

Book of Revelation – The Final Judgment-- Rev 20:11-15

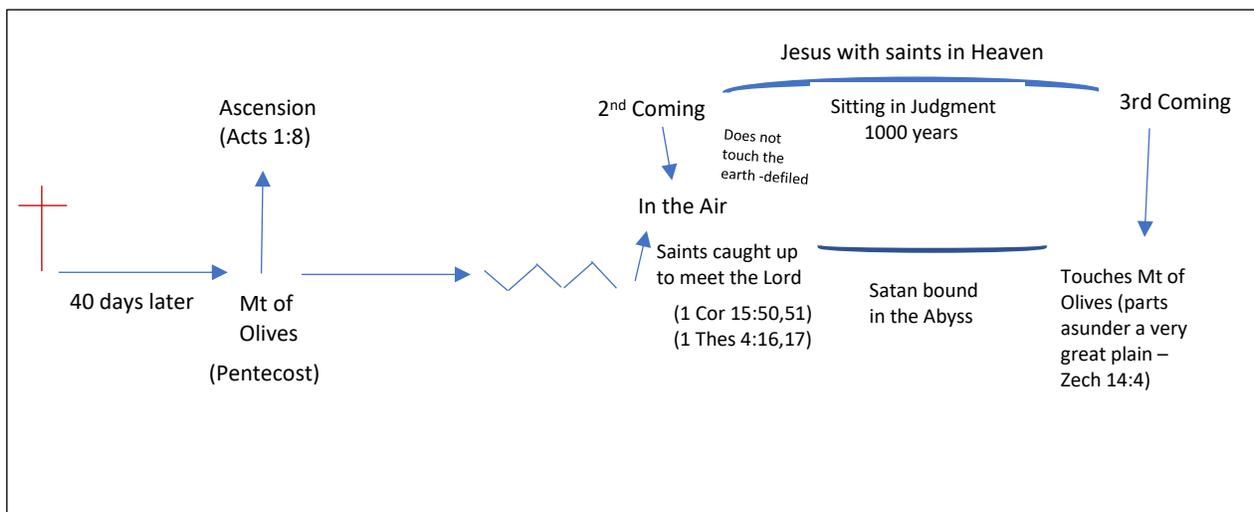
Series REV-64

Part 2

Revelation 20 Review

Before we close out this chapter and the Plan of Redemption comes to a close, we need to do a quick review of what we have learned in this chapter. [Next week we will do a review of the whole book of Revelation, the main points, with the intent of how to make it practical.] As we close out the book (chp 21) in the coming weeks, we will look at the reward of the saints in glory—the New Jerusalem and the final counsel in conclusion, left on record for all that will enter in (chp 22).

The picture below displays a box of the major events before, during and after the 1000 year period of Judgment. {The Addendum provides a blow up w/ more detail for analysis.}



Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne

Last week we looked at SOP statements on verses 11 and 12. Very sobering, even somber the picture of the Final Judgment. It should not only cause us to pause and reflect, but “contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.” {GC 488.2}

Therefore, we will continue in this segment, Part 2, once again looking at passages from SOP on this sober and serious picture, as we finish out the chapter.

We also will have a series of questions below to provoke thought and investigation. We will be looking at a number of statements connected with these verses and from them answers will be derived for the following questions:

- 1) Vs.12: The Bible uses the word ‘dead’ to describe the lost. You might be wondering if this is really so. Well, we will just look at the N.T. to see if this

holds true. Note the following passages: The first three times in the N.T. the word 'dead' is used—Matt 2:19, 20 & 8:22 is clear evidence of this supposition.

In Matt. 9:24, Jesus is laughed to scorn because the ruler's daughter had died, (Luke 8:53) but He said as He came into the house, "...the maid in not dead, but sleepeth."

Obvious, then in these first few verses one can see how God looks at death—as a sleep. But more than this, the N.T. seems to identify the "lost" (those not of faith) as 'dead'. Note Matt.8:22 where Jeus said, "Follow Me; and let the dead bury their dead." {In other words, let those who are spiritually dead, bury their relatives who are physically dead.} These additional verses in the Gospels seem to support this assertion—Matt 22:32, 33; Luke 15:24, 32; Luke 24:5, 46; John 5:25; & John 11:11. Share your thoughts, if you agree or disagree and if this passage in Rev 20:12 is one of the strongest evidences of this claim in it's concluding verses: _____

- _____.
- 2) The first statement on the SOP Supplement, 3BC 1160.2, is very penetrating, especially regarding motives which God reads. The first handful of lines through the underlined section I had to read several times, trying to figure out what she was saying, especially since she ended with "depended upon this one result." So it is your turn to figure it out. I won't give my thoughts for I don't want to influence your thinking. [hint: it does help reading the whole statement, but not enough to convince me, though maybe you it will.] _____
- _____.
- 3) Based on the 7 BC statementat the top of p.2, when are our names 'written in the Lamb's book of life'? _____.
- 4) The 7 BC 987.8 statement talks about "sins too grievous for the Lord to pardon." What sins would these be that are too grievous for Him to forgive, especially in light of the Matt 12:31 passage? How readest thou? _____
- _____.

One last lengthy statement from the SOP on the Supplement Part 2 remains from the Great Controversy. I included it here, because I felt it necessary as the final saga in the 6000 year Great Controversy theme.

The Last two verses of the chapter (vss. 14 and 15) indicate that "death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire.**" This is the second death. Praise God! It is over, sin and sinners are forever destroyed. In essence the plan of redemption ends with these words: "whosever was not found written in the book of life was case into **the lake of fire.**"

May our names remain written in the Book of Life should ever be our goal,
for the glory of God and Jesus Christ His Son.