



The
Revelation
of **Jesus Christ**
An overview

He who has an ear,
let him hear
what the Spirit says
to the churches.

18. The return of Christ and the last judgement



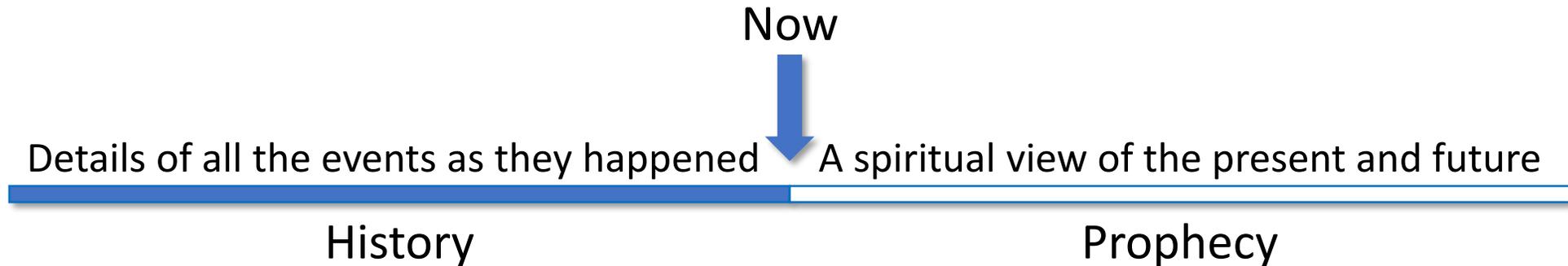
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Concerning prophecy – A reminder...

Prophecy is not history in advance



The purpose of prophecy is
to **encourage** and **equip** us to be **faithful**
both now and in the days to come

*Blessed is the one who **keeps**
the words of the prophecy of this book.*
(Revelation 22:7)

God's enemies defeated

The enemies of God and His people

Introduced and explained

Judged and destroyed

➤ The dragon, the ancient serpent, Satan

Chapter 12 – The woman, the male Child and the dragon ready to devour Him

Chapter 20



➤ The antichrist and the false prophet

Chapter 13 – The beast arising from the sea and the beast from the earth

Chapter 19



➤ The prostitute, named Babylon the Great

Chapter 17 – The woman riding the beast, drunk with the blood of the saints

Chapter 18

The destruction of Babylon – Revelation 18

Then a mighty angel
took up a stone like a great millstone
and threw it into the sea, saying,

*So will Babylon the great city
be thrown down with violence,
and will be found no more at all...*

(Revelation 18:21)

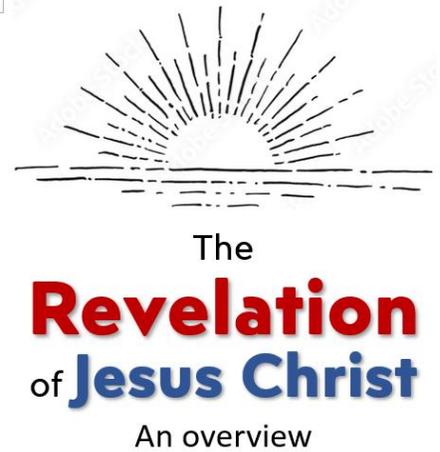
The destruction of Babylon – Revelation 18

And **the kings of the earth**,
who committed sexual immorality
and lived in luxury with her,
will **weep and wail** over her...

And **the merchants of the earth**
weep and **mourn** for her ...

Every **shipmaster ... sailors**,
and as many as **trade on the sea ...**
threw dust on their heads and cried out,
weeping and wailing ...

(Revelation 18:9, 11, 17-19)



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The loud voice of a great multitude in heaven:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and **glory** and **power** belong to our God,
for His judgements are **true** and **just**;

for **He has judged the great prostitute**

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her **the blood of His servants.”**

(Revelation 19:1-2)

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Selfishness

Exploitation

Cruelty

Greed

Meanness

Reflection:

- Can you see the ugliness of sin?

