

“THE FINAL BATTLE & JUDGEMENT”

(Seventh in an 8 week series on “The Future Unfolded”)

“People have asked the question why Satan will be loosed from his prison after the 1,000 years. This action is in keeping with God’s purpose to demonstrate in history that man left to his own devices will, nevertheless, sin against God. Even though the Millennium provided a perfect environment for humanity with abundant revelation of God’s power, the evil heart of man is manifest in the fact that people reject Christ and follow Satan when he is loosed. The loosing of Satan also is a demonstration of the wickedness of Satan and the fallen angels and how even 1,000 years in confinement does not change this.”

- Dr. John Walvoord, *The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook*

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the **dragon**, that ancient **serpent**, who is the **devil**, or **Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, **to keep him from deceiving the nations** anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time” ... “When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and **will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth**—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. **But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.** ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. **They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**”

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and **him who was seated on it.** Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw **the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.** Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.** ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and **each person was judged according to what he had done.** ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ **If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**”

- Revelation 20:1-3; 7-15

THE GREAT REBEL ... (Revelation 20:1–3)

“Now the **serpent** was **more crafty** than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

– Genesis 3:1

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the **serpent’s cunning**, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

– 2 Corinthians 11:3

“You belong to your father, **the devil**, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. **He was a murderer from the beginning**, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar and the father of lies.**”

- John 8:44

“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side **to accuse him.** ² The LORD said to Satan, “**The LORD rebuke you, Satan!** The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”

- Zechariah 3:1-2

“And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the **dragon**, and the **dragon** and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The **great dragon** was hurled down—that ancient **serpent** called the **devil**, or **Satan**, who **leads the whole world astray.** He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For **the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night**, has been hurled down. ¹¹ **They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”

- Revelation 12:7-11

THE LAST REBELLION ... (Revelation 20:7–10)

- ✓ **The Deceiver** – “Satan ... will go out to deceive the nations ... for battle”
- ✓ **The Deceived** – “the nations in the four corners of the earth... marched”
- ✓ **The Devoured** - “But fire came down from heaven and devoured them”
- ✓ **The Defeated** - “the devil, ... was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur”
- ✓ **The Duration** - “They will be tormented day and night forever and ever”

THE ULTIMATE RENOVATION ...

*“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. **The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.** ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.** ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to **a new heaven and a new earth**, the home of righteousness.”*

- 2 Peter 3:10-13

THE DIVINE RETRIBUTION ... (Revelation 20:11–15)

➤ THE JUDGE

*“Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted **all judgment to the Son**, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. ²⁴ “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ **And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.** ²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and **my judgment is just**, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

- John 5:22-30

➤ THE JUDGED

*“But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, **you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.** ⁶ God “will give to each person according to what he has done.” ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ **But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.** ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile... ¹⁶ **This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.”***

- Romans 2:5-10,16

➤ THE JUSTICE

✓ The Books Balanced

“Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, **they would have repented long ago** in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, **it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment** than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that **it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment** than for you.”

- Matthew 11:20-24

““That servant who knows his master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants **will be beaten with many blows.** ⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving **punishment will be beaten with few blows.** From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

- Luke 12:47-48

✓ The Bottom Line

“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**”

- Luke 10:20

“Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names are in the book of life.**”

- Philippians 4:3

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in **the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**”

– Revelation 13:8

“The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in **the book of life from the creation of the world** will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.”

– Revelation 17:8