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The prophecy of Revelation 20 describes the battle and final fate of this diabolical despot who thought he could seize the world as his domain. What happens? Let's find out ...

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When you see a blank, use your Bible to look up the missing word and fill it in.

What events mark the beginning of the 1,000 years?
1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will
from heaven with a shout And the dead in Christ will first.
Revelation 20:4, 5  And they lived and reigned with Christ for a years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the resurrection.
NOTE: The thousand years of Revelation 20 is often called the "millennium," which is a Latin composite of two words: <i>milli</i> , meaning "one thousand," and <i>annum</i> , meaning "years." The second coming of Jesus and the resurrection of the righteous mark the beginning of the 1,000 years. The saints of all ages (described as "blessed and holy" in verse 6) will be raised in this first resurrection.
What else will happen at the first resurrection?
<b>1 Corinthians 15:51, 52</b> We shall not all sleep, but we shall all bein a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last
trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised.
Philippians 3:21 Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His body.

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2 Thessalonia	Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom
	with the brightness of His coming.
Revelation 16	:18, 20, 21 There was a great
such a mighty and gr the earth Then ev	reat earthquake as had not occurred since men were on very island fled away, and the mountains were not found from heaven fell upon men.
Revelation 20	:1, 2 An angel laid hold of the dragon, that
serpent of old, who a thousand years.	is the Devil and Satan, and him for
NOTE: See the 1,000-ye that will take place as	rear chart at the end of this study for a summary of the events the 1,000 years begin.
Who will be it take pla	be raised in the second resurrection, and when wiace?
forth—those who ha	All who are in the graves will hear His voice and com ave done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who , to the resurrection of
	The rest of the dead did not live again until the
	ved are resurrected at the start of the 1,000 years, the wicked and resurrection at the end of the 1,000 years.
What is th	ne condition of the earth during the 1,000 years?
Isaiah 24:1 Be makes it waste.	ehold, the Lord makes the earth and

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Jeremiah 4:23–26 I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without
form, and; and the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the
mountains, and indeed they trembled; there was no man, and all the
birds of the heavens had fled The fruitful land was a wilderness, and all
its were broken down at the presence of the LORD, by His
fierce anger.
Jeremiah 25:33 At that day the of the LORD
shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They
shall not be lamented, or gathered, or
NOTE: The earth will be totally devastated by the earthquake and hailstorm that strike at Jesus' second coming. It will be left in complete darkness. Dead people will lie strewn across the earth's surface, with no one mourning, because none will be left alive. The righteous will all be in heaven, and the wicked will all be dead. (See supplement on "The Bottomless Pit.")
Where will the saints be during the 1,000 years, and what will they be doing?
John 14:3  I will come again and receive you to Myself; that
I, there you may be also.
Revelation 20:4 I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and
was committed to them And they lived and reigned
with Christ for a thousand years.
1 Corinthians 6:2, 3 Do you not know that the
will judge the world? Do you not know that we shall
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NOTE: During the 1,000 years, the saints will be in heaven participating in a judgment. They will not decide who is saved or lost, because God will already have that determined. His "judgments [will] have been manifested" (Revelation 15:4). Instead, the fairness of God's punishment for the lost will be affirmed, as well as the rewards for the righteous (Revelation 22:11, 12).

This phase of the judgment is for the benefit of the saints. For example, suppose you get to heaven and discover that your beloved pastor is not there—yet some infamous criminal is! You would want an explanation. The angels will guide us through the record books to settle any doubts. At the end of this phase of the judgment, all will be convinced of God's justice, love, and fair dealings with all. They will declare, "True and righteous are His judgments" (Revelation 19:2).

What will happen at the close of the 1,000 years?
Zechariah 14:1, 4, 5, 9 The day of the Lord is coming In that
day His feet will stand on the of,
which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be
in two Thus the Lord my God will come, and all the
saints with You And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.
Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
coming out of from God, prepared as a
bride adorned for her husband.
NOTE: At the close of the 1,000 years, the New Jerusalem with the saints inside will descend from heaven and land on what is now the Mount of Olives. The Lord will split and flatten the hill to make a great plain for the city's landing site.
What will happen next to free Satan from his prison?
Revelation 20:5, 7 The rest of the did not live again
until the thousand years were finished Now when the thousand years
have expired, Satan will be from his prison.

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NOTE: After the wicked are resurrected, Satan will once again be free to deceive and manipulate a numberless throng of all the lost from every age.

