

Revelation 20:7-15  
Rootwork  
The End to Satan and Death- It's Just the  
Beginning

- (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!
- (Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
- (Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!
- BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the “Digging Deeper” conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 20 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website and watch the mini conference. If you the handout, please email me and I will send it to you.
- Review all of chapter 20:1-6 to get an overview and reminder of what it contains, and note the transition in the timeline and time period!
- Read all of Chapter 20, make sure to highlight key repeated words, anything that stands out to you that gives the main thought!

- Review your timeline of the events of Revelation! Where are we at right in these verses on our timeline?
- Read just Revelation 20:7-15 and come up with a section theme for this section!
- Look at verse 7, what is this prison this verse is referring to?
- Why do you think the Lord releases satan from this prison? Why is it necessary for every single person to have a choice?
- What does this tell you about the character of God? What did He do? Based on what He did and who He is, how does that define who am I? And determine what I do?
- Read verse 8, what does Satan do? To whom?
- What does the word “deceive” mean? How does he do that?
- How many people does he deceive?
- From where does he deceive them? What does the “four corners of the earth” mean? We see this phrase interchangeable with “the ends of the earth.” Read the following verses (there are many and please feel free to look up as many as you can, be sure to record what the scriptures mean in context and what God is referring to) and record what you find about the ends of the earth or four corners of the earth:
  - Psalm 67:7
  - Psalm 98:3
  - Isaiah 45:22
  - Job 26:7
  - Job 26:10
  - Isaiah 40:22

- In Bible study we discussed how so many blame their environment, the way they were raised, the situations they have gone through to explain why they sin. Not to say that our environment certainly does have an impact on us. Who we surround ourselves with can be our number one influence on who we become. However, the reason we sin, or the reason we even entertain those relationship and let them effect us the way they do, is because of our own sin, our own heart! What does the Bible say about our hearts? Think back over the years of your life, when you were surrounded by people or family or situations that made it easier for you to follow the desires of your own heart! How did you get out of that? What did the Lord do in and through you?
- What three things did we discuss about what we can learn from the millennial kingdom? How can you take those three things and be mindful of them today? How do they warn you, equip you and encourage you in your walk with the Lord today?
- From verse 8 we discussed God and Magog, and there are controversies of if this is the same war of Ezekiel 38-39! If you have time, and you want to compare go ahead and read those two chapters and then compare the following points:
  - In the battle of Ezekiel 38-39, the armies come primarily from the north and involve only a few nations of the earth (Ezekiel 38:6, 15; 39:2). The battle in Revelation 20:7-9 will involve all nations, so armies will come from all directions, not just from the north.
  - There is no mention of Satan in the context of Ezekiel 38-39.
  - The battle in Ezekiel 38-39 is used by God to bring Israel back to Him (Ezekiel 39:21-29). In Revelation 20, Israel has been faithful to God for 1,000 years (the millennial kingdom).
  - Those in Revelation 20:7-10 who are rebellious are destroyed without any more opportunity for repentance.

- How many people will choose not to receive Christ and follow Him after satan is allowed to be released and deceive them? Think about this for a minute, we discussed this in Bible study but truly think about the extent of deception and the evil that has to be in the hearts of the people, that after experiencing such righteousness on the earth, they will still choose evil....how can this be? Record your thoughts! What does this continue to reveal about you and me?
- Read verse 9, who is “they”?
- Where is the “beloved city”?
- Who is God here? What does He do? How does that define who you are? And in response, what do you do?
- Read verse 10, what happens to satan?
- What is the “lake of fire” and who are there?
- Look up all the words in your blue letter bible app to get full description based on this verse! Jesus talks about this 11 times throughout the gospels! It is referred to as “the fiery lake of burning sulfur” or “Gehenna.” Find as many verses as you can referring to the Lake of fire (or by it’s other names) record them and what you find! What does this tell you about what it is like and whom it is for? (Matt.25:41)
- Read verse 11, what does John now see? Who does he see?
- We discussed that the “great white throne” is only for unbelievers! Look up what you can find about the great white throne of judgment by doing a search in your blue letter bible app! Record what you find!

- We also discussed the Bema seat or the judgment seat of Christ! It will be a time of examination and reward, not based on sin but on works! Read the following verses and record what you find about this judgment seat and whom it is for:
  - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
  - Romans 14:10
  
- Jesus will examine and inspect our works as believers...what did you do with your time? Talents? Resources? What did you do with the gospel? With the Spirit of God you have been entrusted with? Our children? Our role as wives and mothers? All of what the Lord has given will be examined..how are you doing with what you have been entrusted with?
  
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. Spend some time asking the Sprit of God to reveal what you have been building with! Record what He reveals and what you need to do about it!
  
- These rewards consist of five different crowns the Bible records:
  - 1) Crown of Righteousness
    - 2 Timothy 4:6-9
  
  - 2) The Imperishable Crown (Victors Crown)
    - 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
    - Matt. 6:19
  
  - 3) Crown of Rejoicing
    - 1 Thessalonians 2:19
  
  - 4) Crown of Glory
    - 1 Peter 5:4
    - Romans 8:18

- 5) Crown of Life
  - Revelation 2:10
  - James 1:12
  
- After you have looked up each crown, who are each crown for? Some are specific to a specific work. Read all of Philippians 3, what is Paul's perspective? What should be ours? Does this describe your ambition and focus? Why or why not? How does this help to change your perspective?
  
