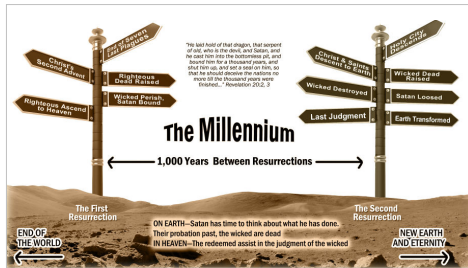




The Millennium

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Welcome to our study on the millennium. This time period is the 1000 years described by John in Revelation 20. This study will outline the events that happen at the beginning, end, and during the millennium.



For six thousand years this earth has been Satan's base of operation. His theory that life would be better without God's law has caused suffering and wickedness everywhere. God has allowed him opportunity to work out his principles, and it is not a pretty picture. At this point in time, the battle between good and evil is nearly over. The devil's reign on this earth will come to an end when Jesus returns.

How does the Bible describe the condition of the earth at this time?

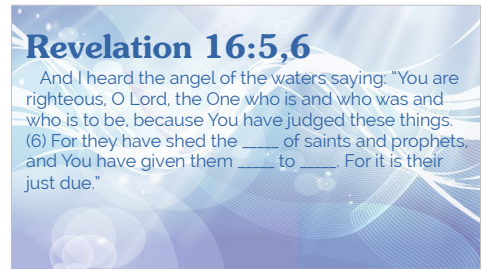


Revelation 19:5
 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.



The time has come for God to "punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity".* The majority of the world has chosen the side of Satan, worshiped the beast and his image, and received his mark. The wrath of God is poured out on the wicked without mercy. Then come the worst plagues that have ever fallen on the earth: ugly and painful sores; the sea, rivers, and springs of water turning to blood; the sun scorching men with great heat; thick darkness; and huge hailstones.

Why are these plagues allowed?
 *Isaiah 26:21



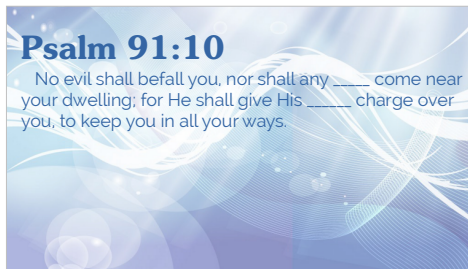
Revelation 16:5,6
 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, because You have judged these things. (6) For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."



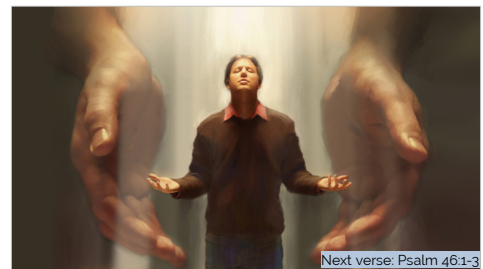
God's people have kept "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus". The wicked have determined to rid the earth of them, and set a time for their destruction. But their faith remains firm, even in the face of death. They know God will vindicate His honor and His law, and deliver those who have been faithful to Him.

How are God's people protected during the plagues?

*Revelation 14:12



Psalm 91:10
 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.



During the plagues, God doesn't forget His people. They are protected by angels. God promises their bread and water will be sure.* They cling to God's promises like never before.

How does this get them through this time of trouble?

*Isaiah 33:16

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our _____ and _____, a very present _____ in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; (3) though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a very present **help** in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; (3) though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.



Next verse: Isaiah 25:9

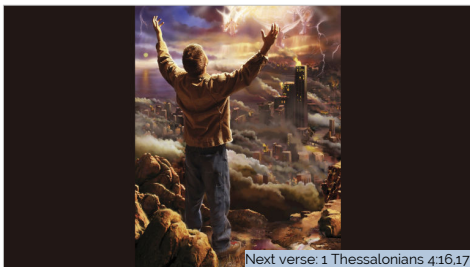
God does not forget His faithful people. His voice shakes the heavens and earth as He returns. While the wicked are terrified and amazed at the upheaval of the earth, the righteous welcome the signs of Jesus' coming with great joy.

