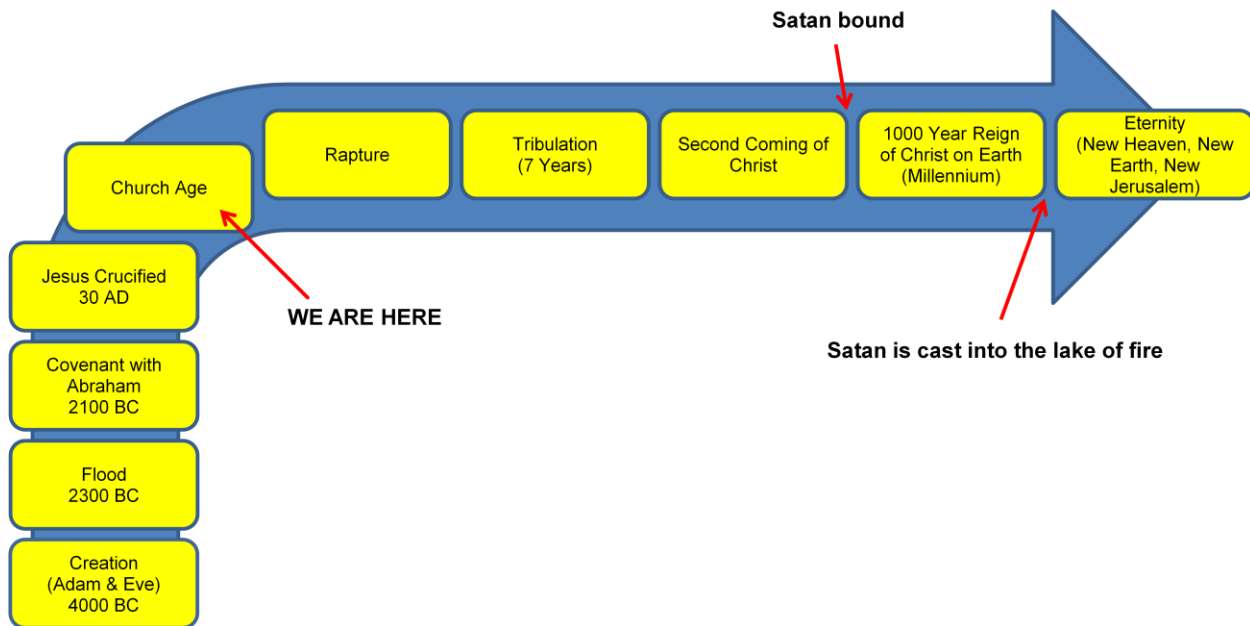


Blessings to Israel Ministries

PREPARING FOR THE HOLY CITY

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. – Revelation 21:2

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1. Revelation Chapter 20

1.1. Satan Bound 1000 Years (Verses 1-3)

1.1.1. Verses 1-3 Notes

- 1.1.1.1. Satan will be literally imprisoned for 1000 years
- 1.1.1.2. During this time Satan will be unable to tempt and deceive mankind
- 1.1.1.3. The bounding of Satan in the bottomless pit will usher in the earthly kingdom of Christ
- 1.1.1.4. Read **Luke 11:2** (... *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth*)
- 1.1.1.5. Satan will be released at the end of the 1000-year period but his time will not last long.

1.2. The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years (Verses 4-6)

1.2.1. Verse 4 Notes

- 1.2.1.1. John states that he sees the souls of people who did not accept Antichrist during the Tribulation. These people were unsaved when the Rapture occurred but accepted Jesus Christ during the Tribulation. Their heads were cut off by the Antichrist for refusing to worship him and accept his mark. John sees these people reigning with Christ on earth for a 1000-year period.
- 1.2.1.2. Read **Daniel 2:31-35;44-45** - Christ Earthly kingdom prophesied
- 1.2.1.3. World leaders against God (**Psalm 2:1-12**)

