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A Study of Revelation 20

Questions on Chapter 20,

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01. **What blessing will those receive who have part in the first resurrection? (20:6).**
The Second Death will have NO POWER on them. In other words, the blessing for those who have been baptized and RAISED to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4), while living on this earth, will not have to fear eternal punishment in Hell, in the next life.
02. **What is the second death? (20:14; 21:8).**
It is a spiritual death in which those who oppose God will be doomed to suffer for all eternity. It includes ETERNAL SEPARATION from God and all that is good.
03. **What must we do in order to avoid the second death? (2 Thessalonians 1.8-9).**
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 everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. In order to avoid the Second Death, we must OBEY THE GOSPEL!
04. **What must it mean to have a part in the first resurrection?**
It means to have been baptized. Those who take part in the first resurrection will be priests of God and reign with Him a thousand years OR during this Gospel Age. Revelation 5:10 says that Christ has made us kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth. Those who are obedient to the gospel are reigning on the earth TODAY and are a Holy Priesthood, offering up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ—Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5).
05. **Explain how our first resurrection is a spiritual resurrection.**
The FIRST RESURRECTION is the resurrection of the soul from the grave of sin. It is a spiritual resurrection. Colossians 1:18 says that Christ was the FIRSTBORN from the dead, and Romans 6:3-5 says that WE have a part in that resurrection by BAPTISM, which is a likeness of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Because of this, we are to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4), or reign with Christ during the thousand years (Revelation 20:4). Those who do not obey the gospel will not live (spiritually) during this Gospel Age or Thousand Years. They are still DEAD in their sins.
06. **How long will those who have part in the first resurrection reign with Christ? (20:6).**
For a FIGURATIVE ONE THOUSAND YEARS.
07. **Where do we reign with Christ? (5:10).**
And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. ON THE EARTH.
08. **Since our first resurrection is a spiritual resurrection and also the beginning of our reign with Christ, what must the thousand years represent?**
The Thousand Years must represent the time we live here on this earth, preparing for the heavenly reward.

09. **What is the symbolic meaning of the number “1000”?**
*One thousand, which is the same as: 10 x 10 x 10 (The number TEN symbolizes completeness), must then equal: **Ultimate Completeness.***
10. **Who are the “rest of the dead” in verse 5?**
*One group of people are resurrected to reign during the thousand years; **THEY ARE CHRISTIANS.** There is another group who are not resurrected until after the thousand years are finished; **THEY ARE NON-CHRISTIANS.***
11. **Why do they not live during the thousand years?**
*Because they are **SPIRITUALLY DEAD**, separated from God by the sin in their lives.*
12. **Is this “life” we have during the thousand years physical life or spiritual life?**
*It is **BOTH**, actually, but the emphasis here is on the spiritual.*
13. **Since the thousand years represents the Gospel Age, is Satan bound today? (20:2).**
*Yes! He is not bound in the sense that he cannot function on earth today, but he is bound to the extent that he has no control over God’s people. Concerning Christ, Hebrews 2:14 says: *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.* Christ, through His death and resurrection, destroyed (**BOUND**) Satan in the sense that Satan no longer rules in the world.*
14. **How is Satan bound today? (Hebrews 2.14-15).**
He cannot prevent Christians from enjoying the heavenly reward so long as they remain faithful to the Lord, Who conquered death and made it possible for them to live eternally in heaven.
15. **What does the great chain represent? (20:1).**
*A **CHAIN** would represent a powerful restraint. Romans 1:16 says that the gospel is the **POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION.** We bind Satan in our own lives when we are obedient to the gospel and obtain the salvation offered to us. If the gospel is God’s power unto salvation, then it follows that the symbolic chain refers to the gospel. **Satan is bound by the gospel!***
16. **Why are those who are reigning with Christ during the thousand years, Christians, pictured as sitting on thrones? (20:4).**
*Jesus told His twelve apostles in Matthew 19:28 that they would sit upon **TWELVE THRONES** judging the twelve tribes of Israel at the same time the Son of Man was sitting in the throne of His glory. Christ is **NOW** sitting on His throne at God’s right hand (Hebrews 1:3). Therefore, we must be in the period of time when the apostles are judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL** is a figurative representation of the church. **HOW** are the apostles judging the twelve tribes, or the church today? John 12:48 says that man shall be judged by the **WORDS** which Christ spoke. This is obviously a reference to the Bible or the gospel. Christ did not actually speak all the commandments we have to follow today, but gave them by inspiration through the apostles and the letters which they wrote to the various churches. The apostles were responsible for giving many of the commandments which we are to follow today. In this manner, the twelve apostles **ARE JUDGING** the twelve tribes of Israel.*
17. **What is the judgment which has been given to Christians? (20:4).**
Christians are responsible for teaching, preaching, and spreading the gospel, the commandments of God, throughout the world. Revelation 3:21 says that when anyone overcomes (i.e., obeys the gospel), they are granted to sit with Christ in His throne. Therefore, it is figuratively stated in this

verse that Christians ARE SITTING on their thrones today with Christ and are responsible for the spreading of the gospel or the judgments which God has given unto us. We are presently living and reigning with Christ during this gospel age or the thousand years.