Isaiah 25:9

And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have _____ for Him, and He will _____ us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

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Next verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

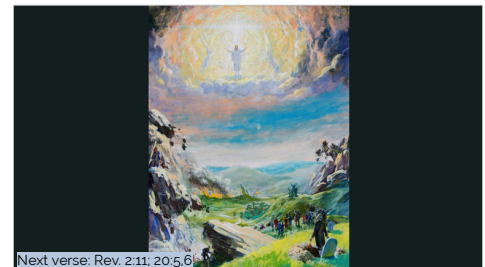
The earth shakes with a mighty earthquake, the sea roars, hurricanes shriek, great hailstones fall, mountains break up, and islands disappear as the King of Kings descends to earth. Those who have been faithful look up, and hear His voice. **What happens next?**

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will _____ first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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Next verse: Rev. 2:11, 20:5,6

Graves open and the righteous come out to see Jesus coming in the clouds. The wicked who are alive on the earth are slain by the brightness of His coming, and the unsaved who are already dead stay that way for now. This is not the final death – the "second death", which will happen after the wicked are raised. **How does the Bible speak of this?**

Revelation 2:11

He that overcomes shall not be hurt by the _____ death.

Revelation 20:5,6

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the _____ death has no power...

Next verse: John 5:28-29

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Revelation 20:5,6

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John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice (29) and come forth—those who have done good, to the _____ of _____, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice (29) and come forth—those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.



Next verse: Isaiah 13:6-8, Isaiah 2:20,21

The resurrection of life is a joyous event! Mothers receive children that have died. Loved ones are reunited forever. Together with those who have survived earth's last days, all are caught up in the clouds *"to meet the Lord in the air".*

What happens to the wicked who are alive when Jesus comes back?

Isaiah 13:6-8

Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. (7) Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will ____ (8) and they will be afraid...

Isaiah 2:20,21

In that day a man will cast away his idols of ____ and his idols of ____ to the moles and bats, (21) to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

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Next verse: Revelation 6:14-17

The horror and despair of those who have violated God's law and rejected His offers of mercy is impossible to describe. They see the utter worthlessness of their riches and everything they have lived for. The terrified wails of demons and men are heard above the thunder and shaking of the earth, as it is enveloped by lightning and flame. **Why do they cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them?**

Revelation 6:14-17

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. (15) And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, (16) and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the ____ of the Lamb! (17) For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to ____?"

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Next verse: Isaiah 26:21; Jeremiah 25:33

The wicked are destroyed *"by the brightness of His coming".*

How does the Bible describe this event?

Isaiah 26:21

For behold, the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her ____.

Jeremiah 25:33

And at that day the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become ____ on the ground.

Isaiah 26:21

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Jeremiah 25:33

And at that day the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become **refuse** on the ground.



Next verse: Leviticus 16:10

The whole earth resembles a desolate battlefield.

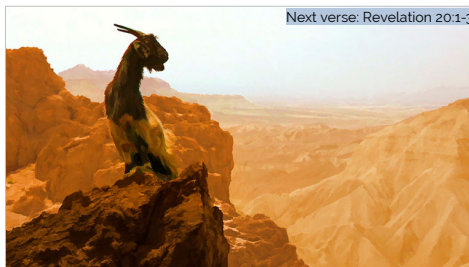
What happens to Satan?

Leviticus 16:10

But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the _____.

Leviticus 16:10

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Next verse: Revelation 20:1-3

Now an event portrayed by the ancient Hebrew sanctuary is fulfilled. The yearly ritual of sin offerings culminated in the high priest symbolically transferring all the accumulated sins onto a scapegoat. This goat, representing Satan, was then led away into the desolate, uninhabited wilderness to die.

Where does Satan spend the millennium?

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; (3) and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the ____ were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

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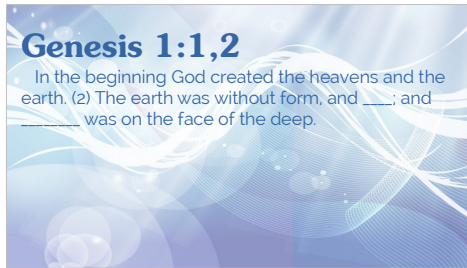


Next verse: Genesis 11:2

After the second coming of Jesus and the destruction of the wicked, Satan is banished for a thousand years. This is the beginning of the millennium.

The "bottomless pit" represents the earth in a state of darkness and chaos.

How does the Bible describe the earth in the beginning?



Genesis 1:1,2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form, and ____; and ____ was on the face of the deep.

Genesis 1:1,2

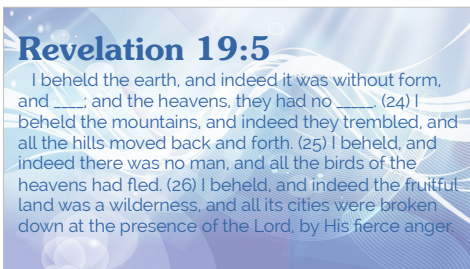
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form, and **void**; and **darkness** was on the face of the deep.



