



Revelation 20-22

God's Kingdom on Earth

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DAY ONE

Revelation 20

The “Day of the Lord” begins with darkness (the 7-year tribulation) but then the morning dawns with Christ’s return and the establishment of His kingdom on earth. The millennial kingdom (1000 years) fulfills the promises of God given to Israel in the OT... the Son of David will rule from Jerusalem over all the nations and the curse on this earth will be reversed (cf. Isaiah 11; Micah 4:1-8; Amos 9:11-15).

Pray and ask God to give you wisdom as you read Revelation 20:1-15.

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or

Underline the descriptions of Satan in this passage. What happens to him?

John sees thrones with people already sitting on them. Who do you think these people are?

Who else will reign with them?

on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The “rest of the dead” are unbelievers who are raised later in order to be judged (20:11-15).

Who is blessed?

What happens at the end of the 1000-year reign of Christ?

Write down your observations about this final judgment.

What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

Read Isaiah 11:1-9. What encourages you the most about Christ’s kingdom on earth? Why?

DAY TWO
Rev. 21:1-8

After the great white throne judgment, John sees a new heaven and a new earth. This present world will be radically changed and recreated, totally cleansed from all the effects of sin (cf. 2 Peter 3:10-13).

Pray and ask God to give you wisdom as you read Revelation 21:1-8.

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

What things are not in God’s new heaven and new earth?

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” ⁶ And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

What promises does God give in this passage?

God promises a world without separation, sorrow, crying, pain, or death. As you look at your heart right now, what grieves you? What saddens you?

Looking deeper, what are you longing for? What are you thirsty for?

The longing of our soul will be ultimately filled in Christ’s kingdom. Thank God for this hope!

DAY THREE
Rev. 21:9-22:5

Babylon, the city of confusion, a city rejecting God and following the deception of Satan, has been destroyed and now a new, glorious city descends from heaven onto earth...the New Jerusalem!

Pray and ask God to give you wisdom as you read Revelation 21:9-22:5.

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

How is this new city described?

Who is written on the 12 gates?

Who is written on the 12 foundations?

Write down your observations about this city.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (ESV)

What stands out to you from this passage? Why?

Sketch out a picture of the New Jerusalem based on its description. Or, if you are not very artistic, re-write one of the verses in this passage placing emphasis on its key words.

DAY FOUR
Rev. 22:6-21

John gives an epilogue to the book of Revelation—final words that he received and a final invitation and exhortation to all those who read it. May God use this revelation to draw our hearts closer to Him!

Pray and ask God to give you wisdom as you read Revelation 22:6-21.

Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

⁷ “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

⁹ Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. ¹¹ He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Who is blessed?

What is John not to do?

Vs. 11 is an ironic command. “If the warnings of this book are not sufficient, there is no more that God has to say. ...There is a sense in which present choices fix character; a time is coming when change will be impossible.” (Walvoord)

What does Jesus say?

What do the Spirit and bride say?

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

What warning is given?

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

What is the final prayer of Revelation?

²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (NKJV)

What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

There is a blessing given to those who “do His commandments” (22:14). Look up 1 John 3:23 and write out this verse below. This is the heart of what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Now that you have finished reading through the book of Revelation. Write out a final prayer to God based on what you have learned and experienced through the study of this book.

DAY FIVE

There are seven blessings given throughout the book of Revelation. Go back through the book and write out each of these seven blessings.

Revelation 1:3 _____

Revelation 14:13b _____

Revelation 16:15b _____

Revelation 19:9a _____

Revelation 20:6 _____

Revelation 22:7 _____

Revelation 22:14 _____

Which blessing means the most to you right now in your life? Why?