Stealing

Lies

Blasphemy

Pride

Disobedience

Jealousy

Murder

Lust

Swearing

Cheating



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“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory,

for **the marriage of the Lamb has come,**

and His Bride has made herself ready;

it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure” ...

The righteous
deeds of
the saints

(Revelation 19:6-8)

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And the angel said to me,
“Write this:



*Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.*

And he said to me:

“These are the true words of God.”

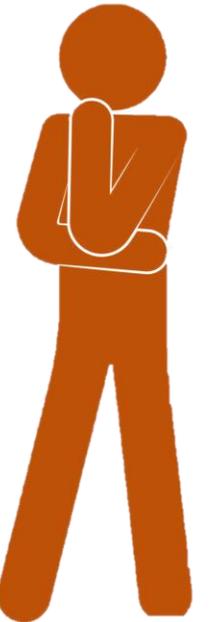
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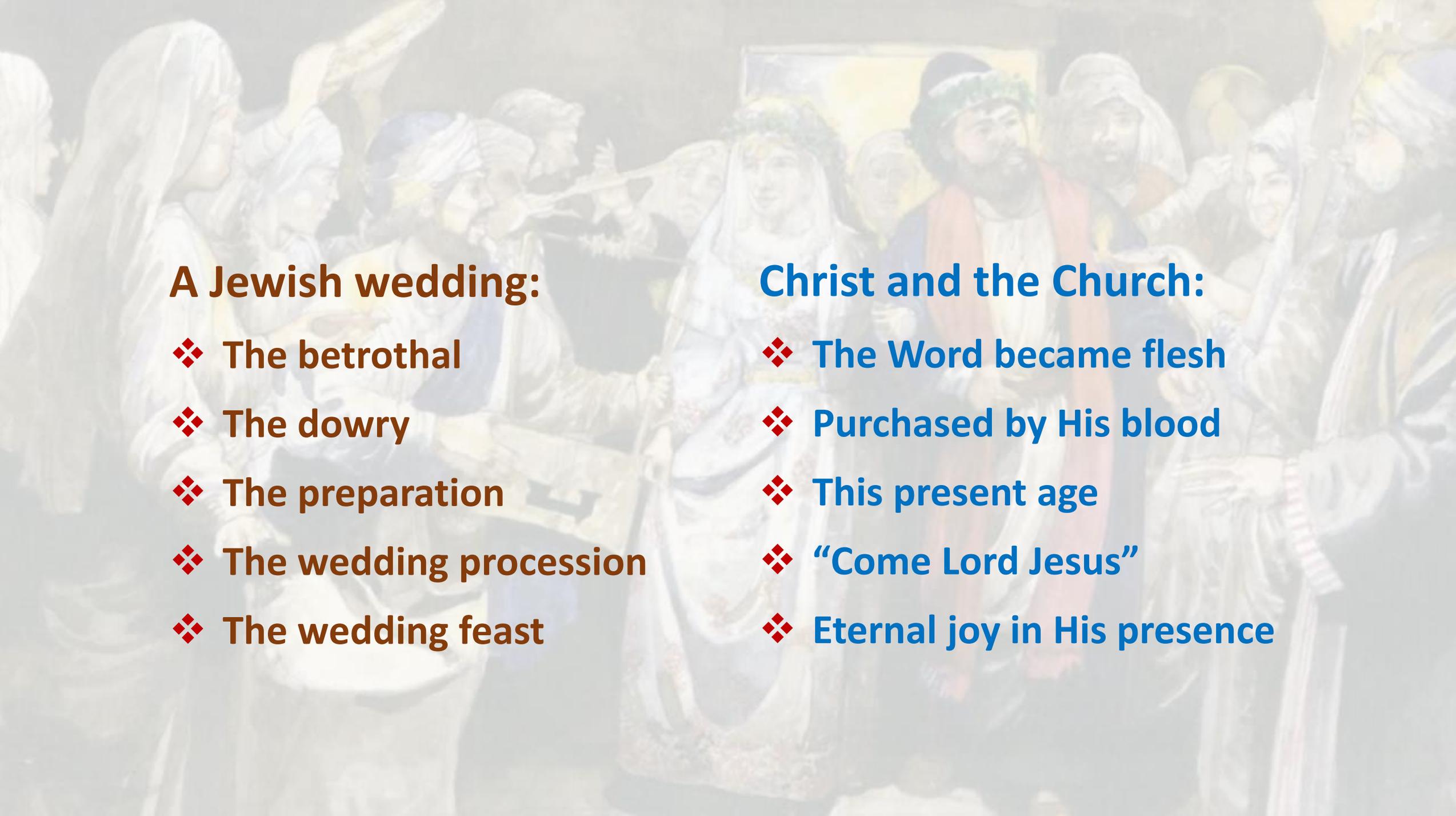
So, we have...

