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PART 8: THE FINAL WAR

LIFE DURING THE MILLENNIUM

The thousand year kingdom is coming to an end, a marvelous time not seen on earth since the creation of Adam and Eve with Satan locked up in the bottomless pit and no demonic activity. **Revelation 20:1-3**

Jesus has ruled the earth from Jerusalem with resurrected believers in Christ as governors over every nation on earth. **verse 4**

The animal kingdom has been changed, the climate on the earth is perfect and those who have obeyed the rule of Jesus are still alive after a millennium. **Isaiah 11:1-10; 65:19-25; Hosea 2:16-23**

Unlike today, there has been no salvation for the billions of people who have been born during the millennium. Since Satan has been bound, none of the people born during the thousand years have been tempted; instead, they have been ruled by Jesus with a rod of iron. **Revelation 19:15-16**

SATAN IS LOOSED

Why is God going to set loose the Devil after binding him for one thousand years? It does not make sense for God to restore the earth back to its paradise condition in the Garden of Eden with no satanic presence and Jesus there to rule for a thousand years. Why bring the Devil back? **Revelation 20:7-8**

The answer can be found in the time before Adam and Eve were created, when the cherub Lucifer rebelled against God and tried to dethrone God. **Isaiah 14:12-19; Ezekiel 28:11-19**

In his rebellion, Lucifer visited every angel civilization in the universe and deceived one third of the angels into joining his rebellion against God. **Revelation 12:3-4**

Lucifer got together a space fleet of some kind with the help of the angels that had followed him and started a war in the heavens to dethrone God. The archangel, Michael, led the holy angels in a series of battles and defeated Lucifer. **Revelation 12:7-10**

There was a trial in heaven and Lucifer and his fallen angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. **Matthew 25:41**

Lucifer appealed his sentence and accused God of being unjust. Why would a loving God sentence his created beings to eternal punishment? Imagine God standing accused before the angels. What would you do? He decided to show that it was the fault of Lucifer and his fallen angels, not God, that they were sentenced to the Lake of Fire.



To prove His righteousness, God created Adam and Eve and put them in the Garden of Eden where they could be tempted by Lucifer. **Genesis 2:15-17**

Lucifer eventually deceived Eve, who in turn deceived Adam. **Genesis 3:1-7**

In one calculated move by Satan, mankind became a fallen race with an automatic sentence to the Lake of Fire. Lucifer thought he had won but didn't know that God had a plan to redeem the human race by sending Jesus to make atonement for mankind at the cross. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

It was at the cross that God proved to Lucifer and all angels that He is righteous and it is the fault of the individual who rebels and is condemned to eternal punishment. **Romans 3:20-26**

According to the legal ruling at Lucifer's trial, every human being must be tempted and make a choice between God or Satan. **Luke 22:31**

The people born during the thousand years kingdom cannot be saved; they will have to wait until Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit when they will get one chance just like the fallen angels did when Lucifer deceived them. Every person born during the millennium will have to make a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be saved, or follow Lucifer and be damned to the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:8; 1 Peter 5:8-9**

The majority of the people who have lived in paradise under the direct rule of Jesus will believe the colorful lies of the Devil and forever damn themselves.

THE FINAL WAR

The final war is mentioned in one short verse in the Book of Revelation. **Revelation 20:9**

God gave an extensive revelation about this war to the prophet Ezekiel some 500 years before Christ. God wants us to know about this war, especially the generation living during the millennium, to know what they will have to face and whose side they want to be on.

There are only two places in the Bible where we are told about Gog and Magog is in the books of Ezekiel and Revelation and it also details how this war is going to be fought:

1. At the end of the Antichrist reign, Jesus will come back and gather all the children of Israel who have not taken the mark of the beast and bring them back to the land of Canaan. **Ezekiel 37:21-28**
2. Gog is a demon ruler (archon) that will lead the attack upon the nation of Israel during the millennium. **Ezekiel 38:1-9**
3. God told Ezekiel that the land of Israel has been restored, the crops are bountiful, the cities have no fortifications and the people live in peace. **verses 10-12**
4. The war will not go well for Satan's army. **verses 13-23**
5. There will be a great slaughter of the soldiers in Satan's army. **Ezekiel 39:1-8**

6. This is in harmony with the Book of Revelation which states that God will rain fire upon the army of Satan. **Revelation 20:10-11**

SUMMARY

- A. The Antichrist system is set up on the earth and runs for one hour or 41.6 years.
- B. The Tribulation period begins toward the end of the Antichrist's reign and is God's judgment upon the Man of Sin.
- C. It is toward the end of the Antichrist system when the dead in Christ are resurrected and living Christians are raptured.
- D. The Judgment Seat of Christ takes place in heaven.
- E. This leads to the second return of Jesus Christ and the end of the Antichrist and his kingdom.
- F. The thousand year kingdom begins and Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit.
- G. The thousand years have passed and Satan is loosed from his prison to move all over the earth and deceive the nations.
- H. There has been no war and consequently no need for an army during the millennium with Jesus ruling out of Jerusalem. The Bible doesn't say how much time Satan will use to deceive the nations, but just like the original rebellion in heaven, the Devil will need some time to gather his forces to oppose Jesus and launch an attack on Jerusalem.
- I. The final war ends in defeat for Satan and his armed forces. The Bible does not tell us how long it will last.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?