18. **Compare the devil’s ability to deceive the nations under the Law of Moses to his ability to deceive the nations under the Law of Christ.**
*The idea that Satan is unable to deceive the nations is synonymous with the binding of Satan in verse 2. Satan no longer deceives those who are willing to accept Christ and the salvation offered in Him. This concept is also presented in 12:9—And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. This verse defines the time in which Satan was to deceive the whole world. 12:10 says that salvation and the kingdom came at the same time the devil was cast out of heaven. This obviously took place when Christ died on the cross. The devil could no longer accuse the brethren before God. Therefore, he was able to deceive the nations or accuse the brethren before God only up until the time that Christ died on the cross. After that time, he could no longer deceive the whole world. **He only deceives those who reject God and choose to follow him.** This situation will exist during the Gospel Age.*
19. **When will Satan be loosed out of his prison? (20:3, 7).**
A period of time at the END of the Gospel Age, referred to as the LITTLE SEASON, when Satan will, once again, deceive the nations.
20. **What will he do at this time? (20:8).**
Satan will deceive all nations in the four corners of the earth. All people on earth who are not already Christians will be deceived by Satan or will be under his control due to their sinful state.
21. **What is represented by the camp of the saints and the beloved city? (20:9).**
CAMP OF THE SAINTS and THE BELOVED CITY both refer to faithful Christians.
22. **Will the devil be able to destroy the church at this time? (20:9).**
NO!!! When the world reaches this point, fire will come down from God and destroy Satan and his followers. This is representative of the Second Coming of Christ. At this time, God will destroy all who oppose Him and gather His faithful to live with Him eternally in heaven. This interpretation coincides perfectly with 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 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 everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.
23. **What is illustrated by the camp of the saints being “compassed about”?**
All those not IN THE CAMP (saved) will be intent on remaining in their sinful ways.
24. **What will happen to Satan and his followers when sin completely compasses about the church? (20:9).**
They will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.
25. **Where will the devil be cast? (20:10).**
Into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone.
26. **What will happen to the earth and the heaven at this time? (20:11).**
All physical things as we know them, the earth and heavens, will NO LONGER EXIST.

27. **What event will take place at this time? (20:12).**

Judgment!

28. **What books will be used to judge mankind? (20:12).**

There can be little doubt concerning the identity of these books. They must represent the LAWS which God gave man to follow. This would be the Law of Moses, as recorded in the Old Testament, and the Law of Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. Cf., John 12:48. We who live in this present Christian Dispensation will be judged according to the New Law which was established by Christ when he died (cf., Hebrews 9:15-17). Those who live under the Law of Moses will be judged according to that law.

29. **What will happen to those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life? (20:15).**

They will be cast into the lake of fire.

30. **What will come into existence at this time? (21:1; 2 Peter 3:13).**

A New Heaven and a New Earth.

31. **Discuss how this vision completely describes the gospel dispensation from the establishment of the church to eternity.**

If we include 21:1 with this vision, it becomes complete. All will stand before the great white throne to be judged (v. 11). Sinners will be cast into the lake of fire (v. 15), but Christians will dwell in a new heaven and a new earth (21:1).

Questions Based on Answers to LW's End of Chapter 20 Questions

True/False

01. ____ Eternal separation from God is included in the meaning of the symbol: THE SECOND DEATH.
02. ____ Revelation prophesies of a time when Satan will destroy the church.
03. ____ A lake of fire awaits those whose names are not in the Book of Life.
04. ____ Satan is not yet bound.
05. ____ Christians have no part in judging wicked men.

Fill in the Blanks

06. Satan only deceives those who _____ God and _____ to follow him (i.e., Satan).
07. A _____ would represent a powerful restraint.
08. We reign with Christ _____ (Revelation ____:10).
09. All those not in the camp (_____), will be intent on _____ in their _____ ways.
10. Sinners will be cast into the lake of _____ (v. ____), but _____ will dwell in a new heaven and a new earth (____:1).

Place the symbol in the space next to its description:

11. _____ Ultimate completeness.
12. _____ Faithful Christians.
13. _____ Spiritual.

14. _____ Non-Christians.
15. _____ Old Testament and New Testament.

Answers to Revelation 19 Questions: 01 False, 6; 02 True, 10; 03 False, 19; 04 True, 22; 05 False, 1; 06 wedding, feast, 22; 07 16, 14, 12, 9; 08 word, God, 16; 09 Genesis, 18; 10 condemn, 24; 11 White Robes & Fine Linen, 5; 12 Lamb's Wife, 4; 13 Rod of Iron, 17; 14 Sword Coming Out of Mouth of Christ, 15; 15 Supper of the Great God, 19.

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