

REVELATION Lesson 174

Chapter 20:1-4, The Fall of Lucifer, The Exaltation of the Saints

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SATAN'S FALL

Isa 14:12-17 It was Satan's will to exalt himself. This is the same controlling influence in the human heart that causes most problems in our relationships. We need to learn to enjoy the place where God put us.

- Parent/child
- Husband/wife
- Master/servant
- Members of the Body of Christ with differing gifts (Rom 12:6).

¹⁶ **They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee...**

- **The physical:** People will have difficulty believing what they're seeing with their own eyes.
- **The spiritual:** Under the rule of Jesus Christ, there will be no more broad-minded people. Everyone will see things the way Jesus sees things: with a narrow view. Sin will not be excused or relabeled to make it okay. Narrow is the way (Mt 7:14).

"...That opened not the house of his prisoners."

- The devil will only lead you into the bondage of sin. He never lets anyone go.
- Only Jesus Christ can open the chains of bondage and free you from sin (**Isaiah 61:1**).

"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell." This is the devil's destination. Will you follow?

THE GREAT TRIBULATION SUMMED UP (Isaiah 24:1-23).

- **Verses 1-12:** Great Tribulation worldwide. No song, no happiness.
- **Verses 13-15:** Gleanings. Those that believe on the Lord rejoice in song.
- **Verses 16-20:** The unbelievers will be left to face great destruction on Earth.
- **Verses 21-22:** The judgment of the principalities and powers (Rev 20:3).
- **Verse 23:** The reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on Earth.

Rev 20:3 Notice: even with Jesus Christ ruling the Earth, it would still be possible for humans to be deceived by Satan if the Lord doesn't lock him up and keep him away. This testifies to the fact that the human heart is desperately wicked (Jer 17:9).

Rev 20:4 Here is the exaltation of the saints. We will be sitting on thrones judging the earth. Today we make poor judges. But in the millennium, we'll be like Christ, able to judge righteously.

SAINTS JUDGING IN THE MILLENNIUM

- Matt 19:27-28** There will be twelve apostles judging the nation of Israel during the millennium.
- 1 Cor 6:1-7** The saints shall judge the world and angels. We ought to be able to point people to the holy bible today and allow God's word to judge righteously.
- 1 Cor 11:3** We have a God-given role to fill. We ought to be obedient to fulfill that role to the best of our ability.
- Notice:** the woman is told not to shave her head—because of the angels.
- We shall judge angels. We must not be hypocrites when we judge them.
 - **“Judge not, that ye be not judged”** (Mt 7:1) is in the context of a discussion about hypocrisy. If you judge somebody, make sure you're not guilty of the same thing, or you will be judged a hypocrite.
 - Your power to judge comes from obedience to the Holy Spirit.
 - Make sure you judge yourself before you judge others.
- Rev 2:26** Overcomers ruling with a rod of iron.
- Rev 3:21** Overcomers sitting on thrones.
- Dan 7:26-27** Kingdom and dominion shall be given to the people of the saints.
- 2 Sam 8:15** Reigning involves executing judgment and justice to all the people.
- 1 Kings 10:9** Kings do judgment and justice.
- Psa 149:5-9** All God's saints sing His praises and execute vengeance and punishments with a twoedged sword (the word of God, Heb 4:12) in their hand.
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