Next verse: Revelation 19:5

In the beginning the earth was empty, without form, and dark. During the millennium it will be brought back, at least partly, to this same state.

How does Jeremiah describe it?



Revelation 19:5

I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and ____; and the heavens, they had no _____. (24) I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. (25) I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. (26) I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, by His fierce anger.

Revelation 19:5

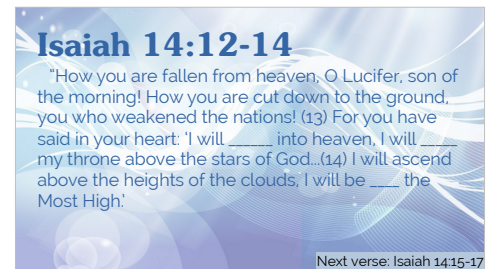
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Next verse: Isaiah 14:12-14

The earth is a desolate wreck. There are uprooted trees, ruins of cities destroyed by the earthquake, gaping chasms where mountains once stood. This chaotic mess will be Satan's home with his evil angels during the millennium. He is described as being "bound" because he has no access to other worlds or to anyone that he can tempt or harass. There is no one left to deceive or ruin. For a thousand years, he is out of a job.

How does Isaiah describe his overthrow?



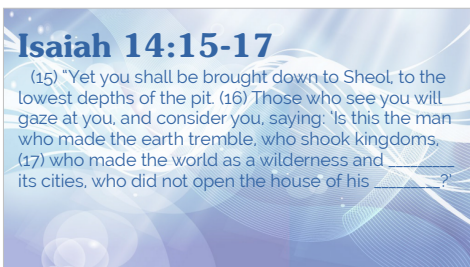
Isaiah 14:12-14

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! (13) For you have said in your heart: 'I will ____ into heaven, I will ____ my throne above the stars of God...(14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be ____ the Most High.'

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Isaiah 14:15-17

(15) 'Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the pit. (16) Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, (17) who made the world as a wilderness and ____ its cities, who did not open the house of his ____?'

Isaiah 14:15-17

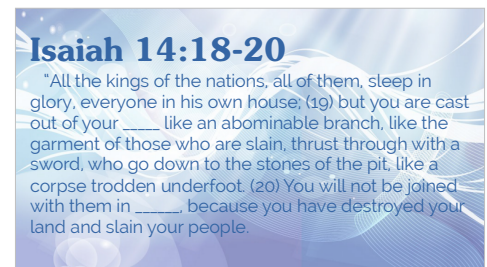
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Next verse: Isaiah 14:18-20

Satan's work of rebellion has "made the earth tremble" for six thousand years. He has "*made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities*", and his "*prison house*" has received God's people. He would have kept them captive in their graves forever, but Jesus has set them free from the power of death. **What does Satan do during the millennium?**

'Isaiah 14:16,17

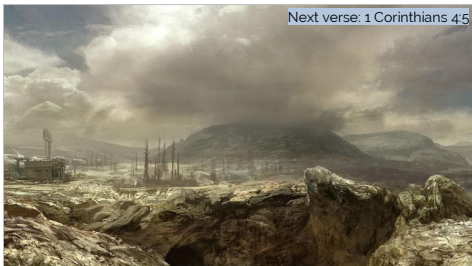


Isaiah 14:18-20

"All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; (19) but you are cast out of your ____ like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a corpse trodden underfoot. (20) You will not be joined with them in ____, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people.

Isaiah 14:18-20

"All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; (19) but you are cast out of your **grave** like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a corpse trodden underfoot. (20) You will not be joined with them in **burial**, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people.



