

**"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"**

**Part 40**

**Revelation 21**

**Introduction:** Last week in our study of the Kingdom we looked at the establishment of the Kingdom as described in Revelation 20. We also looked at the book of Daniel to see that there are 75 days mentioned after the tribulation. There will be 1260 days in the three- and one-half years. But Daniel tells of the extra days.

**Daniel 12:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> *And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (30 days).*

<sup>12</sup> *Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (75 days).*

Last week we looked at what will happen within these 75 days.

1. The judgment of the Gentile nations. (Matthew 25).
2. The binding of Satan for 1000 years.

**Notice Revelation 20:1-3**

3. The ruling positions appointed for the Kingdom.

**Notice Revelation 20:4a**

4. The resurrection of the tribulation and Old Testament saints.

**Notice Revelation 20:4**

This resurrection of the tribulation and the Old Testament saints is referred to as the FIRST resurrection.

**Notice Revelation 20:5-6**

Daniel speaks of the two resurrections.

**Daniel 12:1-3**

*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a*

*nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

<sup>2</sup> *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

<sup>3</sup> *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

In verse 2 Daniel mentions two resurrections and last week we considered how the FIRST resurrection will have several parts. Last week I told you there would be 5 parts but some see 6 parts.

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The resurrection of the saints when Jesus was resurrected.
3. The resurrection of the church age saints.
4. The resurrection of the two witnesses.
5. The resurrection of the Old Testament saints.
6. The resurrection of the tribulation saints.

We continued last week to look at the release of Satan after the Kingdom.

#### **Notice Revelation 20:7-10**

After the 1000 years Satan is set free and he gathers the unbelievers from the Kingdom and they rebel against Jerusalem which is where Jesus is ruling from. This is another opportunity in which he is permitted to defeat God. He will have had 1000 years to rethink his first failed attempt and he will have a new plan. This plan will also fail. God allows this to help all to see that there is no created being that can stop His plan from coming to pass.

I want to take a few moments and explain something that I have been asked about. Where do the unsaved come from at the end of the Kingdom? These are the children of the believers who enter the Kingdom with natural bodies. Every person who enters the Kingdom will be saved. But the children who are born in the Kingdom will be born with a sin nature and they will need to be saved. Many of them will rebel in the Kingdom.

#### **Revelation 12:1-5**

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

<sup>2</sup> *And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

<sup>3</sup> And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

<sup>4</sup> And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

<sup>5</sup> And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

The rod of iron will be needed to keep many of the unsaved inline during the Kingdom. Notice the words of Pentecost.

*"The millennial age is designed by God to be the final test of fallen humanity under the most ideal circumstances, surrounded by every enablement to obey the rule of the King, from whom the outward sources of temptation have been removed, so that man may be found and proved to be a failure in even this last testing of fallen humanity."*

Many would have us to believe that the problem with much of society today is their surroundings. Therefore, they push to clean up communities with the belief that the people will be changed when this happens. But what they do not understand is that man is fallen and in his fallen state he can never be "good". In the Millennial Kingdom under the most perfect conditions, without the presence of Satan and his demons, a great multitude of people will rebel against the perfect reign of Jesus Christ.

### ➤ The Kingdom in the Eternal State

#### 1. The Great White Throne

Following the 1000-year earthly Kingdom this earth will be destroyed and there will be a new earth created. But after the destruction of this earth and before the creation of the new earth there will be a judgment. This is known as the Great White Throne judgment and it will involve the judgment of ALL the unsaved from the beginning of time until the last battle of Gog and Magog on Revelation 20. There are those who teach that the Great White Throne judgment is a judgment of all people both saved and lost. But a careful reading of Revelation 20 helps us to see that this judgment is only for the unsaved.

#### Notice Revelation 20:11-12

In verse 12 we see that it is the DEAD who stand before. These are spiritually dead because physically dead people do not stand. This would be all the unsaved from all ages.

#### Notice Revelation 20:13

Here we see a resurrection of all the unsaved. This is what Daniel was pointing to.

**Daniel 12:1-3**

*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

<sup>2</sup> *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Revelation 20:13 is the fulfillment of Daniel 12:4b. These people will be judged and sentenced to the Lake of Fire.

**Notice Revelation 20:13 again.**

Death here is the grave and hell is the holding place of the soul. When this judgment takes place, the unsaved will have their bodies resurrected and their souls will be brought up from hell and the two will go back together. Some believe that they will receive some kind of glorified bodies that will last for all eternity. Others believe they will live forever in their human bodies and suffer in the Lake of Fire. With that thought let me show you something.

**Genesis 3:21-24**

<sup>21</sup> *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

<sup>22</sup> *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

<sup>23</sup> *Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

<sup>24</sup> *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

If Adam and Eve had reached the tree of life, they would have lived forever in the sinful bodies which would have been hell for both of them. God had a better plan for them. They would die and He would resurrect them and give them glorified bodies. Those who die

unsaved will be resurrected but they will not have the glorified bodies as we will. After the Great White Throne all unsaved people will perish. In the eternal state there will never again be another unsaved person.

## 2. The New Earth.

### Notice Revelation 21:1

There are those who do not believe this is a new creation. They believe that this earth will be renovated and the Kingdom will continue here. But I believe Revelation 21 tells us that that this will be a new earth created from nothing just as the first earth was.

### Notice Revelation 21:1-4

Notice the words "passed away" in verse 1 and in verse 4. They are the same Word and have the same meaning. So, let us consider the words "passed away" in verse 4. In the eternal state will God eliminate all tears, all death, all sorrow, all crying, and all pain? The answer is "YES." They will all pass away in the sense that none of these will ever exist again. Then when we see the same words in verse 1 that tell us the first heaven and the first earth has passed away should we not understand it to mean that this earth will be destroyed? Peter backs this up with his writing.

### 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup> *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

<sup>11</sup> *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

<sup>12</sup> *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

<sup>13</sup> *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

When we read Revelation 21, we can see that the new earth will be much different than what this earth is.

#### a. No more sea.

### Notice Revelation 21:1

b. No more curse.

Notice Revelation 21:4 and 22:3

c. No more sun and moon.

Notice Revelation 21:23 and 22:5

3. The Eternal Kingdom.

On this new earth will be where the Kingdom will be transferred to from this earth after this earth is destroyed.

2 Samuel 3:12-13

<sup>12</sup> *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

<sup>13</sup> *He shall build an house for my name, and **I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.***

Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.*

<sup>14</sup> *And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.***

Let us notice what Paul wrote concerning the eternal state.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28

<sup>24</sup> *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

<sup>25</sup> *For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

<sup>26</sup> *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

<sup>27</sup> *For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.*

<sup>28</sup> *And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

**Conclusion:**

In the eternal state the universal kingdom of God and the earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ will all be one.

**Revelation 22:3**

<sup>3</sup> *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

Today God is on His throne and Jesus is seated beside Him serving as our Great High Priest. When Jesus sets up the Kingdom on earth He will sit on His throne and rule. When the Kingdom is transferred to the eternal state the throne of God that Father and God the Son will merge into one throne over all the earth.

Why have the Kingdom on this earth when eventually it will be in the eternal state? Because the Kingdom **MUST** exist here where it was lost first in order for God to be victorious.