

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 36 (20:7-15)
Great White Throne Judgment

Introduction: Here is information not found in the rest of the entire Bible - and it can be understood. This is the word of God, not what someone thought up, but from God, Himself. God says six (6) times that Jesus Christ will reign on this earth for 1,000 years. How many times does God have to say something before it is true? When Jesus Christ does reign, all will be perfect, but even in this perfect environment there will be millions who refuse to believe and accept Jesus. God will prove to all the creation that the thing mankind needs is NOT perfect environment, education, moral laws, etc., man cannot get his problems solved EXCEPT through regeneration. Keep this in mind!

- v7 - "are expired" - at exactly the right moment - God is going to bring these things to pass. Satan is chained for 1,000 years and at exactly the right moment, God will loosen Satan. There will be two kinds of people: believers and unbeliever.
- "shall be loosed" - future tense, at the right moment.
 - At the end of 1,000 years of perfect environment, to prove that perfection is not what man needs.
 - The second advent of Satan - the first was in the Garden of Eden, the second at the end of the millennium. Jesus also had two. Will mankind have two chances to be saved?
 - Both advents of Satan found a perfect environment and he ruined it both times - Eden, Millennium both perfection.
 - Satan always deceives, go his way and have material gain, once he moves in he ruins the very things he gives you.
 - How many lives and homes have been ruined because the bubble burst? Satan always ruins, and he will ruin perfection every time.
 - Satan would have people believe that he can solve all problems, famine, war, starvation, etc., yet he has ruined everything he touches. IF Christians do not guard, Satan will ruin them also.
 - History will end as it began - The Lord will intervene.
- v8 - "deceive the nations" - God believes in nations. There will be nations when Jesus rules. Nations are divine institutions, just as marriage and the home are.
- "Gog and Magog" - Greek words (Genesis 10:2; Ezekiel 38, 39) - People opposing God even after 1,000 years reign of Jesus Christ. Absolutely no reason that nations should want to rule over other nations yet it always has been and always will be that way. Even after Jesus rules for 1,000 years, there will still be those who oppose God, not everyone will be Christians.
 - "gather for battle" - the devil will fight one great war - NOT THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON, it will have already been fought.
 - "sand of the sea" -
- v9 - "breadth of the earth" - all over the earth.
- "beloved city" - still trying to defeat the Jews. Satan doesn't want God to keep His Word to the Jews.
 - God would make of the Jews a great nation.
 - Will give them a land - forever
 - Will take one from among you and he will rule forever (Jesus Christ)
 - Will come back to your land in belief (Jews will return and believe in Jesus).
 - Not a single promise of God will ever fall by the wayside. Satan will try to destroy Jesus.
 - "fire came down" - from the immediate source of God
 - "devoured them" - act of God ends Satan

v10 - "devil" - diabolos - deceiver

- "was cast" - exactly right moment - when God has enough.

God has given the devil plenty of time, a free will and you and I (humanity) are in the middle. We can choose, exercise our free will, choose God or choose Satan. After free will has been tested to the limit, Satan will be ended and will be cast out by the hand of God.

- "brimstone" - fusion - atomic produced heat, perpetual heat.

- "first two into hell" - beast, false prophet. Get there before Satan.

- "tormented day and night forever" - hell lasts forever - God says so.

There will be an end to Satan and he will be in the lake of fire forever and ever.

THE REST OF THE VERSES IN THIS CHAPTER EXPLAIN HOW ALL UNBELIEVERS WILL BE IN THE SAME FIRE AS THE DEVIL

v11 - "white" - purity, perfect righteousness. Jesus came as Savior, Jesus then becomes judge at the great white throne and will render absolute justice. Every unbeliever will stand before a perfect God and receive perfect justice.

- "fled away" - earth and heaven are being destroyed (21:1). A new heaven and earth. What we know today of heaven and earth will be destroyed and a new place of perfection where no sin will ever come will replace them. We (believers) will live in those places. NO one can begin to grasp the beauty. (2 Peter 3:7-10)

- "found no place" - no place for imperfection or sin anymore.

v12 - "dead" - the unsaved

- "stand before God" - the judgment bar of God. Christians will never stand before judgment, only the unsaved.

- "books were opened" - the Book of Life - every human born is listed in the Book of Life. Refuse to believe in Jesus and his/her name is scratched out. At the end of time, only believers' names are left in the book. Every name of every human being is in it at one time, but only the names of believers remain.

- The other book - the names removed from the book of life who refused to believe in Jesus, are transferred to the other book where every work is recorded. God will show where works were not what was needed - works not enough.

- "according to their works" - not according to sins. It is not sin that sends people to hell, it is unbelief. Sin has been paid for by Jesus Christ. GET THAT! Unbelief, NOT sin, sends people to hell. People stand on their own works and that is all. They will be judged by their works.

v13 - "sea" - better abyss - abussion, hell, not hell of fire, but hades (place of death). The unsaved die and their soul goes to hades (Lazarus and the Rich man story Jesus told).

- "death and hell" - hades

- "they were judged" - unbelievers

- "works" - good deeds

v14 - "cast into the lake of fire" - all unbelievers - the second death - for unbelievers only.

v15 - "whosoever" - most powerful in the bible

- "not found written" - you believe in Jesus, your name stays written.

- "lake of fire" - Hell, where Satan will be - all unbelievers.

Believe in Jesus now and He becomes your Savior. Refuse to believe and Jesus becomes your judge.

THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE STUDY LEFT...DON'T MISS IT!