

# Revelation 20

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And thank you Mr. Announcer on Good morning my radio friends and friends of the Bible instead of love's angels. This is Louis T. Talbot greeting you once again from his private study and I greet you in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord and with the Bible Institute's theme song we have a story to tell to the nations because the main ministry here at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles through the years has been the training of young men and young women to carry the gospel into lands where there are millions of people who have never heard that story. All right. Now I want you please to turn your Bibles to Revelation Chapter 20 now your Bibles are open please at revelation Chapter 20 and we have made a study of the thousand years reign of Christ and he is going to reign upon this earth for a thousand years and then we saw how the millennium is going to end and that seems to be a kind of an anticlimax but I want you to read with me verses seven and eight and just see what is included in this Anti-climax.

The Lord Jesus has reigned here upon this earth for a thousand years that is he sat upon the throne of his father David and he has exercised authority from sea to sea and from river unto the ends of the earth and the devil has been bound and the curse has been lifted and the deserts have blossomed like the rose and yet the Millennium is going to end in this way. I told you yesterday that that with the nations that will be upon the earth during the millennial reign that

they will have children and their children will be will stand in need of regeneration just as the children of godly people do today.

And as the children of godly people sometimes a gospel of heart and soul there will be unregenerate people in that day. That is children of godly people that shall be glory hardened. But the king shall reign in righteousness and there will be many great multitudes toward the end of the millennial reign of Christ that will be a rendering feigned obedience to the king. All right. Now let us get to this verses seven and eight and when the thousand years are expired Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth Gog and Magog. I would suggest my dear friends again what I said yesterday that you tie up those two words Gog and Magog with Ezekiel chapter thirty eight and thirty nine because you'll find that that those two words designate the country as the king of the north and evidently it'll be Russia and Russia is has been for many years the Fountainhead of all anti-God philosophy and the devil begins to gather the last rebellion against God even after the millennium the deep die doctrines that we have in Russia are still there and then.

And it is there that the devil finds his rebellion against God and a great multitude will respond to the Devil's temptation. Look at verse eight, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. Do you see my dear friends how that Russian philosophy their infidel philosophy is affecting the nations of the earth today. Then you have china and Indo China. I found it in the Malay and also in Singapore and here we have a great deal of it that is being manifested in Egypt today and also in India. Well we just get just little shadows of what is taking place. What is going to be the end of the millennial reign of Christ? Look at verse eight again. and there shall go out and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle the number of

them is as the sands of the sea my but what a statement that is. Now look at verse 9 now and they went up on the breath of the earth encompassed the camp of the Saints roundabout and the beloved city that is the city of Jerusalem and fire came down out of heaven and destroyed them and so that last rebellion is not going to be of a very long duration.

Now I told you that that is the last page in human history and history began with a murder of man and it ends with murder and you may write after that verse nine the words the end of human history. All right. Now I want you to look at verse 10 and the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And if I were you I'd put a circle around that word are it does not say where they were but where they are and they were cast into the lake of fire. You'll remember at the close of the tribulation period when the Lord returned in glory and by [inaudible] they were cast into the lake of fire and here they are still there, that is they're cast into the lake of fire the devil is cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And so you see my dear friends that there is no truth in the doctrine of annihilation. There are many cults today that teach that the wicked are going to be annihilated well the beast and the false prophet was not annihilated. They were cast into the lake of fire and when the devil at the close of the Tribulation was cast into the lake of fire there the beast and the false prophet were in that place still.

Now let me say that the devil is not to be destroyed. He is to find a prison house where he is to be a prisoner in suffering for ever and ever. We learn from the Lord Jesus Christ in the 25th chapter of Matthew that the lake of fire was created as a prison house for the eternal punishment of Satan and his angels and that is why God created the lake of fire and the two beasts that are mentioned in Revelation Chapter 13 that the devil raises up are already there and have been in

that place for a thousand years. And so let me say that the doctrine of annihilation that a lot of folks teach today is not true. There is no annihilation in the Bible. Men are not destroyed. And and and that is the end of them. That is untrue. My dear friends eternal punishment is a punishment that never ends. And you have it stated here in verse ten you say may say Well that is a terrible doctrine but my dear friends it's in the Bible nevertheless you know that a fellow said to me ones wouldn't you like to believe that everybody was gone. He is going to be saved and I said yes I'd like to believe that but I don't want to believe it if it is not true and my friends I'd rather believe an unpleasant truth than believe a pleasant lie. And this is a statement made in the word of God. Now look at verse ten and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Now some of you folks may not like that but it is there in the Bible nevertheless and the fact that you don't like it or the fact that you don't believe it doesn't change the thing at all.

