

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**  
**CHAPTER TWENTY**  
**"THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST"**

**I. THE THINGS WHICH OCCUR BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM (1-5)**

A. Will be the binding of Satan (1-2)

1. Here we see an angel who has the key to the abyss lays hold upon the devil, binds him, and casts him into the \_\_\_\_\_. There he will be shut up with a seal upon him.
2. The period of time in which Satan will be bound is a literal one \_\_\_\_\_ years or during the whole millennial reign of Christ (2).
3. Notice the purpose for which Satan is bound is so he won't \_\_\_\_\_ the nations any more until the millennium is fulfilled (3).
4. As to what will happen to Satan after this time John was given a revelation of him being loosed for a little season (3).

B. Will be the resurrection and judgment of the tribulation and O.T. Saints (4).

1. Those whom John saw sitting upon thrones and judging are probably the \_\_\_\_\_. Note this prophecy in Luke 22:29-30.
2. Notice while the martyred tribulation saints are mentioned specifically as living and reigning with Christ it is also apparent that the resurrection and judgment of O.T. saints is also in view at this time. Note Dan. 12:12; 12:13; Isa. 26:18,19; Job 19:25; Hosea 13:14.
3. We also gather from Matt. 25:31-46 that the Gentiles will be judged before the millennial reign begins.

C. Will be the completion of the first resurrection (5-6).

1. According to verse 5 this resurrection of the tribulation saints and O.T. saints is the first resurrection.
  - a. This first resurrection is the resurrection of the \_\_\_\_\_ and extends from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (I Thess. 4:13-18) to the resurrection of the O.T. and the tribulation saints at Christ's \_\_\_\_\_. Note Jn. 5:28,29; Dan. 12:1,2.
  - b. The first resurrection involves only those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and takes place before the millennium.

2. According to verse 5 the rest of the dead lived not again until after the millennium.
  - a. This resurrection after the millennium then will be the second resurrection or the resurrection of the \_\_\_\_\_. This will involve all those who are unsaved from all the ages.
  - b. This resurrection then of the unjust is a \_\_\_\_\_ years after the resurrection of the just.
3. According to these verses we see there is no such thing as a general resurrection and judgment taught in the Bible. All the saved dead mentioned in scripture will be raised \_\_\_\_\_ the millennium (Psa. 1:5).
4. Notice those who have part in the first resurrection will be blessed and holy and the second death will have no \_\_\_\_\_ on them (6). The second death is the lake of fire (Rev. 20:12; 21:8) and will be the eternal abode of those unsaved.

## II. THE THINGS WHICH WILL OCCUR DURING THE MILLENNIUM (20:6)

A. Will involve the saints ruling and reigning with Christ (4,6).

1. From related scriptures we see that Christ will reign in \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 2:3; 40:4,5; Zech. 14:9).
  - a. During this reign His Word will go forth from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:3; 11:2,3).
  - b. Also the whole world will be commanded to worship and obey Him (Isa. 2:11,12; Pa. 86:9; Zech.. 14:16-19).
2. From other references we see that the \_\_\_\_\_ saints will sit on thrones with Christ and judge (I Cor. 6:2,3; Rev. 20:4). As joint-heirs they will share in Christ's glories at this time (Rom. 8:17,18; Jn. 17:24).
3. We see also that the 12 apostles will sit on thrones and administer judgment over \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 22:28-30); Matt. 19:27-30; Isa. 32:1.
4. During this reign \_\_\_\_\_ will be head over all the nations (Dt. 28:13; Isa. 14:1,2; 49:22,23; 60:14-17; 61:6,7).
5. The Gentile nations then will be in subjection to Israel (Isa. 2:4; 11,12; 16:1-5; 18:1-7).
6. As to who these saints are we note there will be five groups of saved persons who will enter the millennial reign of Christ.