- Look back at the end of verse 11, what happens to heaven and earth?
  
- Read verse 12, then who did John see? What did he see?
  
- Notice how "books" are plural! The Bible speaks of specific books that have specific things written in them! Look up the following verses and record what you find:
  - Book of the Law- The Word of God
    - John 12:48
    - Galatians 3:10
  
  - Book of Records or Works
    - Ecclesiastes 12:14
    - Psalm 139:16
  
  - Book of Remembrance
    - Psalm 56:8
    - Malachi 3:16
  
  - Book of Life
    - Exodus 32:32
    - Daniel 12:1
    - Phil. 4:3
    - Revelation 3:5
    - Revelation 17:8
    - Psalm 69:28

- Revelation 13:8
  - Revelation 21:27
  - Revelation 22:19
- The word “life” here is Zoè- a theological term for eternal life - state of life from earth to eternity - quality of life that is eternal we can enjoy now and in the future! This is in the same word used in the “crown of life” and in John 10:10. What insight does this verse give on “life” (if you have time, look up “life” here in Rev. 20:12 in your blue letter bible app and record every verse it is mentioned and what each verse is referring to- let me know if you need help)
  - Read verse 13, what does this mean? Read John 5:25-32! Who is judge and what happens here?
  - Read Daniel 12:2 and record what further insight you get here!
  - The Bible Knowledge Commentary states: “The statement “death and hades gave up the dead” means that the physical bodies of the unsaved will be joined with their spirits which have been in hades. The mention of “the sea” giving up its dead makes it clear that regardless of how far a body has disintegrated, it will nevertheless be resurrected for this judgment.”
  - Isn’t it crazy how God is so very consistent all throughout the Word of God? We know that is one of His attributes but when you see it all the way to the end of Revelation - it is just incredible! What does this reveal about Him? To you personally? Because He is consistent, how does that effect your everyday life?
  - Notice how they each will be judged according to their deeds..their deeds will be written and it is the only thing they have to show for themselves because they chose not to receive the deed or the the work of another for their righteousness! Write out your thoughts on this! How profound the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf! We serve an awesome God and He is so very faithful!! Stop and think about that

work- the necessity of the cross and the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ! Write a prayer of gratitude to Him in praise!!

- Read verse 14, the finality of death, hell and the enemy!!! What a glorious day that will be!! What is the second death referred here?
- Read verse 15, who will join him, the beast, the false prophet, and all who have rejected christ before this time?
- There are only two destinies for human souls, we all will take our last breath at one point or another! Some sooner than others! Do you often think about your own death? Read the following verses and discover for yourself what the Bible says about thinking about your own death: (these are just a few, see what other verses you can find about this, if you have time)
  - Psalm 90:12
  - Ecc. 7:2 (why is this so?)
  - Ecc. 7:4
- In our culture and in our society, there is an entire industry trying to combat the signs and reality of aging- growing old and dying! They will stop at nothing to making years longer, and since they can not make your years longer, they will try to make you “look” like you're not aging even though you certainly are! Reality is right there before their eyes, but they'll desperately pursue any alternative to facing the facts. They will stop at nothing to avoid thinking or facing the only thing that actually matters: eternity! The very eternity that God has placed on all of our hearts (Ecc. 3:11)



- Here are the stats we discussed in Bible study:
  - “Anti-Aging Market size was valued at USD 60.42 billion in 2019 and is expected to reach USD 119.6 billion by 2023, growing at a CAGR of 7.9% during the forecast period (2024-2031). Today, a person's success in a variety of areas of life is largely determined by their physical personality” (statista)
- This same mentality has filtered into the church and into our own lives...stop here and write out in your journal how often do you think about what you look like, what you wear, what your weight is, what your hair style is...the things that appear on the outside, your “physical personality”?
- Write out God’s perspective, do a search on outward appearance compared to inward appearance! How stark different it is! What is the Spirit of God speaking to your heart? Are there some things that need to be released and surrendered so that you spend much more time thinking on the eternal and not the temporal! What is this temporal focus anyway? Who are you worshipping? Do not rush this- I believe so much freedom can be found here! Let the Lord do His work in your heart! This is one of the biggest silent strongholds that plague so many believers! Being healthy and presentable is important, but when stewardship of your vessel becomes worship of it, there is a big problem! Don’t let the enemy and your flesh win on this one! There is so much freedom in Christ!! Walk in it!!
- What joy we have in the Lord - this time on earth is so fleeting, eternal perspective is vital and necessary for us to press on towards the goal! And as Jesus said in Rev. 22:12 , “[Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done](#)” (Revelation 22:12). He is coming soon! Be careful to make sure the things you focus on and the things you work towards are eternal and not temporal...preparing ourselves to meet our God!!

- So, as you think of your own death, eternity and the rewards that await..what does that mean for you now? How does this change your perspective now? How does this give you vision for while your are here on earth? While you are still breathing? (In class we covered 5 things, but you write your own, what does that mean for you personally?) Then worship the Lord for what He has saved you from! What He is doing in your life! Praise and worship Him for He alone is worthy!!