

## REVELATION CHAPTER 20 MAN'S LAST DAY IN GOD'S COURT

Revelation 20:1-3 ESV

**20** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup> And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

LAST WEEK WE LOOKED AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. A KING, WHO CAME IN PEACE AT HIS FIRST COMING, COMES BACK READY FOR WAR AGAINST EVIL. AS PROMISED IN THE SCRIPTURES, JESUS WILL TAKE BACK WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY HIS. THE HEAVENS, THE EARTH, AND EVERYTHING ELSE CREATED, WAS MADE BY HIM, THROUGH HIM, AND FOR HIM. SATAN HAS BEEN BOUND AND SEALED IN THE ABYSS (BOTTOMLESS PIT) AND THE ANTI CHRIST AND THE FALSE PROPHET ARE THE FIRST TWO HUMANS TO BE THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE (ETERNAL HELL). WE TALKED ABOUT HEAVEN BEING THE WAITING PLACE FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN CHRIST (SPIRIT & SOUL) AND THE RAPTURE BEING THE TIME WHERE WE RECEIVE OUR GLORIFIED BODIES. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WHO REJECT SALVATION IN CHRIST WILL WAIT IN HADES (TEMPORARY PLACE OF SUFFERING). FINALLY, WE TALKED ABOUT THE MILLENIAL KINGDOM WHERE JESUS CHRIST REIGNS WITH HIS SAINTS FOR 1,000 YEARS. NO TEMPTATION TO SIN

AND A PERFECTLY JUST AND TRUE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE STILL IN THEIR EARTHLY BODIES (CHILDREN OF THE SAINTS THAT MAKE IT THROUGH THE TRIBULATION WHO GROW UP IN THE MILLENIAL KINGDOM AND THOSE BORN DURING THIS TIME). SATAN WILL BE RELEASED ONE MORE TIME TO DECIEVE PEOPLE, SHOWING THAT MANKIND'S HEART IS INHERENTLY WICKED EVEN IN A PERFECT AND JUST SOCIETY. SADLY, PEOPLE WILL DENY CHRIST EVEN WHEN LIVING IN HIS PERFECTLY RESTORED KINGDOM ON EARTH UNDER HIS REIGN.

Revelation 20:4 ESV

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

THE RESURRECTED SAINTS, THE MARTYED SAINTS, AND THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE TRIBULATION (NOT TAKING THE MARK) SIT ON THESE THRONES  
CAME TO LIFE/EZESAN/AND BEGAN TO LIVE/LIKE CHRIST

Revelation 2:26-27 ESV

<sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are

broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

John 11:25-26 ESV

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Revelation 20:5 ESV

<sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

THE REST OF THE DEAD STAY IN HADES FOR 1,000 YEARS

FIRST/PROTE/OF TIME:FIRST, EARLIEST

JESUS IS THE FIRST BORN OF MANY BRETHERN

#### The Resurrections<sup>51</sup>

Order	Which	Timing	Who	Description	Scriptures
1	First	The Third Day	Jesus Christ	The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the “firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”	<a href="#">Mat. 28:1-7</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 16:1-11</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 24:1-12</a> ; <a href="#">John 20:1-18</a> ; <a href="#">1Cor. 15:20</a>
2	First	Shortly after Christ's Resurrection.	A Few <a href="#">OT</a> Saints	At the earthquake attending the crucifixion, graves were opened. Shortly after the resurrection of Christ, these saints were raised. <sup>52</sup>	<a href="#">Mat. 27:50-53</a>

3	First	Before the Tribulation.	Church	The resurrection of Church-age believers at the <a href="#">Rapture</a> .	<a href="#">John 14:3</a> ; <a href="#">1Th. 4:13-18</a> ; <a href="#">1Cor. 15:50-53</a>
4	First	Middle of the Tribulation. <sup>53</sup>	Two Witnesses	God's two witnesses will be raised after being killed by <a href="#">The Beast</a> .	<a href="#">Rev. 11:11-12+</a>
5	First	After Jacob's Trouble	OT Saints	Old Testament saints will be resurrected to enter the Millennial Kingdom. <sup>54</sup>	<a href="#">Dan. 12:1-2</a> ; <a href="#">Isa. 26:19</a> ; <a href="#">Eze. 37:13-14</a> <sup>55</sup>
6	First	Beginning of <a href="#">Millennial Kingdom</a> .	Tribulation Martyrs	The Tribulation martyrs will be resurrected so that they can rule and reign with Christ.	<a href="#">Rev. 20:4-6+</a>
7	Second	End of Millennial Kingdom	Unbelieving Dead <sup>56</sup>	At the end of the millennial reign of Christ, the final resurrection will consist of all of the unbelieving, wicked dead. They will be found guilty at the Great White Throne Judgment and cast into the Lake of Fire.	<a href="#">Rev. 20:11-15+</a>

### 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 ESV

<sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

## Revelation 20:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> 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.

