

I. SOVEREIGN COMES

A. This is at the Second Coming of Christ

1. He returns to the Earth in the exact manner in which He left ACTS 1:6-11
 - a. Mount of Olives – traditionally in the vicinity of Bethany
 - i. Half-mile east of Jerusalem
 - ii. Between the Eastern Gate and Bethpage
 - iii. He has NOT BEEN TO EARTH PHYSICALLY SINCE!
 - b. The Mormons teach that there were “other sheep” He went to
 - i. It’s a foolish lie. Ancient civilizations in the Americas?
 - ii. That no one, not even the people then living knew about?
 - iii. For that to happen, Acts 1 would have to be incorrect
 - iv. I’m going to trust God, not Joseph Smith
 - c. He left from the Mount of Olives
 - i. He will RETURN to the Mount of Olives
 - ii. And set down His foot for the first time since He left
2. Incredibly important to understand – the Rapture and Second Coming
 - a. 1 THESS. 5:9 – “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”
 - b. Make no mistake, God will make HIS JUDGEMENT upon the Earth
 - c. The Bowls are FILLED with His wrath, and they will be poured out
3. There will be first a Catching up of His Saints
 - a. 1 THESS. 4:16 – “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
 - b. And we will have a new, glorified, deathless, perfect body!
 - c. 1 COR. 15:52 – “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

B. The Events in Order

1. Rapture – Catching up of the Saints (NOT the “church”)
2. Tribulation – Seven years of Hell on Earth
 - a. Antichrist
 - b. Mark of the Beast
 - c. Wrath of God
3. Second Coming – He returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords
4. Armageddon – Christ defeats the forces of Satan

5. Satan Bound – 1000 Years in Bottomless Pit
 6. Millennial Reign – 1000 Years with Christ as King on Earth
 7. Satan’s Doom – Satan’s final rebellion destroyed
 8. Great White Throne Judgement – Final disposition of the damned
 9. New Heaven and New Earth
- C. The phrase “a thousand years’ used 6 times in vs. 2-7
1. That means a “millennium” and we are “pre-millennial” in doctrine
 2. We believe in a pre-millennial, pre-wrath, pre-tribulation Rapture
 3. The mistakes of applying the 10 virgins – MATT. 25:1-13
 - a. This has led to some to believe in a “partial rapture”
 - b. Read it for yourself – five were ready and had oil
 - c. Five were not and had no oil for their lamps
 - d. “Virgin” is mistaken for meaning “Saved”
 - e. But the OIL is the factor – that’s a type of the Holy Spirit
- D. THIS is the Second Coming of the Lord

II. SERPENT CAST

- A. Satan bound for 1000 years (vs. 1-3)
1. This should be taken as a literal event
 2. We’ve all heard how “symbolic” the Book of Revelation is...
 - a. That’s mostly hogwash.
 - b. As we’ve seen throughout our study, it is all very real and literal
 - c. SOME things happen in Heaven that are hard to describe
 - d. John (and Paul, Daniel, and Ezekiel) is doing his best to explain it
 - e. But what we see on EARTH is all VERY REAL
 3. Very few symbols, and what there are (the sea) is explained
- B. He kept OTHERS in chains now he is bound himself in a GREAT CHAIN
1. Chains of sin, chains of lust, chains of addiction
 2. He didn’t forge the lock, but he tries his best to hide the key!
 3. But now he gets a taste of his own medicine
- C. The “angel” with the chain
1. We are not told, but this is probably Jesus Christ Himself
 2. JUDE 1:9 – “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”
 3. Who else could “lay hold” on that old dragon and bind him?

III. SAINTS COMMAND

- A. There is a THOUSAND years of Peace on Earth
1. Sin is not gone, but it is DORMANT
 2. Its influence is not felt on anywhere on Earth for the first time

- a. Not since the Garden will there be a time like this
 - b. Please notice though: Many will still rebel against Jesus
 - c. Don't you believe people who say the "Devil made them do it."
- B. The Bible calls this the "First Resurrection"
 - 1. In other words, the first HARVEST (first fruits)
 - 2. 1 COR. 15:20 – "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."
 - 3. 1 THESS. 4:13-14 – "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
- C. There is the Harvest and then there is the Gleanings
 - 1. Picking up the grain that was left behind of the reapers (Ruth)
 - 2. Those who did not receive the Beast's Mark (vs. 4)
 - 3. By the way, that didn't SAVE but FAITH in JESUS (common Salvation)
 - 4. What happens to them?
 - a. Instant resurrection? This is after the Rapture...
 - b. There is a semi-colon in the verse...
 - c. I don't know: Seems like they must wait for a glorified body
 - 5. No one here today will face that situation (hearing the Gospel)
- D. The SAINTS (apparently those who are Saved BEFORE the Rapture)
 - 1. Will rule and reign with Christ for the 1000 Years
 - 2. What a strange mix of beings
 - a. Christ Himself
 - b. Probably Angels
 - c. Glorified Saints (from before the Tribulation)
 - d. Non-corporeal Saints (from the Tribulation)
 - e. Saved people living in Sinful Bodies (out of the Tribulation)
 - f. Unsaved people living in Sinful Bodies (who will die and go to Hell)
 - 3. For 1000 Years – RIGHTEOUSNESS will RULE!

IV. SATAN'S CONDEMNATION

- A. There are TWO RESURRECTIONS and TWO JUDGEMENTS
 - 1. The first Resurrection is of the Saints at the Rapture
 - 2. The first Judgement is the Mercy Seat of Christ in Heaven
 - 3. LUKE 14:14 – "And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."
 - a. We will be awarded crowns to cast at the feet of Jesus
 - b. Our works will be tried
 - c. 1 COR. 3:12-13 – "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because

it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

4. There will be a SECOND Resurrection (Next Week)
 - a. And a SECOND Judgment (the Great White Throne Judgement)
 - b. You do not want to be facing THAT judgement
 - c. You'll find that your "good works" are POWERLESS to save you!
5. These two Resurrections and Judgements are 1000 years apart
- B. Satan is LOOSED at that time – all part of God's plan
 1. He is performing a final filter – a separation of the sheep from the goats
 2. Remember that there will be LOST people living on the earth at that time
 3. For 1000 years, probably living and dying and having babies
 4. Satan will be loosed, and he will lead a short-lived rebellion against God
- C. Jesus doesn't even give it the respect of a "battle" (vs. 9)
 1. And all of them were cast into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone (450° F)
 2. And they don't DIE nor are "annihilated"
 3. It is where the Beast and False Prophet ARE (for over 1000 years)
 4. TORMENTED day and night forever!

V. SAVIOR CALLS

- A. Jesus Christ is the VICTOR
 1. Satan and his forces cannot have victory against and all-powerful GOD
 2. The devil will lose, and Jesus will win
 3. Don't be on the losing side!
- B. Don't wait – SALVATION is a limited-time offer
 1. 2 COR. 6:2 – "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
 2. Tomorrow may never come, you don't know what a day may bring
 3. You have no guarantees of even one more minute of life
- C. But you can be Saved Today!