Next verse: 1 Corinthians 4:5

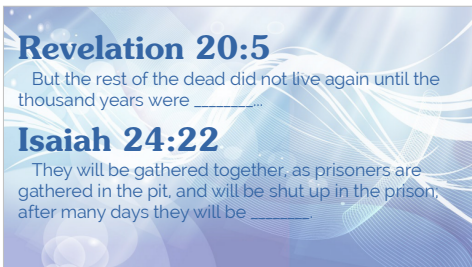
With even the wicked beyond the reach of Satan's power, there is nothing for him to do except think about the effects of his actions since he first rebelled against the government of God in heaven. Alone with his evil angels, he has a thousand years to wander around and contemplate the effects of the curse sin has brought to the world. He suffers intensely during this time, anticipating with terror and dread the time of his final punishment. Then he will pay for all the sins and evil he has caused. **What are the righteous doing during this time?**



Next verse: 1 Corinthians 2:3; Jude 1:6

As Paul says, this judgment follows the second coming of Jesus. Daniel states that "judgment was given to the saints of the Most High". John sees them sitting on thrones and reigning with Christ. During this time the saints will judge the world. Together with Christ they judge the acts of the wicked compared with the Bible standard. Accordingly, each sentence is recorded against their names in the book of death. **Who also is judged?**

**Daniel 7:22*



Revelation 20:5

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were _____.

Isaiah 24:22

They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be _____.

Revelation 20:5

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were **finished**...

Isaiah 24:22

They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be **punished**.



1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, _____ the Lord _____, who will both bring to light the hidden things of _____ and reveal the counsels of the hearts...

Daniel 7:22 KJV

Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the _____ of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

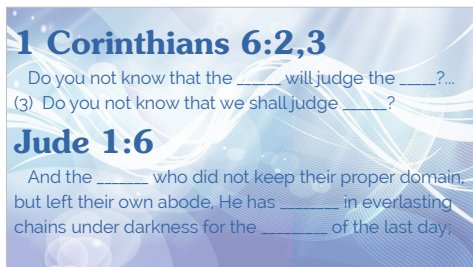
Next verse: Revelation 20:4,6

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until** the Lord **come**, who will both bring to light the hidden things of **darkness** and reveal the counsels of the hearts...

Daniel 7:22 KJV

Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the **saints** of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom..



1 Corinthians 6:2,3

Do you not know that the _____ will judge the _____?... (3) Do you not know that we shall judge _____?

Jude 1:6

And the _____ who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has _____ in everlasting chains under darkness for the _____ of the last day;

1 Corinthians 6:2,3

Do you not know that the **saints** will judge the **world**?...(3) Do you not know that we shall judge **angels**?

Jude 1:6

And the **angels** who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has **reserved** in everlasting chains under darkness for the **judgment** of the last day;



Next verse: Matthew 23:39

At the end of the thousand years, Jesus, His angels and the redeemed righteous, returns to earth. Descending in terrible majesty, He calls the wicked to life. Millions upon millions rise. They are not changed as were the righteous. Instead, they look worn and ravaged by disease.

How do they respond as they behold Christ in glory?



Revelation 20:4,6

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and _____ was committed to them...(6) they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4,6

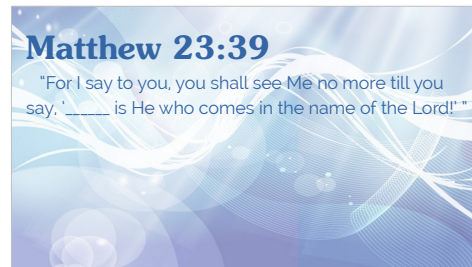
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Next verse: Revelation 20:5; Isaiah 24:22

Christ and His people also judge Satan and his evil angels during this time.

When do the wicked live again?

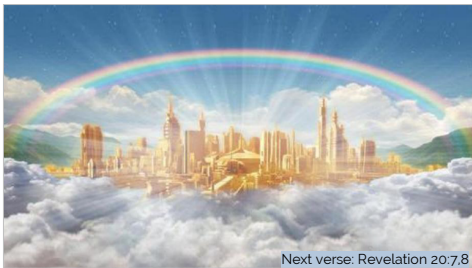


Matthew 23:39

"For I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, '_____ is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

Matthew 23:39

"For I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, **'Blessed** is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "



Next verse: Revelation 20:7,8

These words are forced from their unwilling lips. They come up with the same rebellion and resistance to God that they took to their graves. Their hearts are unchanged and they are not given another probation. They see the New Jerusalem descend in dazzling splendor from heaven.

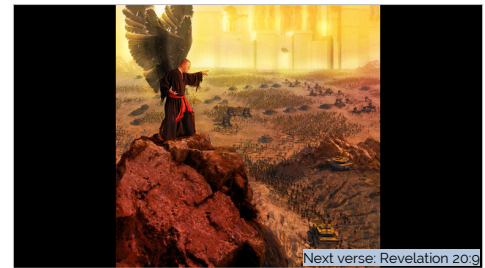
What does Satan do at this time?

