

Q: What is the difference between the “books” and the “book of life.” Whose names are written in this book of life? (see Dan 12:1-2; Rev 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 21:27; Mt 12:36; Heb 4:13; Eccl 12:14; Rom 14:10-12)

Q: *Believers don't have to worry about this judgment because Christ has paid for all our sins! They have been cast into the sea of forgetfulness (Micah 7:18-19; Ps 103:12; Jer 31:33-34). Our names are written in the Lambs Book of Life! But we will be judged on what we have done with Christ in our lives (for rewards in heaven—see 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:13-15; Matt 6:20). Those who reject Christ will pay for their own sins and be separated from God forever. God's standard is perfection and that's why we need Jesus!* How is this passage both encouraging and motivating for you as a follower of Jesus, yet also sobering, when thinking of those who reject Jesus? List a few names you can be urgently praying for to trust in Christ!

Q: Throughout Scripture, Hades is described as the realm of the dead. Believers go immediately into Jesus' presence. For non-believers, think of this as a temporary holding cell, as they await God's final White Throne Judgement, here in chapter 20. When God created Adam and Eve, we were never meant to experience death. But sin brought death. (v.14) Why is it significant that Death and Hades are portrayed as being thrown into the lake of fire?

Q: Is your name found written in the Book of Life? How do you know? Praise God if it is! If someone asked you to explain your faith in Christ and how you came to know Him, what would you say?



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Revelation 20

Revelation 20-22 are all about God's restoration. In chapter 19, Jesus returns with the armies of heaven (including angels and all the believers). Satan and his Antichrist (Beast) and False Prophet gather their armies for the battle of Armageddon. But Jesus defeats them with His Word (like a sword). The Beast and False Prophet were cast instantly into the eternal lake of fire (hell). Now we turn to chapter 20, where Satan will be bound and imprisoned in the Abyss and Jesus will rule with perfect justice for 1000 years, fulfilling all prophecy as well.

Q: When you hear the phrase “It’s like heaven on earth,” what thoughts come to mind?

Q: How and why is Satan bound? Who has ultimate authority over him?

Q: (v.2) What do the four descriptions of Satan tell us about him? (see also Gen 3; Rev 12:1-10; 1 Pet 5:8; Jn 8:44)

Q: When Satan is bound for 1000 years, he won't be able to tempt anyone, spread his lies and deceit, nor to steal, kill and destroy (Jn 10:10). Imagine and describe what life will be like without the presence of Satan for that time (as Jesus and His Church reigns)? (see also Isa 2:4; 11:6-9). _____

Q: (v.4) Who is seated on the thrones and Who gives them authority to judge? Are they just the martyred saints or might they also include all believers of all time? (see Mt 19:28; 1 Cor 6:2-3; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 2:26; 3:21).

Q: How many times is the phrase "1000 years" used in vv.1-7?

Is this number here symbolic or literal (actual 1000 years)? Explain.

Q: What is the first resurrection (v.5)? (see Dan 12:2; Jn 5:29; 1 Thes 4:16-17) What is the second death (v.6)? (see Rev 2:11; 20:14-15). What does this mean for Christ-followers, and for those who reject Jesus?

Q: What role do the saints (believers) play during the 1000 year reign of Christ? (see 1 Pet 2:9)

Q: (v.7-10) Satan is released from his 1000 year prison. Why would God release him and who does he deceive? *Remember from the end of chapter 19, those who rejected Christ were killed, so the only people who entered alive into the Millennial reign of Christ, are true Christ-followers. They are the ones who will continue to marry and have offspring over the course of 1000 years! The resurrected believers will not marry or have kids (Mt 22:30). As generations down the road continue into the Millennium, each will have opportunity to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, or reject Him.*

Q: If Jesus is the perfect world leader, ruling with His righteous justice, how could anyone possibly rebel against his rule? (see Jer 17:9; John 3:19). What does this tell us about who's ultimately responsible for our sinful choices (Satan or each of us)?

Q: How does God deal with this final rebellion, led by Satan?

Q: What is the fate of Satan (along with the Beast/Antichrist and False Prophet from chapter 19)?

Q: Who sits on the Great White Throne? (see Acts 17:31; Rev 3:14; 22:21; John 5:22; Matt 19:28) and who stands before Him? _____