- ✓ **The bride** who is to be married to the Lord and who has “**made herself ready**”
- ✓ **The guests** who are invited to the marriage





A Jewish wedding



A Jewish wedding:

- ❖ **The betrothal**
- ❖ **The dowry**
- ❖ **The preparation**
- ❖ **The wedding procession**
- ❖ **The wedding feast**

Christ and the Church:

- ❖ **The Word became flesh**
- ❖ **Purchased by His blood**
- ❖ **This present age**
- ❖ **“Come Lord Jesus”**
- ❖ **Eternal joy in His presence**

Two views of God's great purpose...

The **BRIDE**

- **One church**, one salvation, one Saviour
- **United** with Him in love forever
- **Made worthy** of Him by grace

The **GUESTS** invited to the wedding feast

- **One church**, many members
- **Individually** called to share in the joy
- **Individual** responsibility to be ready

...His bride has **made herself** ready.
It was **granted her** to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure...

*Watch therefore,
for you know neither
the day nor the hour in which
the Son of Man is coming.
(Matthew 25:13)*

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Victory!

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse!

The One sitting on it is called **Faithful** and **True**,
and in **righteousness** He judges and makes war.

Isaiah 11:3-5

His eyes are like a flame of fire,
and on His head are **many diadems**,
and He has a name written
that no one knows but Himself.

All authority

Isaiah 63:1-4

He is clothed in a robe **dipped in blood**,
and the name by which He is called is **THE WORD OF GOD**.

(Revelation 19:11-13)

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2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

And **the armies of heaven**,
arrayed in fine linen, white and pure,
were following Him on white horses.

Revelation 1:16
2 Thessalonians 2:8

From His mouth comes a sharp sword
with which to strike down the nations,
and He will **rule** them with a rod of iron.

Psalms 2:9
Revelation 12:5

Isaiah 63:2-6

He will tread the winepress of the fury
of the wrath of God the Almighty.

On His robe and on His thigh
He has a name written,

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

(Revelation 19:14-16)

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Then I saw an angel standing in the sun,
and with a loud voice he called
to all the birds that fly directly overhead,

“Come, gather for the great supper of God...”

And I saw **the beast** and **the kings** of the earth
with their armies **gathered to make war**
against Him who was sitting on the horse
and against His army.

Armageddon

Revelation 16:14,16
Revelation 17:12-14

(Revelation 19:17-19)



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And **the beast** was captured,
and with it **the false prophet**...

These two were thrown alive
into **the lake of fire** that burns with sulfur.

And the rest were slain by the sword
that came from the mouth of Him
who was sitting on the horse,
and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

(Revelation 19:20-21)

Filled



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Some other scriptures about Christ's return

- The wheat and the weeds - (Matthew 13:39-43)
- The coming of the Son of Man - (Matthew 24:29-31)
- The sheep and the goats - (Matthew 25:31-32)
- The Lord Jesus revealed from heaven - (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)
- The Lord defeats the lawless one - (2 Thessalonians 2:8)
- The Lord comes with 10,000's of His saints - (Jude 14-15)

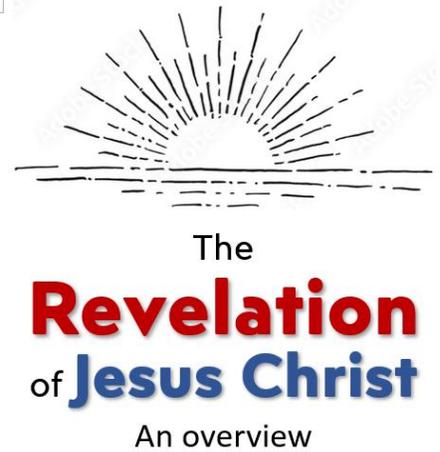
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Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand **the key to the bottomless pit** and **a great chain**.