What will Colored and and an included and	
What will Satan do when the wicked ar	e raised?
Revelation 20:8, 9 [He] will go out to	the
nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Go	
them together to battle, whose number is as the sand	d of the sea. They went
up on the breadth of the earth and	the camp of the
saints and the beloved city.	
NOTE: Satan will deceive lost people into believing that he we heaven and that together they can capture the city. Realizin holy city, the wicked will organize a massive assault to core	g they are shut out of the
At this crucial moment, what will stop of	everything?
Revelation 20:11, 12   I saw a great	
and Him who sat on it And the	ne dead were
according to their works, by the	things which were
written in the books.	
NOTE: God's throne will appear in the heavens above the of the judgment begins. The desperate attack on the city is brown the books will be opened, and every person's life will be meteristing will be open for the wicked and righteous to see	ought to an instant halt. nade to pass before him.
What will happen after the wicked are	judged?
Romans 14:11 As I live, says the LORD,	knee shall
to Me, and every tongue shall confess to Go	

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Philippians 2:10, 11 At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and
that every tongue should that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.
Revelation 19:1, 2 I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in
heaven, saying, " true and are His"
NOTE: The wicked will all freely admit that God has been fair and just and that He tried desperately to save them, but they openly chose to reject Him for a selfish life of sin. After this universal admission, the sin controversy will be forever settled, and it will be safe to destroy sinners.
What will happen next?
Revelation 20:9 came down from God out of heaven
andthem.
Revelation 20:15  Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was
cast into the of fire.
NOTE: God's fire will then fall upon the wicked and form a vast lake of fire all around the holy city. This fire will eventually turn them all to ashes (Malachi 4:3). The devil will have no control over this fire, which is called hell. Instead, he and his angels will also be punished in the fire and turned into ash (Revelation 20:10; Ezekiel 28:18). There is no resurrection from this fire, which is called the second
death (Revelation 20:14).
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new earth.



2 Peter 3:13 <sub>W</sub>	le, according to His promise, look for new heavens and
a new earth in which _	dwells.

NOTE: After the millennium, the saints will witness Jesus create new heavens (atmosphere) and a perfect new earth, in which sin will never arise (Nahum 1:9). The paradise that Adam and Eve lost by sin will be restored in all of its glory. Peace, joy, love, and perfect happiness will rest upon God's people forever!

Where will God and the righteous finally live?
Revelation 21:3 The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will
with
Matthew 5:5  Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the

NOTE: Both God the Father and God the Son will live with their saints on the new earth. Just think of it—having God for a neighbor!



What will the redeemed experience in the New Jerusalem and the new earth?

Revelation 21:4	God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there
shall be no more	, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no
more, for t	the former things have passed away."

# >> YOUR RESPONSE

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). He has a mansion for you in the holy city! Will you accept His offer of life eternal so that He may give you a new birth and prepare you for His kingdom?

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The term "bottomless pit" from Revelation 20:1 is often misunderstood. It is translated from the Greek word *abyssos*, the root of the English word "abyss." In the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint), this word is used to refer to the formless, dark earth as it was before Creation. "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:2). The word *abyssos* is used in Luke 8:31 to illustrate a condition in which demons have no one to possess or manipulate.

During the 1,000 years, the devil is chained by circumstances, "that he should deceive the nations no more" (Revelation 20:3). A literal chain could never hold a spiritual being. Only one thing would prevent him from tempting people, and that is if no people were still alive! When Jesus comes, the wicked are all slain and the righteous taken to heaven, so Satan and his angels are confined to this planet with no one to tempt. For 1,000 years, they will roam the charred landscape, beholding the fruit of their rebellion. It will be the most galling chain of circumstances ever forged. "They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be punished" (Isaiah 24:22).

See the chart on the next page.



## The 1,000-Year Chart

#### Events that begin the 1,000 years:

- 1. Jesus returns FOR His saints, and the righteous dead are resurrected.
- 2. Wicked are slain by the Lord's coming, plus devastating earthquake and hail.
- **3.** Living righteous are changed, then caught up to meet the Lord in the air.
- **4.** Cloud carries the righteous to heaven.

### 1,000 Years

# Conditions and events during the 1,000 years:

- **1.** Saints in heaven participate in judgment of the wicked.
- **2.** Satan and his angels are forced to remain on earth in total devastation and darkness.
- 3. No people are alive on earth.

#### Events at the close of the 1,000 years:

- 1. Jesus returns WITH His saints, and the holy city descends upon the Mount of Olives.
- **2.** Wicked are resurrected, and Satan persuades wicked to attack the holy city.
- **3.** Wicked are judged, then punished by fire from heaven that eventually devours the lost.
- **4.** God creates new heaven and a new earth on ashes of a purified earth.

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