

## Revelation 20

20:1 to 3 The Tribulation has ended and Satan has been bound and thrown into the Abyss

v. 4- there is a resurrection of the saints who died during the Tribulation.

Identified as the 'first resurrection' in v. 5.

They will reign with Christ for "a thousand years."

Referred to as "The Millennium".

From Latin '*mille*' (*thousand*) and *annum* (*year*).

This is the "Millennial Reign of Christ" on earth.

Some believe that there will not be a literally kingdom. That this is symbolic of Christ's victory.

Known as: *Amillennialism*; means "no millennium."

The problem with this view is that John introduces the period with a literal resurrection of the dead.

v. 7- Rebellion at the end of the 'thousand years'.

v. 10- Result of the rebellion: Satan defeated and thrown into the Lake of burning sulfur.

'for ever and ever'- some people refuse to believe in eternal punishment.

### **20:11- The Great White Throne Judgement**

Following the second resurrection.

Judgment of the unsaved.

Degrees of punishment in hell- READ Matthew 11:20-24

Compare to the "Judgment Seat of Christ":

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Cor. 5:10*

**The judgment seat of Christ** will reveal our lives of service for Christ exactly as they have been. Not only the *amount* of our service, but also its *quality*, and even the very *motives* that prompted it will be brought into review.

Although sins after conversion will have an effect on our service, a believer's sins, as such, will not be brought into review for judgment at this solemn time. That judgment took place over 1900 years ago, when the Lord Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree. He fully paid the debt that our sins deserved, and God will never bring those sins into judgment again (John 5:24). **The judgment seat of Christ** has to do with our service for the Lord. It will not be a matter of whether we are saved or not; that is already an assured fact. But it is a matter of reward and loss at that time.<sup>1</sup>

Rev. 20:15 'the book of life'

## Revelation 21

What began in Genesis is brought to completion in Revelation:

<b>GENESIS</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
Heavens and earth created, 1:1	New heaven and earth, 21:1
Sun created, 1:16	No need for the sun, 21:23
The night established, 1:5	No night there, 22:5
The seas created, 1:10	No more seas, 21:1
The curse announced, 3:14-17	No more curse, 22:3
Death enters history, 3:19	No more death, 21:4
Man driven from the tree 3:24	Man restored to paradise, 22:14
Sorrow and pain begin, 3:17	No more tears or pain, 21:4

v. 1 'A new heaven and a new earth'

READ II Peter 3:7-13

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<sup>1</sup> MacDonald, W. (1995). *Believer's Bible Commentary: Old and New Testaments*. (A. Farstad, Ed.) (p. 1839). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

v. 2 'the new Jerusalem'

v. 16- 12,000 stadia = 1,400 miles

144 stadia = 200 feet

## Revelation 22

