

The Great Supper of God this must be frightful to the non-believers. **Who is first to be thrown into Hell? Does your translation say thrown in alive?**

### What has changed about Jesus?

Revelation 1:14 (New American Standard Bible) <sup>14</sup>His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

Revelation 19:12 (New American Standard Bible) <sup>12</sup>His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

**What is the name no one knows?** John 14:7 (New American Standard Bible) Oneness with the Father "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Jesus said no one knows Him but the Father. It will take an entirety to get to truly know Jesus and the Father, and maybe that is the name that no one knows.

**What are the implications of knowing that Jesus ultimately judges everyone on earth? Do you your actions show you truly believe this? Should we judge others? If so, how? If, not why?**

*John 5:22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son...*

## Chapter 20

Millennium – Greek for 1,000 - Controversy surrounds this subject like the rapture there are three different views or interpretations.

### Three Views of the Millennium

1. Postmillennialism – Essential looks for a 1,000-year period literally on earth to be ushered in by the Church. Then after the 1,000 years, Satan is loosed then the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. This view was very popular in the early 1900's with a wide-spread revival and preaching of the word spreading rapidly around the world. Then, the view lost popularity with WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, and the Atom bomb.
2. Premillennialism – Also, believes in a literal 1,000 years on earth but believes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming ushers in the millennium and that this reign occurs before the final removal of Satan.
3. Amillennialism – understands that the 1,000-year reign is symbolic of the time between Christ's ascension and His return. The Millennium is the reign of Christ in the heart of believers and His church. It could be referred to as the church age. This period will end with the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. There is no false hope. It simply put does not believe in the millennium. Under this view, much of Revelation is seen as symbolic. The millennium is part of the present, and History is fit like a patchwork to fill in all the gaps and explain the theory. Proponents may cite verses such as Matthew 12:29 indicating that Christ has already bound Satan.

**Which view do you support?** There is room for fellowship even if you disagree; however, let's discuss some important requirements as laid out in the word before you choose.

Millennium Requirements

1. Satan has to be removed from the earthly scene.
2. Curse of sin has to be removed from the earthly scene.
3. Resurrection of the Old Testament saints must occur at the beginning of the millennium.
4. Man is tested one final time, so that none can say it was the Devil, curse of sin or anything else. Man will be proven to be depraved even at the root in a perfect setting.

1,000 years is mentioned 9 times and 6 times in this chapter. The Old Testament is full of references to this period the Millennium was the blessed hope of the Old Testament. Just as the rapture and Heaven is to the church.

***Revelation 20:1-3 – And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.***

Satan's incarceration is the removal of darkness from the earth. Notice an ordinary Angel seizes Satan. It is apparent that Satan's powers have been stripped at this point.

**How many times is the Abyss mentioned in the bible?** The term appears eight times total. The prior six occurrences are listed below.

Luke 8:31	Demons beg not to be thrown in the Abyss
Rev 9:1,2,11	The Abyss is opened at the beginning of the three Woes, The Destroyer is over the Abyss
Rev 11:7	The Beast comes out of the Abyss and overcomes the two witnesses
Rev 17:8	<i>The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction....</i>

**Why does God let Satan loose again? Is it God giving Satan every chance to turn with his free will? We will know one day. Why do bad things happen to good people?**

**Do your kids run a jump in bed terrified when there is a thunderstorm and then fall fast asleep in your bed? Is it any wonder Jesus said we need Childlike faith?**

***Revelation 20:4-6 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.***

### 1st Resurrection



- Bema Seat Judgment of Christ (Rewards)
- Jesus (First Fruits after 3 day in tomb)
- Church (Rapture - Chapter 4)
- OT Saints (End of Great Tribulation)
- Tribulation Saints (End of Great Tribulation)

### 2nd Resurrection



- Great White Throne Judgment
- The rest of the dead
- Works based Judgement
- All go to the Lake of fire

Unless you are an Amillennialist, Jesus, the thrones, martyrs and the 1,000yrs are literal – not spiritual or symbolic.

The Millennium is the promise and fulfillment to Israel (Old Testament) and the reward of the Tribulation Saints. Christ will reign with an iron rod. King David will likely be 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. The Old Testament and Tribulation Saints will reign on earth with Christ. The Church will reside in the New Jerusalem, and the church will reign with Christ over all of his creation. Christ will commute between earth and Heaven.

***Rev 20:7-9 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.***

**Satan’s final rebellion and final doom**

**If in the millennium, we have the resurrected saints, then how can Satan stir up another rebellion?**

The answer may lie with the mix multitude (Israel and Gentiles). Many will enter the millennium in their natural bodily form. There will also be many born in that time. The population explosion will be tremendous with no death, disease, or tears.

*“It may seem surprising that Satan would be able to assemble an army of unbelievers at the end of the Millennium. However, it should be remembered that all the children born in Christ reign will be born in sin and will need to be saved. Not all will accept Him as the rightful King, and these scatter throughout the earth trying to get as far away from Jerusalem as possible.” – Believers’ Bible Commentary page 2378.*

**Revelation 20:10** *And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

Devil is not in Hell today! He is the prince of the power of the air. His power is limited today, but in the Tribulation his powers will be expanded, especially when the restrainer (Holy Spirit) is removed. Notice, Satan is not the first to go into Hell that is reserved for the Beast and the false prophet. Hell is described here as a lake of fire and brimstone (some have described brimstone as like napalm that was used in Vietnam. Jesus spoke of Hell quite often: Luke 3:7 Matthew 25:41, Matthew 8:12. Separation from God – outer darkness (no sun, so God is the only light).

**Revelation 20:11-13** *Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.*

Great White Throne Judgment – 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection (This is the judgment of the lost). **Did they keep the law?** A sinless life is the standard if you enter on your works. No one will be able to stand up at this judgment. They will all be judged by the works (Romans 3:23) and not grace. Even the Dead and Lost will get a fair trial according to your works. But at this judgment, all you will have are your works alone, without Christ you will have to fulfill the law every jot and tittle.

**Revelation 20:14-15** *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Jesus described Hades and Paradise in his parable (Luke 16:19-31). When Jesus ascended He took with him the Old Testament Saints in Paradise. Hades is not the final place of hell. Hades is the prison of the lost souls. Hell is the second death. Lake of fire and it is outer darkness. **How dark is outer darkness?** Just as Heaven is more magnificent than words can describe. Lake of fire and outer darkness cannot come close to describing the magnitude and agony of hell.

## Chapter 21

### Heaven - Overview

Key Concepts: New Earth, New Heaven, New Jerusalem

If this is your picture of Heaven you are in for a surprise!  
You won't be floating around counting clouds.

You will have a real: address, name, job, and house. For example, according to 1 Corinthians 6:3 you will judge Angels.