The abyss

And he seized **the dragon**, that **ancient serpent**, who is the devil and Satan, and **bound him** for 1000 years, and threw him into the pit, and **shut it** and **sealed it** over him, **so that he might not deceive the nations any longer**, until the 1000 years were ended.

After that he **must** be released for a little while.

(Revelation 20:1-3)

In God's purpose

Genesis 3



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How should we understand this vision?

These are the two most common views

No future
1000 years

The **amillennial** view

- Chapter 20 begins at the coming of Jesus
- Satan was “bound” when Jesus came
- The 1000 years is this present church age
- The nations are now receiving the gospel

Christ returns
before the
1000 years

The **premillennial** view

- Chapter 20 follows on from chapter 19
- Satan is to be totally bound and locked up
- The 1000 years begin after Christ returns
- Christ rules on earth “with a rod of iron”

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Reflection:

- Can you see **Satan's deceptions** behind the ungodliness and sin of the world?



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Are these thrones
on earth
or in heaven?

Then I saw **thrones**, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed.

Also I saw **the souls** of those who had been **beheaded** for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast....

They **came to life** and reigned with Christ for 1000 years.

(Revelation 20:4)

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They **came to life** and reigned with Christ for 1000 years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1000 years were ended.

This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!

Revelation 5:10

Over such **the second death** has no power, but they will be **priests** of God and of Christ, and they will **reign with Him** for 1000 years.

Revelation 2:11

(Revelation 20:5-6)

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The **amillennial** view

- The thrones are in heaven
- The first resurrection is spiritual
- The saints reign with Christ spiritually
- Unbelievers are raised when Christ returns

The **premillennial** view

- The thrones are on the earth
- The first resurrection is of the saints, bodily
- The saints reign with Christ on the earth
- Unbelievers are raised after the 1000 years

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Reflection:

- Do you look forward to the resurrection, and being forever free from sin?



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Ezekiel 38-39

And when the 1000 years are ended,
Satan will be released from his prison
and will come out **to deceive** the nations
that are at the four corners of the earth,
Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle;
their number is like the sand of the sea.

(Revelation 20:7-8)

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Satan will be released from his prison

And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and **the beloved city**, but **fire** came down from heaven and consumed them, and **the devil** who had deceived them was thrown into **the lake of fire** and sulfur where **the beast** and the **false prophet** are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Jerusalem

Revelation 19:20

(Revelation 20:9-10)

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- Can you understand how a person could **see** the Lord yet still **reject** Him?



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Then I saw **a great white throne** and Him who was seated on it.

From His presence earth and sky fled away,
and no place was found for them.

2 Peter 3:7-13

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne,
and **books were opened**.

Then another book was opened, which is **the book of life**.

Revelation
13:8, 17:8

And **the dead were judged** by what was written in the books,
according to what they had done.

(Revelation 20:11-12)

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And the sea gave up the dead who were in it,
Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them,
and they were judged, each one of them,
according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into **the lake of fire**.

This is the second death, the lake of fire.

**And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life,
he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Death is
abolished
forever

(Revelation 20:13-15)

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As it is appointed for man to die once,

The **first** death

and after that **comes judgment**

so **Christ**,

having been offered once

Amazing love!

to bear **the sins** of many,

will appear a second time,

not to deal with sin

but **to save**

To free us from sin forever

those who are **eagerly waiting for Him**.

(Hebrews 9:27-28)



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- How can we be sure that **our name** is “written in **the Book of Life**”?



Questions for reflection

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- Is it a **wonder** to you that the Lord's people are called **His bride**?
- Does the vision of the Lord coming "**to make war**" surprise or disturb you?
- Can you see **Satan's deceptions** behind the ungodliness and sin of the world?
- Do you look forward to **the resurrection** and being forever free from sin?
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“Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!

(Revelation 22:20)