

REVELATION 9

1. When the seven-year tribulation is over, what will happen?

-The Lord Jesus will return to earth.

2. What is the Lord Jesus' return to earth called?

-The Second Coming of Christ.

3. Who is the rider on the white horse in heaven who is called Faithful and True?

-The Lord Jesus Christ.

4. What is the meaning of the Lord Jesus riding the white horse?

-Our holy king who is without sin is coming to conquer this world of sin and evil.

5. Why is the Lord Jesus called "Faithful and True"?

-Because He will always keep all of His promises.

-Because there is no lie in Him.

-Because He will always do what is right.

6. Why can we not fully understand here on earth all of the greatness of the Lord Jesus?

-Because the knowledge of people is very small, but the greatness of God is eternal and without end.

7. Who will be with the Lord Jesus when He returns to earth for His second coming?

-The armies of heaven.

8. Who are these armies of heaven?

-These are all who believe in Christ as well as the holy angels of God.

9. Will the armies of heaven who are believers and holy angels fight alongside of the Lord Jesus?

-No.

-There is no need for believers and holy angels to fight.

-The power of the Lord Jesus alone is greater than Satan, all of the demons, and all of the evil in the world.

10. If believers in Christ will not need to fight alongside of Christ, then why will they return with Him?

-To reign on earth with Him.

11. What is the meaning of the sharp sword coming out of the Lord Jesus' mouth?

-It is a picture of the power of the Word of God which will destroy all people who do not believe in God.

12. What will Christ do to the final Antichrist and the final false prophet?

-He will throw them into the Lake of Eternal Fire where they will suffer forever.

13. What will Christ do to the kings of the earth and all of their armies?

-He will destroy them all with a word from His mouth, and the birds will eat their flesh.

-In Revelation chapter 19 which was our last lesson, we learned this:

-The Lord Jesus will return and throw the final Antichrist and the final false prophet into the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-We also learned that the Lord Jesus will destroy all who do not believe in Christ—the kings of the earth and all of their armies.

-In Revelation chapter 20, we will learn more of what the Lord Jesus will do when He returns to earth.

Let's read Revelation 20:1-3

1-And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

2-He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

3-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.

-When Christ returns to earth, what will He do to Satan?

-Christ will have Satan bound and thrown into the Abyss or bottomless hole for 1,000 years.

-After throwing Satan into the Abyss or bottomless hole, the Lord Jesus will begin His thousand-year reign on earth.

-During the seven-year tribulation, many of the people on the earth will be killed (Zech 14:16).

-At the end of the tribulation when the Lord Jesus returns, He will destroy all who reject God.

-At the beginning of the thousand-year reign of Christ, who will be left on earth?

-There will only be a few believers in Christ who were not killed during the seven-year tribulation who will continue to live on earth (Matt 24:22).

-These believers will marry and have children, and their children will have children, and their children will have children, and the earth will become full again.

-During the 1,000 years, people will live long lives, and most will become old, not dying until they are older than 100 years.

-We read this in Isaiah 65:20:

-“Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be

considered accursed.”

-Why will people die during the 1,000 year reign of Christ?

-Because they will still have their earthly bodies.

-For 1,000 years, Christ will reign on earth with a government that will be completely perfect.

-For 1,000 years, there will be no pain nor sickness, and people will live healthy lives.

-For 1,000 years, there will be no wars, and people will not live in fear of one another.

-For 1,000 years, people on earth will be able to live in peace without Satan trying to hurt them.

-Then, as we will study later, when the 1,000 years are over, Christ will set Satan free for a short time.

Let's read Revelation 20:4

4-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 about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

-Who are these who will be seated on thrones and given authority to judge and who are these who will be beheaded during the seven-year tribulation?

-These are those who have believed in Christ, having lived and died on earth.

-As we learned in the last lesson, the Lord Jesus will return to earth with those who believe in Christ.

-Together with Christ, believers in Christ will reign over the earth for 1,000 years.

-In the Old Testament, God promised that believers will reign with Him:

-“Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him” (Dan 7:27).

-Jesus promised His apostles that they will reign with Him:

-“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel’” (Matt 19:28).

-In 1 Corinthians 6:2, we read this:

-“Do you not know that the Lord’s people will judge the world?”

-In 2 Timothy 2:12, we read this: “If we endure, we will also reign with him.”

-The Lord Jesus has saved us that we might reign alongside of Him.

Let’s read Revelation 20:5-6

5-(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

6-Blessed and holy are those who share 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.

-What is the first death?

-This is the separation of the spirit from the body.

-This is the death that all people know.

-This is the death where the body is buried after the spirit has left the body.

-The first death is for everyone born on the earth until the Lord Jesus calls His people to heaven.

-What is the second death?

-This is the eternal separation of the spirit from God.

-This is eternal death in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-The second death is only for those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ.

-What is the first resurrection?

-The first resurrection is only for believers in Christ.

-The first resurrection is when the body of the Christian is reunited with the spirit.

