disobedience is disobedience
- We have to realize that we have to come under God's commandments for our dispensation
- The extent of God's mercy is incomprehensible to man yet God cannot change or deviate from His Word

35 **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT cont.**

- In chapter 20 verse 12 we have a set of books being opened before the dead, small and great, all the way back and all the way ahead
- These dead are standing before God who is sitting on a great white throne and a set of books were opened
- Then another book is opened and this book we are told is the book of life
- We are told in verse 12 that the dead are judged by what is written in the books so why is the book of life there opened if they are to be judged by their works in the books?
- We will go into the book of life and the other books next week

36 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**