Revelation 20:7,8

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will go out to _____ the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to _____ them together to _____, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:7,8

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will go out to **deceive** the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to **gather** them together to **battle**, whose number is as the sand of the sea.



Next verse: Revelation 20:9

Satan, who has been dejected and miserable during the millennium, revives when he sees the millions of wicked come to life. Rousing for a final effort, he is determined not to give up. He deceives his subjects into thinking that he is the prince of the world and its rightful owner. He claims that his power has raised them from the dead. Inspiring them with energy and the spirit of conquest, he tells them they can totally take the city and possess it for their own. **What do they do?**

Revelation 20:9

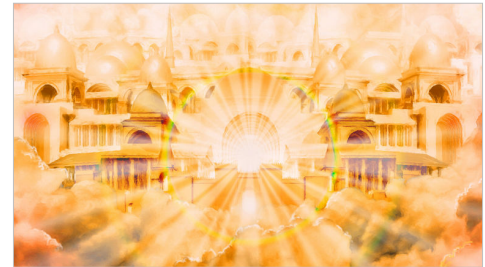
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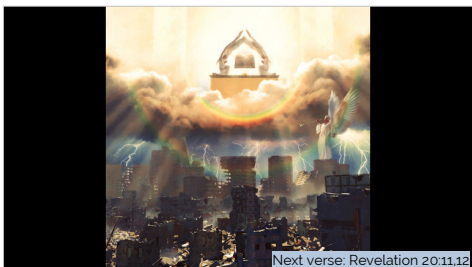
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In that vast throng are generals who never lost a battle, mighty warriors, monsters of evil. The current of their thoughts resumed just where they stopped when they died. Military leaders organize for battle. They decide the group inside the city is small compared to their numbers, and they can conquer it. Finally they advance for the attack.



They are nearly overcome by the dazzling brightness of the city that floods the earth with its radiance. The redeemed in the city are praising God as they stand before His throne. With songs of victory they adore and laud the One who has achieved their salvation. Satan and his angels and the wicked stand transfixed as memories come to their mind.



Next verse: Revelation 20:11,12

Those who crucified the Son of God recall the part they played. The ones who tortured Christians and put them to death, who presumed to change the law of God - all see as never before the holiness and majesty of the God of the universe. Satan, as if paralyzed, recalls the glory of heaven and sees how low he has fallen. His rebellion and deceptions have only ended in failure and ruin. Sin has demonstrated that misery and death, not happiness, results from breaking God's law. His goodness, wisdom, and justice are vindicated before the entire universe. **What comes next?**

Revelation 20:11,12

Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were _____ according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

Revelation 20:11,12

Then I saw a great white **throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were **judged** according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.



Next verse: Revelation 20:9, 2 Peter 3:10

The whole wicked world stands before the throne of God, charged with treason against His government. All acknowledge the supremacy of God and realize that only their own choices have banned them from His kingdom. They receive the sentence of eternal death. In rage and fury they turn on Satan and his agents who have deceived them. Satan's power is ended. **How are he and his subjects destroyed?**

Revelation 20:9

And fire came down from God out of heaven and _____ them.

2 Peter 3:10

"...the elements will _____ with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Revelation 20:9

And fire came down from God out of heaven and **devoured** them

2 Peter 3:10

"...the elements will **melt** with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up..



Fire comes down from God out of heaven. The day has come when the very elements "*melt with fervent heat*". The whole surface of the earth is one boiling, seething, lake of fire. **Do the wicked burn forever?**

2 Peter 3:10

Malachi 4:1

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall _____ them _____" says the Lord of hosts, "that will leave them neither root nor branch..."

Malachi 4:1

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall **burn them up.**" says the Lord of hosts, "that will leave them neither root nor branch..."



Some are destroyed in a flash; others suffer many days. Satan's punishment is far greater than anyone else. He lives and suffers longer than those he has deceived. Finally all the wicked – Satan the root, and his followers the branches – are consumed in the cleansing fire. The earth is purified, never to be again contaminated with sin. **How do God's people feel about this?**

Revelation 15:3

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! _____ and _____ are Your ways, O King of the saints!"

Revelation 15:3

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! **Just and true** are Your ways, O King of the saints!"



Now God makes all things new. The earth is re-created to its Edenic perfection. Every trace of sin is gone. No words can describe the reward of the righteous. Forever and always they live in the peace of heaven and beauty of the presence of Jesus, with no sickness, sadness, death, or pain.

Do you accept Jesus as your Savior, and desire to live with Him in the earth made new?