

The Gospel Age and Final Judgment

Rev. 20

Introduction

1. Jesus explained the inauguration of the gospel age in Mark 3:27.
2. Paul described Satan's limited power to blind only those whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life-the perishing. 2 Cor. 4:3-7
3. If you believe in Christ and have the Holy Spirit, then Satan has been bound on your behalf.
4. From the time Jesus came and completed His work on the cross, all the spiritual authorities in heavenly places have been disarmed (Col. 2:15) and the gospel armed with salvation (Rom. 1:16).
5. Since the cross, the only thing remaining for God to do in history is save those whom the Lamb purchased and whose names are written in His book of life.

Satan's authority over the elect of God was removed by God's Word. 20:1-2

1. A messenger from God authoritatively binds Satan.
 1. He has jurisdiction over Satan.
 2. All he has to do is _____. Ex. Luke 7:8
2. The messenger binds Satan by the power of God by the word of God. (1000 years).

Satan's ability to deceive the elect from every nation was bound. 20:3

1. Satan would deceive everyone if he were not bound.
2. Satan is restrained by the power of _____ for the gospel age until the last of those He has loved in Christ have come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:8-9).
3. Then Satan will be released to bring about the completion of those ordained to be martyred for their faith.
4. This is the same message revealed in 11:7-8. The history and ministry of the church parallels the history and ministry of Jesus. Notice Satan comes up out of the abyss. How did he get there?

Blessed are those who are part of the first resurrection. 20:4-6

1. God raises the elect from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation from spiritual death through the gospel and seats them in heaven with Him. Rev. 4:4
 1. Thrones communicate a kingdom, a seat of _____. Rev. 5:9-10
 2. Paul taught this in 1 Cor. 6:2-4.
 3. The description of those seated on the thrones.
 1. The martyrs.
 2. Those who had not worshipped self (the beast) and not received his mark.
2. When the dead are raised to life, they reign with Christ during the gospel age (whether on earth or in heaven). 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 4:6; Rom. 5:17, 21
3. Those who are dead because of Adam's sin, who were marked by the beast, will not be raised until the end of the gospel age.
4. There's another group of elect who will not be raised to life until after the gospel age. Who are they? Luke 16:22-23
5. Jesus' teaching on the first resurrection. John 5:24-29
6. Paul's teaching of the new birth. Rom. 10:17; Eph. 2:5-6

7. Blessed and holy are those who are a part of the first resurrection.
 1. They are blessed
 1. Because the second death has no power over them.
 1. When was the first death? (Rom. 5:12)
 2. When is the second death? (Rev. 20:14-15)
 2. Because they will be priests of God and Christ and reign with Him in power. 2 Cor. 6-8
 2. They are holy. Col. 3:12

Satan's final deception and destiny is revealed. 20:7-10

1. At the end of the gospel age, Satan will gather the people on earth from the farthest extent to destroy believers.
 1. The purpose will be two-fold.
 1. Fulfill the number of _____.
 2. For the destruction of the world.
 2. Gog and Magog were symbols of the _____ parts of the earth.
 3. The number of those gathered for the war is _____.
 4. We can expect a _____ world-wide effort to wipe out believers.
 5. God's judgment will _____ them.
2. Satan's purpose on earth ceases. He will be thrown into eternal torment.

God judges those upon the earth in righteousness. 20:11-14

1. There was no place found for earth and heaven to hide from God's presence in the day of judgment.
 1. Earth = those who have dwelled on the earth.
 2. Heaven = the place where Satan and his demons inhabit, perhaps midheaven is included.
2. Everyone who is dead in their sin stands before the throne of God to be judged according to their deeds.
 1. The sea, those who lived on earth (Rev. 7:3; 13:1-2) gave up the dead.
 2. Those who had died and gone to Hades (such as the rich man) of Luke 16).
3. The basis for judgment is: If the first death had power over them, then so does the second death. Rom. 1:18-29.
 1. The books containing their deeds is opened. Rom. 2:5-6
 2. The Lamb's book of life is opened.
4. Everyone who had died in their sin, whose names were not found in the Lamb's book of life, were thrown into the eternal torment. John 8:24; Heb. 9:27; 10:31

Can you know if your name is written in the Lamb's book of life?

1. John wrote that you can know. 1 John 5:11-13
2. You know because you see His love in you toward God and others. 1 John 4:7-9, 13, 17-18; 5:11-13; Gal. 5:6
3. What does God's love look like? Phil. 3-4