And then the great white throne judgment and the punishment of the wicked takes place look at verses 20 and verse eleven rather. Chapters 20 verse eleven. And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it. On whose face the earth and the Heaven fled away. And there was no place for them. Now the Lord Jesus Christ changes his position from that of a reigning king to the judge of the universe. You know that the Lord today is a savior and he is holding out his arms to save those who will put their trust in him. But you know that millions have rejected it but praise God. Millions have accepted him as the savior. Then during the tribulation period. He is still going to be saving men but during the reign the millennial reign of Christ deal reigns as the king of peace and the. And to here at the Great White Throne. He changes his position as it were. And there comes to pass the great white throne and he sits upon that throne and judges all the wicked dead. All that died without grace. Those who are not raised in the first resurrection all shall be raised in this second resurrection or the resurrection of the unjust their dead bodies have

disintegrated and gone into the earth or into the fishes of the sea. But that means nothing with God. That God calls back every particle of every body and all the bodies come together and the wicked dead are raised. They stand before the Lord Jesus Christ on the Great White Throne for final judgment.

I want you to read my dear friends verses eleven to fourteen and I saw a great white throne. And him that sat on it. From whose face the earth and the heavens fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great stand before God. And the books were open and another book was open which is the book of life and the dead were judged now of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it and death and Hades delivered up the dead which were in them. Now the word dead of course refer to the body and hell or hades there refers to the spirit. You see that when an unconverted man dies my friend he doesn't stand before the Great White Throne. He goes into a place called Hell or Hades and there is a difference as we shall see between Hell and the lake of fire and a man unconverted man men who die in their sins they go to hell or hades and hades is a waiting place and they're just waiting for the time when the Lord Jesus Christ will take his place on the Great White Throne as the the Supreme Judge of the universe. And so we read.

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it and death and hell or Hades delivered up the dead who were in them and they were judged every man according to their works and death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death Hades or hell is the present prison House where uh souls are kept waiting for the greatest [inaudible] for the great white throne judgment where they will be consigned to the lake of fire. You might say well I don't believe that. Well my friends it's in the book. Nevertheless and the fact that you don't believe it doesn't

make any difference at all. And you'll change your thinking uh one of these days. All right. Now look at verse 14 now, and death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death that is all of death and all of hades is cast into the lake of fire. Everything that displeases God for all eternity is cast into the dumping place of God are the eternal fires the lake of fire prepared by the devil and his angels. My friends. I believe that this is the resurrection of the wicked. I want you my friends and we have time to do this. I want you to turn to one verse that is in the book of the Psalms. It is Psalm 73. It is one of the most solemn things that you have in all the Word of God. And it looks forward it is talking about the great white throne.

You know this is a psalm about the wicked that prospered on the earth and would not listen to any warning and Asaph the writer of this hymn and the leader of the singing of that day said that he envied the wicked and then he considered the end of the wicked. And he said I am been beastly to think that I would have envied the wicked when I consider his end. He has said that he had envied the wicked. I guess he saw in his day some folks that were not having as tough a time as he was having and they had more money than he had and they seemed to be prosperous. And he said that he envied the wicked. Then he went on to contemplate their end now. You put on your piece of paper Psalms 73 verses 17 to 20. Now listen to what the Psalmist here says until I went into the sanctuary of God then understood I therein surely thou did set them in slippery places. Thou cast them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation? As in a moment. They are utterly consumed with terrors as a dream when one awaketh.

My friends I want you to note that last statement as a dream. When one awaketh. This is the wicked who awakens as from a dream that verse 20 of Psalm 73 let me read it again. As a dream when one awaketh so oh lord When though awaketh thou shall despise their image you

know that they are raised as one awakening from a dream in the image that God upholds that is that they are raised in their body and in their wickedness and probably in their disease. And if a man has died with a consuming burning habit he shall be raised in that image that is he shall be raised with a great consuming habit. He is raised in such an image that God despises his image and God despises him for eternity. Such is when he is raised from the dead. I can see nothing else. They must be raised in their bodies to be judged at the great white throne and whatever habits they had formed the bodies will still have control of those habits.

