

Sunday, September 29, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Title: The Millenium and the Demise of Satan

Series: Revelation ... 26

Text: Revelation 20

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the FINAL accounts of the demise of Satan and the Millenium with Christ Jesus ruling!

Introduction:

~ In chapter 19 we observed the defeat of the two beasts of Revelation 13:

~ 1) John Heard Heaven’s First ‘Hallelujah’ Chorus; 2) John Heard the ‘Hallelujah’ Chorus of the Wedding announcement; 3) John Saw the Second Advent of Christ; 4) John Saw the Preparations for the Supper of God; 5) John Saw the Final Battle

~ Demise (Cambridge Dictionary): “the end of something that was previously considered to be powerful, such as a business, industry, or system”

~ “Sin spoils everything. It leads to physical and emotional illness, prompts addictions, and destroys marriages and families. No area of society or culture escapes its sinister influence. Sin corrupts the legal system, corrodes governments, encourages corporate greed, erodes economics, inspires wars, and promotes false religion. Just as sin destroys an individual life, it also decimates communities, countries, and eventually the planet.”

~ James Russell Lowell wrote:

“Truth forever on the scaffold,
wrong forever on the throne.”

1. Satan to the Pit:

~ vs. 1 - 3

~ The pit – Revelation 9:1 – 3; 11:7; 17:8

~ Satan is a defeated foe, however, the judgments against him have not yet been effected. 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:10; Revelation 2:13, 3:9

~ vs. 3, “After that he must be released for a little while.”

2. Saints Blessed:

~ vs. 4 – 6

~ vs. 5, “The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.” Born TWICE die ONCE, born once die twice.

~ vs. 6, “Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.”

~ The purpose of the 1,000 year kingdom is to fulfill God’s promises to Israel and to Christ Jesus.

See: Luke 1:30 – 33, 22:29; Romans 8:19 – 25

3. Satan Released:

~ vs. 7 – 8, “And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison, (8) and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.”

4. Satan Leads a Revolt:

~ vs. 9 - 10

~ “Their obedience will be seen as a mere feigned submission, and not true faith in Christ at all.”

~ “The millennium will be a period of peace and perfect environment, a time when disobedience will be judged swiftly and with justice, and yet in the end the subjects of the king will follow Satan and rebel against the Lord. A perfect environment cannot produce a perfect heart.”

My note, ‘will.’

~ Matthew 19:28; John 5:22 – 30; Acts 17:31

~ This is TWICE: in the Garden of Eden and here in the millennium!

~ John 3:3, “Jesus answered him, “truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

5. Second Resurrection:

~ vs. 11 - 15

~ Book of Life: Philippians 4:3; Revelation 13:8, 17:8; Revelation 21:22 – 27

~ Lake of fire: Revelation 19:20, 20:10, 20:14, 20:15

Conclusion:

“Hell (my note – ‘the lake of fire’) is a witness to the righteous character of God. He must judge sin. Hell (my note – ‘the lake of fire’) is also a witness to man’s responsibility, the fact that he is not a robot or a helpless victim, but a creature able to make choices. God does not “send people to hell”; they send themselves by rejecting the Savior (Matthew 25:41; John 3:16 – 21). Hell is also a witness to the awfulness of sin. If we once saw sin as God sees it, we would understand why a place such as hell exists.”

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