- 1.2.1.4. There will be a Temple in the Millennial Kingdom (**Ezekiel 40-48**)
- 1.2.1.5. Read **Zechariah 14:8;16-21** - All nations will worship the Lord at His headquarters in Jerusalem
- 1.2.1.6. Read **Isaiah 65:17;20** - Earth will be restored to a state prior to the curse. Life spans will be increased as in the days before the Flood when people lived over 900 years. Children born will be given 100 years to accept Christ. If they do not, they will die.
- 1.2.1.7. Read **Isaiah 65:25** - The curse on the animals will be lifted. Bullock is an ox. But notice the serpent shall still eat the dust. The curse placed on the serpent in the Garden of Eden will not be lifted.
- 1.2.2. Verse 5 Notes
 - 1.2.2.1. Refers to the unsaved. They will be resurrected at the end of this 1000-year period to receive judgment from God.
 - 1.2.2.2. There are two phases of Christ's second coming - (1) Rapture (2) Glorious Appearing
 - 1.2.2.3. There are three phases of the resurrection of believers – (1) the Church (2) Old Testament Saints (3) Tribulation Saints.
 - 1.2.2.4. Phase 1 – Read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** - Church Age Saints. Refers to the Rapture
 - 1.2.2.5. Phase 2 – Read **Daniel 12:1-2** - Old Testament Saints. Refers to Israel
 - 1.2.2.6. Phase 3 – Read **Revelation 6:9-1** - Tribulation Saints (**Revelation 20:4-6**)
- 1.2.3. Verse 6 Notes
 - 1.2.3.1. The second death is when the unsaved will be judged. All in the first 3 phases of the resurrection will reign with Christ in this earthly kingdom. They will have no part of the second death.

1.3. Satanic Rebellion Crushed (Verses 7-10)

- 1.3.1. Verse 7 Notes
 - 1.3.1.1. Satan will be released at the end of the 1000-year kingdom of Christ.
- 1.3.2. Verse 8 Notes
 - 1.3.2.1. What is Gog & Magog? Read **Genesis 10:1-2**. May be just a way of saying near and far. This is not the same Gog & Magog from **Ezekiel 37 & 38**.
 - 1.3.2.2. During the 1000-year period, those who were saved during the Tribulation will continue to have children. Even though Satan will be bound during the 1000-year period, some of the children born to Christians will choose to reject Christ. When released, Satan will go out to deceive the nations again and rally the rejecters of Christ to fight against God in one last battle.
- 1.3.3. Verse 9 Notes
 - 1.3.3.1. All of that rejected God will surround Jerusalem to attack. They will be devoured by fire from God.
- 1.3.4. Verse 10 Notes
 - 1.3.4.1. Satan will receive his final defeat and will be cast into the lake of fire. This shows that Satan will not be the ruler of hell as many are taught.
 - 1.3.4.2. See **Isaiah 14:9-17** for a description of Satan's doom

2. Revelation 21

2.1. All Things Made New (Verses 1-8)

- 2.1.1. Verse 1 Notes
 - 2.1.1.1. Destructions of the earth are described in the Bible, one is the Flood the other Fire (**Isaiah 65:17 & 2 Peter 3:4-14**)
 - 2.1.1.2. **Revelation 1:21** refers to the new creation after the Fire
 - 2.1.1.3. The New Heaven refers to the earth's atmosphere which is the 1st heaven. Outer space is the 2nd heaven and beyond that is the 3rd heaven where God and the angels currently reside. Satan and his demons dwell in the atmosphere also and God will destroy it to rid all evil.

- 2.1.1.4. The new earth will be much like the state of the earth before Adam & Eve fell to sin.
- 2.1.1.5. The saved that have already died as of present day and the saved that will die before the rapture go to heaven. They will all come to earth in glorified resurrected bodies during the Millennium to reign with Christ.
- 2.1.1.6. After the Millennium, we will all live forever on the new earth.
- 2.1.1.7. This earth will have no sea.
- 2.1.2. Verse 2 Notes
 - 2.1.2.1. The Holy City of Jerusalem will literally come down from heaven to the new earth.
 - 2.1.2.2. Read **John 14:1-3** - This is the place that Jesus was talking about when He said "I go to prepare a place for you". When Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, He went to heaven to begin building the Holy City. He has been preparing it for about 2000 years.
- 2.1.3. Verse 3 Notes
 - 2.1.3.1. God will come to earth to literally live with all Christians and will move His headquarters from the third heaven to earth in the New Jerusalem. He will dwell with mankind on earth just as He dwelt on earth with Adam & Eve before they sinned and God separated from earth.
- 2.1.4. Verse 4-7 Notes
 - 2.1.4.1. God's wiping away all the tears means there will be no more sadness, pain, sickness, suffering, nor death.
 - 2.1.4.2. God is not a liar and we can trust His word on these things.
 - 2.1.4.3. Read **John 7:37-38** - Jesus will give the water of eternal life; the same water that He spoke of in John 7:37-38.
 - 2.1.4.4. Read **John 4:14** - He also mentioned this water to the woman at the well.
 - 2.1.4.5. Those that remain faithful to Christ inherit this great eternal kingdom