-Beginning with Adam and Eve and continuing until the Lord Jesus will return to earth, all of the bodies of those who have believed in God will be resurrected to meet with their spirits.

-Will the body of the Christian that has been resurrected be the same as the earthly body?

-It will be the same body, but it will be different.

-It will be a perfect body that will never die.

-It will be much like the resurrected body of Christ.

-Why is the first resurrection or the reuniting of the spirit of all Christians with their body blessed and holy?

- Because the second death has no power over them.
- No true Christian will enter the Lake of Eternal Fire.
- What does it mean that those who have part in the first resurrection will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years?
- All believers in Christ are all priests, and during the 1,000 years, they will be worshipping God and leading others to belief in Christ.
- Who are the rest of the dead who will not come to life until the thousand years will end?
- These are all people who refuse to believe in God.
- When the 1,000 year rule of Christ is over, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 20:7-8

- 7-When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison
- 8-and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.
- At the end of the 1,000 year rule of Christ, Satan will be released from the Abyss or bottomless hole.

- Then, Satan will deceive the nations, gathering people to fight against Christ.
- The people whom Satan will gather to fight against Christ will be in number like the sand on the seashore.
- Where will all of these people come from?
- They will be the children of the children of the children of the few believers in Christ who were not killed during the seven-year tribulation who will continue to live on earth.
- With Christ as the king for 1,000 years and few deaths among the people, the world will once again become full like the sand on the seashore.
- Why will all of these people fight with Satan and against Christ?
- Even though the few who were not killed during the seven-year tribulation believed in Christ, their sons and daughters and their children and their children will be born into the sin of Adam and Even and turn away from Christ.
- Even though Christ will be the king for 1,000 years and life on earth will be almost perfect, people will still be born into the sin of Adam and Eve, and many, many people will reject Christ.

-Who are Gog and Magog?

-They will be the sinful leader and peoples of all of the nations who will join Satan to fight against Christ.

Let's read Revelation 20:9

9-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.

-All of the people who will be so many in number that no one can count them will gather together and surround Jerusalem, the city God loves.

-What will happen to all of these people?

-God will send fire down from heaven, and burn them all alive.

-There will be no battle, for all of these people who will reject Christ will be immediately and completely destroyed.

-After all of the countless people who will reject Christ will be destroyed by fire from heaven, what will the Lord Jesus do to Satan?

Let's read Revelation 20:10

10-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.

-Christ will throw Satan into the Lake of Eternal Fire where he will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

-Satan will join the final Antichrist, and the final false prophet where together they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Let's read Revelation 20:11

11-Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

-After Satan is thrown into the Lake of Eternal Fire, what will happen?

-The great white throne judgment.

-In Daniel 7:9-10, we read of God taking the throne:

9-"As I looked, 'thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

10-A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

-The Word of God also teaches us that the earth and the heavens fled from God’s presence, and there was no place for them.

-In 2 Peter 3:10, this is called the day of the Lord:

-“The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”

-What will happen at the great white throne judgment?

-At the great white throne, God will judge all of the people who have rejected Christ.

Let’s read Revelation 20:12

12-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.

-Whom are the dead, great and small, standing before the great white throne?

-These are all of the people who have ever lived on earth, and who were not resurrected at the first resurrection.

-These are all of the people who have ever lived on earth, great and small, who have rejected Christ.

-All presidents and all tribal chiefs and all government officials and all little people who have rejected Christ will stand before the great white throne judgment.

-What is the book of life?

-This is God’s book which He has in heaven.

-In the book of life, there is a place for every name of every person who has ever lived on the earth.

-We know this because God wants to save all people (1 Ti 2:4 & 2 Pet 3:9).

Let’s read Revelation 20:13

A 13-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 they had done.

-This is the second resurrection, and it is only for those who have rejected Christ.

-At the second resurrection, God will resurrect the bodies which are at the bottom of the sea or buried in the ground

and reunite them with their spirits which are in death or Hades to stand before the great white throne.

-The books contain all of the thoughts, words, and works of all who have rejected Christ.

-All who stand before the white throne will be shown their sins, and finally understand that they have sinned against God, and therefore, deserve death.

-All who stand before the white throne will finally understand that God is just, and that they failed to believe in God to save them from their sin.

-From Jesus' words in Luke 12:47-48, we understand that there will be different punishments:

47-"The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows.

48-But the one who does not know and do things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows."

-Before the white throne, the book of life will also be opened.

-Before the white throne, each and every person will understand that there was a place for their name in the book of life, but they have rejected God.

-Because they have rejected God, their names were not

written in the book of life.

Let's read Revelation 20:14-15

14-Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

15-Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

-What does it mean that death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire?

-This means that death and Hades will no longer be a part of life.

-Death and Hades will be destroyed, and will no longer be a part of God's people.

-We have already learned that the first death is the separation of the soul from the body.

-We have also already learned that the second death is the separation of the soul from God for all of eternity in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-For all who reject Christ, they will be thrown into the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-For all who reject Christ, they will suffer alongside of Satan, the final Antichrist, and the final false prophet who will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.