- a. Those two groups with natural bodies will be the saved Jews (Matt. 25:1-30) and saved Gentiles from the tribulation (Matt. 25:31-46).
- b. Three groups with glorified bodies will be resurrected O.T. saints (Dan. 12:2,3; Isa. 26:19,20), the resurrected tribulation saints (Rev. 20:4-6), and the church saints (I Thess. 4:13-18).

B. Will result in the situation of the whole earth being changed (Isa. 35:1-6).

- 1. Once again from related Scriptures we see there will be universal \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 2:2-4; Mic. 4:1-5) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mic. 7:4,5; Zech. 3:10; Isa. 65:21-25).
- 2. During this time we see that cities will be rebuilt (Isa. 61:3,4; Jer. 31:38-40; Amos 9:14,15).
- 3. There will be also a multiplication of births among both the Jews (Jer. 30:19,20) and the Gentiles (Ezek. 47:22).
- 4. Life will also be prolonged because of these more perfect conditions (Isa. 65:20).
- 5. Finally we notice during this time that the Edenic curse will be partially lifted so that the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom will undergo a change (Isa. 11:6-9; 65:25) but there will still be physical death (Isa. 65:20).

### **III. THE THINGS WHICH WILL OCCUR AFTER THE MILLENNIUM (20:7-15).**

A. Will be the loosing of Satan and his revolt (7-10).

- 1. When Satan is loosed he will go out to deceive the \_\_\_\_\_ once again and gather Gog and Magog to battle (7-8).
  - a. The terms Gog and Magog are not references to the battle of Gog and Magog which takes place in the middle of the tribulation period (Ezek. 38,39) but they refer rather to the rulers and the people under them. Russia could however be a leading force. In the battle of Ezek. 38 & 39 5/6 of the armies were destroyed; here all are destroyed (20:9).
  - b. Those who make up Satan's army to rebel against Christ will be from among those children born to those with natural bodies. They will apparently grow up giving outward obedience to Christ but will have no real heart conversion.
  - c. This loosing of Satan will prove that man needs redemption and not just better living conditions. Even under the perfect rule of Christ with the devil and world system inoperative, man will still fail to do what's right.
- 2. When Satan gathers his army of unsaved he will attack \_\_\_\_\_ which

will result in immediate judgment (9-10).

a. As soon as they compass the city, fire will come down from heaven and devour them.

b. The devil then will be cast into the lake of fire where the Antichrist and the false prophet will be (10). Note these two will have suffered at this time a thousand years in this place of eternal torments.

c. Those who followed Satan in his final revolt will be resurrected at the Great White Throne Judgment which follows.

B. Will include establishment of a Great White Throne (11)

1. When this throne is established the then present heavens and earth will pass away (Matt. 24:35; II Pet. 3:10).

2. Where this throne will be is apparently established somewhere in the stellar heaven.

3. Who sits upon this throne is apparently Christ (Jn. 5:22), but this is not to be confused with the judgment seat (II Cor. 5:10) or with Christ's earthly throne (Matt. 25:31).

C. Will include the resurrection and judgment of the unjust or unsaved (12-15).

1. Who will be resurrected and judged is all the \_\_\_\_\_ from all walks of life (12). These will all stand before the G.W.T.

2. How they will be judged will be on the basis of their \_\_\_\_\_ and there will no doubt be degrees of punishment (12). Compare Matt. 11:20-24; Rev. 21:8.

3. Note that none will escape this judgment because both those buried in the grave and those in the sea will be resurrected (13).

4. What this judgment involves is death and hades being cast into the lake of fire (14). Death and hades refers to the abodes of both the body and soul. The unsaved will have resurrected bodies which will be reunited with their souls and then be cast into the lake of fire. Since this second death has power on all those of the \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection it means they will be eternally lost.

5. According to verse 15 those whose names are not found in the book of life will be proof that they are \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore a part of those judged.

6. There is no mention in Scripture about translation of those saints who are alive at the close of the millennium or the resurrection of those saints who die during the millennium.