You know my plans that a lot of folks say. Concerning people who have accumulated wealth that they can't take it with them. Well that is true in regard to money I guess. But I want to tell you that if a man if an unconverted man has set his heart upon money and he has in his heart the the love of money. He won't have money in the next world but he'll have the love of it. And if a man has developed burning habits he will be raised and I tell you that another thing that a man will take into eternity and that is his memory. Do you remember how that the Lord Jesus Christ was talking to the people of his day? And you know that he. He gave them. He gave them a story. It was a true story of Lazarus and the rich man. And we read concerning that rich man and he was not cast into Hades because he was rich. Thank God that there are many rich men who recognize that they're stewards but this fella that's all that he had. That is the ad the riches of this world. He did not out the riches of eternity at all. And he died and he was buried. Now the Lord did not say that Lazarus was buried. I guess he was taken and.

He was not given a burial at all. Well what they did with his body we do not know but as for the rich man he was buried. And my my but what a burial he must have had and you know my my that is a funeral. I guess that all the orders that he belonged to were all there and possibly somebody got up and made a great eulogy about him. But the Lord lifts the veil and we read that

in Hades. He lifted up his eyes. Being in torment and he talks about his thirst and he saw saphiro and he said to Abraham send Lazarus that he may dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. For I burn with this thirst do you know my dear friend what he was talking about. He was talking about certain things that he and that he had cultivated in his life and he took them with him. in the next world. And then Abraham said to him Son remember and he calls him to remember certain things. I will tell you my dear friends that when a man an unconverted man goes into the next world. He takes his memory with him.

All right. I'd like to enlarge on this but this what we're talking about is the judgment of the wicked dead. I want you to look at verse 14 and 15. I want to talk fast because I want to get through with this this morning verses 14 and 15 and death and hell or Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Now I want you my friends to look at the end of verse twelve and I want you to note the book of life is open here. Look at verse twelve and I saw the dead small and great stand before God and the books were opened and another book was open which is the book of life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. They are judged according to their works but my friend listens, they are not punished according to their works. They are not cast into the lake of fire according to their works. Why are they cast into the lake of fire?

Look at verse 15 and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire the wicked dead are judged at the great white throne and found guilty but they are not cast into the lake of fire for that they are cast into the lake of fire because they would not have Christ as savior and their names were not found in the book of life at the great white throne judgment God opens the book of life. Somebody has said to me. How is it that a man can be

judged for how is it that the people can be judged for their sin. When Jesus bore the sins of the world my dear friends they are not judged for their sins but because they are not written in the book of life.

And when the book of life is opened my name is not found. It could have been there my friend notwithstanding their sins they could have had their names written in the book of life. Why. Because Jesus Christ died for them. And when the books are open they are found worthy of the lake of fire. You know that Jesus died for every man he tasted death for every man but they would not accept him. And perhaps they would not accept him because they were because they had accepted other things. Every man rejects the Lord Jesus Christ because he accepts something else. And my dear friends the heathens are going to be there. You know that the heathen at the great white throne.

They are going to be judged according to the light that they have had. I do not know I cannot answer satisfactorily just the question in regard to how God is going to deal with the heathen but God is going to deal with him. According to the light that they have had there are some problems in regard to the heathen. But I want to tell you my friends that if there are millions of people that are at the great white throne heathen who have never heard the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ it may be that it was your fault and mine and you know that it is you. It is your responsibility and my responsibility to carry the gospel to them in order that they might have their names written in the lamb's book of life. I want to say to you my dear friends in closing that it's a wonderful thing to have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Do you remember how that the disciple's ones came to the Lord Jesus and they said why Lord why even the demons are subject unto us and the Lord Jesus looked at them I think with an

expression of pity. I know you said to them don't rejoice over that rejoice because your names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life and brother if your name is there you have the cause for rejoicing. You have the cause for rejoicing. All right. Tomorrow morning. Chapter 21. Goodbye. God bless you.

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