

Sermon Notes
Sunday 11-29-20
Revelation 20
Part 6

The Final Deception

Rev 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Rev 20:3 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.

Rev 20:4 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 on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 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.

Rulership:

Jesus- King of King, Lord of Lords

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displeasure:

Psa 2:6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

Psa 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

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Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. *The LORD said to my Lord,"Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*

Heb 10:12 *But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,*

Heb 10:13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

David, their king:

Eze 37:24 *"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.*

Eze 37:25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

12 Apostles rule from 12 thrones:

Luk 22:25 *And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'*

Luk 22:26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

Luk 22:27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

Luk 22:28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

Luk 22:29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

Luk 22:30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Mat 19:28 *So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Tit 3:5 *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy*

Spirit,

Tit 3:6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Tit 3:7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Church Reigns with Him:

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There will be a world religion:

Num 25:11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal.

Num 25:12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;

Num 25:13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.' "

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts

Perfect rulership

Perfect government

Perfect administration

Perfect peace

Perfect provision

Perfect religion

Utopia!

This will be 1000 years of what man has striven for since the dawn of time. The only difference is that this utopia will be orchestrated by God, not by man.

**Problems with the nature of utopia:
Star Trek reference....**

**External vs Internal....
(internal righteousness vs external control)**

For a utopian society to exist it must be either populated by people with an internal righteousness, OR strictly controlled and protected from people who do NOT have internal righteousness nature.

Jer 17:9 *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"*

The problem with a man made utopia is that it is full of men! Man wants God to leave them alone so that we can do what we want. Unfortunately, what we want (apart from Christ) is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked!

Division of Ten Commandments...

**Greatest Commandment...
Second, I like it...**

**There will be a problem with the Millennium, and that problem will be people!
Christ will rule with a rod of iron, *because He has to!***

**The Millennium will be populated with the following groups:
OT Saints
NT Saints (Church)
Tribulation Martyrs
National, mortal Israeli Jews- and their children born during the Millennium
Mortal Gentiles (sheep from the Sheep & Goat Judgment)- and *their* children born during the Millennium.**

**Let's look at the state of these groups:
OT Saints- resurrected, glorified, participants in the First**

Resurrection. Their eternal state is assured.

NT Saints (the Church)- Resurrected (or changed at the Rapture), glorified, participants in the First Resurrection. Their eternal state is also assured.

Tribulation Martyrs- Also resurrected, glorified, and eternally assured.

National Israel- MORTAL. However, the New Covenant is poured out on them ALL, including the children born during the Millennium!

Rom 11:25 *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

Rom 11:26 *And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB;*

Rom 11:27 *FOR THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."*

Rom 11:28 *Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.*

Rom 11:29 *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*

Although they are mortal, they have the indwelling Holy Spirit under the New Covenant (like the Church), are new creations in Christ Jesus, and WILL NOT TURN AGAINST HIM!!! This includes their children born to them in the Millennium.

Gentiles, mortal survivors of the Sheep and Goat judgment.

While they are not indwelted as Israel is under the New Covenant, we could make the case that since Jesus sends His angels to remove "all things that offend" prior to the beginning of the Millennium, the Gentiles who enter the Millennium will not turn against Him.

However, the Gentiles will produce offspring during the 1000 years who didn't make a choice to be there!

They will all have a chance to live in perfect peace under the reign of Christ, or to simply submit because they have no choice (remember the rod of iron???)

It's these unregenerate mortals who have submitted to the rule of Jesus by force, that produce the problems we see in the next few verses.

Rev 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 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.

After 1000 years of perfection, Satan is released to deceive the nations.

What is his deception?

The same as it has ever been! DID GOD REALLY SAY????

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen 3:3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

Gen 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

In essence, Satan will do to the nations the same thing he did to Eve. He convinces the nations (not Israel!) that Jesus's authority and power are compromised. He deceives them into believing that He can defeat Jesus and if they join him, they can be set free from Christ's rulership and do whatever they want- be like God.

And he is wildly successful at this deception!

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This brings us to a mysterious individual in Matthew 22:

Mat 22:2 *"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,*

Mat 22:3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

Mat 22:4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." "

Mat 22:5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

Mat 22:6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

Mat 22:7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Mat 22:8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.'

Mat 22:9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

Mat 22:10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Mat 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

Mat 22:12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

Mat 22:13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Mat 22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Luk 14:16 *Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,*

Luk 14:17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

Luk 14:18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

Luk 14:19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

Luk 14:20 Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

Luk 14:21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

Luk 14:22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

Luk 14:23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luk 14:24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

I believe the mysterious individual of Matthew 22 who shows up in his own garment is representative of those who have submitted under the hand of Jesus until Satan is released and convinces them they don't have to submit anymore.

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Notice this multitude (whose number was as the sand on the seashore) comes from all over the earth and surrounds Jerusalem. They literally come to attack Jesus with guns and implements of war!
HOW COULD THEY BE SO STUPID???

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This is the ultimate fulfillment of Psalms 2!

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What's the point of all of this?

Man cannot achieve a god-like condition apart from God!

Without an internal change- a new heart- external religion or works only delay the inevitable!

All men MUST make a choice; and MOST make the *wrong one!*

Rev 20:10 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.
**Next week we'll see the final judgment and the end of the matter
for those who have made the wrong choice...**