

Lesson 22 – 1000 Years of Peace

- 1) How can we be sure that Jesus will come again?

John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. ___ to prepare a place for you. And if ___ and prepare a place for you, ___ , and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”

NOTE: Jesus has promised most emphatically: “I am coming again.” We have His word that this will be so.

- 2) What did the angels tell the onlookers when Jesus ascended to heaven?

Acts 1:9-11 “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this _____ Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in _____ as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

NOTE: The angels told the onlookers that the same Jesus that they saw ascend into heaven will come in the same way that they saw Him go into heaven. In other words, the second coming will not be some mystical event, but it will be real, physical and tangible. It will not be imaginary as if it were some sort of mirage. It will be a literal event.

- 3) What will happen to those that have died at this time?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall _____: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

NOTE: The Bible is clear that the dead in Christ will rise first. So, if the dead in Christ rise first, who rises next?

- 4) Who takes part in the second resurrection?

John 5:28-29 “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and _____, unto the resurrection of _____.”

NOTE: The Bible speaks of two resurrections. The first is reserved for the righteous – those who have given their life to Jesus Christ. The second resurrection is reserved for the wicked or unrighteous – those who have refused to submit to the drawing power of Jesus Christ.

- 5) What happens to the wicked when Jesus comes the second time?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be _____ from heaven with his _____, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with _____ from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

2 Thessalonians 2:8 “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall _____ with the brightness of his _____:”

NOTE: When Jesus comes the second time the righteous meet Him in the air. The wicked, the Bible says, will be slain by the brightness of His coming.

6) What happens to Satan when Jesus comes?

Revelation 20:1-2 “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and _____ a _____,”

NOTE: There are two items we should especially take heed to in these verses. The first item we need to look at is the phrase: “bottomless pit.” This is the only time in the Bible that this phrase is used. However, in the Greek language the word is “Abussos.” What does that mean? In the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint) the word “Abussos” is found in Genesis 1:2, and it literally means, “without form and void.” Therefore, the condition of the earth at this time is similar to the time before the creation of the earth. So Satan is somewhere that is desolate, somewhere that has no life whatsoever. Where is that? We will come to that a little bit later in this study. The second item we need to address is the issue of the “great chain.” What kind of chain is this? Is it a literal chain, or is it a symbolic chain?

7) What kind of chain is Satan bound with?

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell (Gr: grave), and delivered *them* into _____ of _____, to be reserved unto judgment;”

NOTE: Satan cannot be bound by a literal chain, because Satan is a spiritual being. Therefore the chain must be, by definition, a symbolic chain or a chain of circumstances if you will. What is that chain of circumstances that he is bound by? At this time there is no one left on the earth to tempt. The wicked have been destroyed by the coming of Jesus, while the righteous are with Him. Satan is left to ponder the results of his rebellion and sees the absolute desolation that he has caused on this earth.

8) Does the Bible describe what the earth looks like at this time?

Jeremiah 4:23-27 “I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without _____, and _____; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the _____ thereof were _____ at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger. For thus hath

the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.”

Jeremiah 25:33 “And the ____ of the LORD shall be at ____ from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be _____, neither _____, nor _____; they shall be dung upon the ground.”

NOTE: The earth at this time is broken down because of the coming of Jesus. The dead cannot be buried, because there is no one left to bury them. When Jesus comes the righteous meet Him in the air, and the wicked are destroyed because they cannot see Jesus and live. (See Hebrews 12:14,29)

9) What will the righteous be doing for 1,000 years?

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and _____ was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they _____ and _____ with Christ a _____.”

1 Corinthians 6:2 “Do ye not know that the _____ shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”

NOTE: The righteous are pictured judging . What kind of judgment is this? It is the judgment of verification. The righteous are verifying the judgment of God. The righteous will see that God gave everyone on planet earth the opportunity to be saved and it was their choice to be lost. Why? Because God is so good that He wants everyone who is saved to be absolutely sure that He can be trusted throughout eternity.

10) When does the second resurrection take place?

Revelation 20:5 “But the _____ of the _____ lived not again until the thousand years were _____.”

NOTE: At the end of the 1,000 year period, when the righteous have reigned with Christ and conducted the judgment of verification, Christ , along with the righteous, return to earth in the holy city. (Rev. 21: 2) Then the wicked are resurrected. With this resurrection, immortality will not be given as at the first resurrection. They will have bodies that are subject to death and now await to receive their final reward.

11) What will Satan be doing at this time?

Revelation 20:7 “And when the _____ are _____, _____ shall be _____ out of his _____,”

NOTE: Satan is loosed out of his prison. How is he loosed? He now has people alive on the earth to tempt. The wicked are resurrected and they will once again be subject to his temptations. He will lead them into one final act of rebellion against the one who created them and died for them.

12) What will Satan lead these people to do?

Revelation 20:9 “And they went up on the _____ of the _____, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and _____ came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

NOTE: As Satan leads this all out attack on God and His people, God will mercifully bring their rebellion to an end. They fought against God during their lifetime, refusing to submit to His love. After they are resurrected they will not change their minds. All of humanity will be involved in this last great conflict. There will be only two classes – those inside the city of God, and those fighting against God outside the city. Sadly, most will be fighting against God. But, in love, God destroys them all, (Mal. 4:1) because He knows that it would be torture for them to live inside the holy city.

13) What will happen after the wicked are destroyed?

Revelation 21:1-3 “And I saw a ___ heaven and a ___ earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is _____, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be their God.*”

NOTE: After the wicked are destroyed, God is going to recreate the world once again to its original beauty. In addition to this, God will tabernacle with us on this earth and, in His great unexplainable love, bring the capitol of the universe to this planet.(See Rev. 21: 3, 4)

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To surrender your life into the hands of Jesus Christ and be a part of the group that will inhabit the holy city and the new earth? Yes or No