2.2. The New Jerusalem (Verses 9-21)

- 2.2.1. Verse 9-10 Notes
 - 2.2.1.1. An angel takes John to look into the future at the New Jerusalem descending from heaven.
 - 2.2.1.2. The bride is referring to all who have accepted Christ. They will be inhabitants of this great City.
- 2.2.2. Verse 11 Notes
 - 2.2.2.1. The glory of God will be displayed by stones clear as crystal.
- 2.2.3. Verse 12-14 Notes
 - 2.2.3.1. A high wall will be around the city
 - 2.2.3.2. There will be twelve gates with an angel at each. Each angel will have a name from the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - 2.2.3.3. There will be three gates on each side
 - 2.2.3.4. Twelve foundations will have names of the twelve apostles that followed Jesus during His earthly ministry.
- 2.2.4. Verse 15-17 Notes
 - 2.2.4.1. The angel measured the city and it was a perfect cube, same length in each direction. A furlong is 660 feet; 8 furlongs equal one mile. Therefore 12000 furlongs or stadia equals 1500 miles ($12000/8 = 1500$). The city will be 1500 miles in every direction.



- 2.2.4.2. Dr. Henry M. Morris estimated that if 20 billion Christians live in the city, each person would be allotted a space of about 1 cubit mile.
- 2.2.4.3. The wall was 144 cubits. A cubit is the distance from the elbow to tip of the finger of an average person which is about 20 inches. 144 of these equal 240 feet.
- 2.2.5. Verse 18-21 Notes
 - 2.2.5.1. City is pure gold, like clear glass
 - 2.2.5.2. Wall made of precious stones
 - 2.2.5.3. Each gate has a giant pearl
 - 2.2.5.4. Streets are transparent gold

2.3. The Glory of the New Jerusalem (Verses 22-27)

- 2.3.1. Verse 22-26 Notes
 - 2.3.1.1. Notice there was a Temple for worship in the Millennium but the New Jerusalem will not need a Temple because God and Jesus will be the Temple.
 - 2.3.1.2. The glory of God will light up the city, so there will be no night and no need for the sun or moon.
 - 2.3.1.3. Nothing impure will enter the City.

3. Revelation 22

3.1. The River of Life (Verses 1-5)

- 3.1.1. Verse 1 Notes
 - 3.1.1.1. A river of crystal clear water will run through the city.
 - 3.1.1.2. Read **Genesis 2:10** - This river parallels the river in Genesis 2:10.
- 3.1.2. Verse 2 Notes
 - 3.1.2.1. Read **Genesis 3:22-24** - The Tree of Life will be present. God forbade Adam & Eve to eat from the Tree of Life. If they had, they would have received eternal life at that point. But God will allow all to eat its fruit at this time.
 - 3.1.2.2. There will be no sickness so "healing" means "health". This means there will be a healthy relationship among all people (no more wars).
- 3.1.3. Verse 3 Notes
 - 3.1.3.1. No more curse (things in our current world like thorns, poison ivy, wildlife fighting, weeds, etc were curses brought on by sin). There will be none on the new earth.
- 3.1.4. Verse 4-5 Notes
 - 3.1.4.1. Read **John 1:18** - At this time, we will literally see God's face. Until this time, no man had seen God's face.
 - 3.1.4.2. Read **Exodus 33:22-23** - God allowed Moses to see only His back parts.
 - 3.1.4.3. Read **Revelation 14:9** - God will place His name on all of His follower's foreheads. Satan will do the same thing during the Tribulation during his attempt to replace God.
 - 3.1.4.4. Reiterated that God's light will illuminate the land and all will reign with Him forever.