

## END TIMES

(A study given by Pastor Wayne Pratt in Houston from 11/30/06 – 12/3/06)

### VI. THE MILLENNIUM

- A. Rev. 20:1-6: *“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. 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 for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his 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 have part 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.**”*
- B. Satan is bound for 1,000 years – there will be no deception, violence, temptation, etc.
- C. The Earth is restored to Edenic perfection
  1. There will be peace on earth (Isa. 2:2-4; 11:6-10; Rom. 8:19-22)
  2. People will enjoy long life comparable to Adam and his early descendants (Isa. 65:20-25)
- D. All nations will worship the Lord at Jerusalem (Zech. 8:22-23)
  1. The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord (Isa. 11:9)
  2. Jerusalem will be the Capital of the world (Zech. 14:16-21)
  3. God will test Israel during this time, i.e., the Jews who were sealed during the Tribulation. They will once again become a mighty nation subject to the laws of God but without Satanic influence.
- E. Christ and all those who partook of the “*first resurrection*” reign on the earth for 1,000 years
  1. Rev. 5:10: *“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and **they will reign on the earth.**”*
  2. Rev. 2:26-27: *“To him who overcomes and does My will to the end, I will give **authority over the nations – he will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery—just as I have received authority from my Father.**”*
  3. Those in this group include:
    - a. The Bride of Christ (raptured before the Tribulation)
    - b. Tribulation Martyrs (resurrected after the first 3½ years of the Tribulation)
    - c. Faithful O.T. Saints (resurrected just before the Battle of Armageddon - Rev. 11:18-19)
- F. Rev. 20:7-10: *“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—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. 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.”*
  1. At the end of the 1,000 years, there will be a final rebellion and assault on Jerusalem
  2. Satan’s eternal judgment
  3. 2 Thess. 1:6-10 seems to describe the same events?

G. Great White Throne Judgment

1. Rev. 20:11-15: *“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. Earth and sky 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 he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”*
2. All of the dead who had no part in the first resurrection are judged (John 5:28-29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Resurrection)
  - a. great and small—God is no respecter of persons
  - b. books were opened
    - (1) record of what they had done—judged according to what they had done
    - (2) Book of Life—anyone not found there thrown into the lake of fire (second death)
3. Death and Hades thrown in the lake of fire