### Participation in Births, Deaths, and Resurrections

Event	Unbeliever	Believer	Description
Born Again	No	Yes	The first birth is <i>physical</i> birth. The second birth is <i>spiritual</i> and occurs when a person comes to faith in Jesus Christ. <sup>63</sup> Only believers are “born twice.”
1st Death	Yes	Yes	The first death occurs at the end of one’s physical life.
1st Resurrection	No	Yes	The first resurrection is a category and occurs in stages, beginning with the resurrection of Christ ( <a href="#">1Cor. 15:20</a> ) and ending with the resurrection just prior to the Millennial Kingdom ( <a href="#">Rev. 20:5-6+</a> ). Only believers participate in the first resurrection. <sup>64</sup>
2nd Resurrection	Yes	No	The second resurrection occurs at the end of the Millennial Kingdom at the Great White Throne Judgment ( <a href="#">Rev. 20:11-13+</a> ). Only unbelievers participate in the second resurrection. See <a href="#">Order of Resurrection</a> .
2nd Death	Yes	No	The second death is after the Millennium and the Great White Throne Judgment ( <a href="#">Rev. 20:14-15+</a> ). As there is eternal life beyond this present life for the faithful, so there is eternal death beyond the death of the wicked. <sup>65</sup> The second death is commonly known as <i>hell</i> . <sup>66</sup>

## Revelation 20:7-8 ESV

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> 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.

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST THERE WILL BE MANY WHO ARE DECEIVED BY SATAN

GOG IS FIRST MENTIONED IN 1 CHR. 5:4 AS A DESCENDANT OF JOEL, THEN IN EZEKIEL 38 LEADING A REBELLION AGAINST ISRAEL, MAGOG IS FIRST MENTIONED IN GEN. 10:12 AS A SON OF JAPHETH AND A GRANDSON OF NOAH THEN IN EZE. 38 GOG IS SAID TO BE "OF THE LAND OF MAGOG"

ONE INTERPRETATION IS THAT GOG IS THE LEADER THAT FOLLOWS SATAN AND MAGOG THE NATION OF PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW THE LEADER(GOG)

Revelation 20:9-10 ESV

<sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

BELOVED CITY/JERUSALEM

THE ENEMIES OF GOD ARE DESTROYED BY HIS HAND LIKE SODOM & GOMORRAH(GEN.19:24) THOSE WHO CAME TO ARREST ELIJAH (2K 1:10-15) GOG ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL(EZE.38:22) AND MAGOG(EZE.39:6)

LAKE OF FIRE, ETERNAL DAMNATION.....NO ANNIHILATION

Revelation 20:11 ESV

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

WHO IS HIM?

John 5:22-23 ESV

<sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

PAUL STANDS BEFORE THE AREOPAGUS/VERY RELIGIOUS  
PAGANS IN ATHENS ,GREECE

Acts 17:30-31 ESV

<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

WITH THE SAME WORD GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE, HE  
UNCREATES IT.....THE THRONE SITS IN A NOTHINGNESS  
SUBATOMIC ELEMENTS DISASSEMBLE THEMSELVES

Revelation 20:12-13 ESV

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was

opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

ALL WALKS OF LIFE OF THE UNGODLY WHO CHOSE NOT TO PLEAD GUILTY WHILE STILL ALIVE, FACE TRIAL BEFORE THE LIVING GOD ALMIGHTY

BOOKS CONTAINING EVERYTHING EVERYONE HAS EVER THOUGHT, SAID, OR DID.....GOD WILL JUDGE THEM JUSTLY BY HIS STANDARD...PERFECTION TO THE LAW

Romans 3:20-24 ESV

<sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Revelation 20:14-15 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

THIS IS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THINKING WE ARE “GOOD PEOPLE” SO WE WILL GET INTO HEAVEN.....WE CAN ONLY BE BORN AGAIN BY A REGENERATION DONE BY GOD HIMSELF, THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST.....THERE IS NO OTHER WAY

IT IS BY GRACE ALONE, THROUGH FAITH ALONE, IN CHRIST ALONE, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE, ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

SOLA GRATIA, SOLA FIDE, SOLUS CHRISTUS, SOLI DEO GLORIA, SOLA SCRIPTURA

WE ARE TO PICK UP OUR CROSS, DIE TO OURSELVES, LIVE IN AND FOR CHRIST, FOR HIS GLORY

PUT YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND YOU WILL LIVE.....FOREVER WITH HIM

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