

# APOCALYPSE: Satan & Sin Extinguished!

Revelation 20:7-15

Pastor Jason's Notes

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• "..Satan will be released from his prison.."

- - Atheists will typically ask: *"If God truly exists, why is there so much Evil in the world...??"* (All-powerful? All-loving?)

- - The environment **OUTSIDE** of man is not the problem, the wickedness **INSIDE** of man, is the true source of evil and suffering!
    - *“It will be proved once more that man, whatever his advantages and environment, apart from the grace of God and new birth, remains at heart only evil and at enmity with God.” - Hoste*
  
- - **Freedom of the Will**, is a gift from God, but ones that comes at a high price!

• **“..go out to deceive the nations..gather them together to battle”**

- - This will be the final climactic conflict of the ages, more fierce and numerous than Armageddon 1,000 years earlier. Instead of a battle, this will be more like a **MASSACRE** upon Jesus' enemies!

• **“..devil..was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone..”**

- - There are many things that the devil doesn't want you to know about him - He is absolutely L.O.C.O. !!
    - **L**imited - Job 1,2
    - **O**utnumbered - Rev 12:4; 2 King 6:16
    - **C**reated - Isa 14; Eze 28
    - **O**rdained - Rev 20

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- - The Bible clearly teaches the "Eternal Punishment of the Wicked" not "**Annihilationism**" as some groups claim.
    - *"There would be no way possible in the Greek language to state more emphatically the everlasting punishment of the lost than here in mentioning both day and night and the expression 'forever and ever,' literally 'to the ages of ages.'* " - **Walvoord**
  - - Even Jesus Himself taught that the punishment of the wicked would be an **EVERLASTING** one the Lake of Fire:
      - **Mark 9:42-48 NKJV** - *"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched - where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'* And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched - where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire - where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'"
        - *"The devil and the damned have punishment without pity, misery without mercy, crying without comfort, and torments without end and past imagination."* - **Trapp**

- **Everyone truly lives forever..simply a matter of where!!**
  - If you're **BORN** twice, you'll only **DIE** once.  
(John 11:25)
  - If you **BORN** once, you'll **DIE** twice! (Rev 20:14)

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- "..a great white throne and Him who sat on it.."

- - **GREAT** in status, power and authority;
  - **WHITE** in purity and holiness
  - **THRONE** in kingly sovereignty.
- - **This is the FINAL JUDGEMENT mentioned in the pages of Scripture. It is the last of 3 future judgements that the Church will witness:**
    - **Judgement Seat of Christ** - 1 Cor 3:9-15; 2 Cor 5:9-11
    - **Judgement of the Nations** - Matt 25:31-46
    - **Judgement of the Unrighteous** - Rev 20:10-15

• **"..I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened."**

- - All of the unrighteous dead, from all of human history will stand before the Lord to give an account of why they have rejected Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
  - This is not really a "trial", to determine what the facts are. The facts are in; this is the **SENTENCING** of those already condemned.
    - **John 3:18-19 NKJV** - *"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."*
      - *"Their standing posture means that they are now about to be sentenced." - Walvoord*
  - Many think they will "tell God a thing or two" at the final judgment, like this letter to "Dear Abby" written some years ago:
    - ***"Dear Abby: I am troubled with something a reader wrote: "What right do we mortals have to demand an explanation from God?" Abby, that writer has never known the gut-wrenching pain of losing a child . . . God didn't answer my prayers, and I resent being told that I have no right to question God. If there is a God, and if I ever get to meet him face to face, you can bet your life I will have plenty of whys for him to answer. I want to know why my little girl died and why that drunk was allowed to go on living. I love her more than my life, and I miss her so. I am mad that I am having to live in a world where she no longer lives, and I want to know why. Why shouldn't I have the right to ask God? Aren't we supposedly created in his image? If so, surely he has a heart and soul capable of hurting just as I hurt. Why would he not expect to be questioned if he has anything to do with miracles? I don't fear the Lord. And I don't fear hell, either. I know what hell is like. I've already been there since***

*the day my precious daughter was killed. Please sign me . . . A Bereaved Mother"*

- **"..anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."**
  - GOD is perfectly **HOLY** and **RIGHTEOUS**.. and therefore **MUST** punish evil, wickedness, and sin. This judgement, though horrible, demonstrates the holy character of GOD in relation to sin and evil. Since GOD is perfectly good, He **MUST** punish wickedness!
  
  - - Those who are **NOT** written in the **BOOK OF LIFE** will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all of eternity, to pay for all of their sins, rebellion, and iniquity before God.
      - *The Book of Life is understood to be the listing of all people who, throughout human history, have chosen to receive the LORD's offer of forgiveness and grace, through the sacrifice of Christ, and have become children of God forever!*
  
  - - **By this point of history, the last echoes of satan and sin will be forever eliminated and fully extinguished.** DEATH is the result of sin, and it is gone. HADES is the result of death, and it is gone. The last remnants of sin's unlawful domination are finally done away with for all time... and then the entire creation will be ready to **BE MADE COMPLETELY NEW!!** (Rev 21-22)