

Revelation 20:4-15 **Kingdom Age – Great White Throne Judgment**

The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years

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Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Satanic Rebellion

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgment

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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Facts Revealed:

The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years – Kingdom Age

✚ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. [\[Revelation 20:4\]](#)

✧ The government of the world is set up before the First Resurrection.

- ✧ Those established in civil government are the ones who made up the armies of Heaven who came back following the Lord at the Battle of Armageddon.
- ✧ This includes the Saints of all ages up to and including the time of the Rapture.
- ✧ They will reign with Christ in world governments and as instructors to the mortals raising families for the thousand years where the life expectancy is a thousand years. [\[Revelation 2:26-27\]](#)
- ✧ The Tribulation Saints are not yet raised, they await the First Resurrection.
- ✧ After the Great Tribulation, there are two resurrections, the **first** for the Tribulation Saints and the **second** for the wicked dead of all ages.

First Resurrection

- ✧ Then I saw the **souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark** on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** [\[Revelation 20:4\]](#)
- ✧ After world governments are established and thrones occupied, then comes the First Resurrection for the Tribulation Saints.
- ✧ These are they who faced the Antichrist, the False Prophet, the deceptive signs, the Image of the Beast, the Mark of the Beast, and the slaughter of anyone who would not worship the Beast, his image, the number of his name, or receive his mark.
- ✧ These are the ones who were beheaded for their stand for Jesus and resistance toward the influence of the Beast and False Prophet.
- ✧ They lived again and reigned with Christ in the Temple of God, close to the Throne of Christ. [\[Revelation 7:9-17, 20:6\]](#)
- ✧ This is the time known in Scripture as the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Christ, or the Kingdom of Heaven especially prominent in the Parables of the Kingdom.
- ✧ But the **rest of the dead** did not live again **until the thousand years were finished**. This is the **first resurrection**. **Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection**. Over such the second death has no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ**, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. [\[Revelation 20:5-6\]](#)
- ✧ The Tribulation Saints are blessed and Holy Priests of God and of Christ for a Thousand Years sheltered in the Temple of God. [\[Revelation 20:6, 7:9-17\]](#)
- ✧ They reign with Christ for a thousand years as Priests.
- ✧ The **rest of the dead** are the wicked of all ages who did not take part in any of the resurrections or transfers of the Saints.
- ✧ They are the occupants of Hades (Hell), and Death. [\[Revelation 20:13-14\]](#)

Satanic Rebellion

- ✧ Now **when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison** and will go out **to deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to gather them together to battle, **whose number is as the sand of the sea.** [\[Revelation 20:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ This is the most grievous passage I know. It is uncanny to me to know that after a thousand years of life on a perfect earth like the Garden of Eden, where universal peace prevailed between mankind, nations at peace with nations, animal life at peace with each other, and with mankind, nothing to hurt or destroy on the earth, the abundance of plant life yielding its full strength, and the absence of sickness or sorrow, because of the righteousness of world government under Messiah Jesus.
- ✧ A world where men are able to visit the Holy City and see Jesus face to face, hearing His counsel in person and enjoying the Joys of true Holiness.

- ✧ Then to realize that these generations of privileged people will rebel against the One Who has provided all the blessings is fully startling.
- ✧ This is the final evidence of the wicked nature of mankind. The effect of the Rod of Iron Kingdom where to experience the perfect environment, men found it was mandatory to totally obey the sovereign commandments of righteousness in the presence of God Himself.
- ✧ Because of strict control of behavior, mankind has built up resentment against God to the point that when Satan is released and suggests the possibility of rebellion, the masses will turn against Holiness and form an army to attack the Lord Himself.
- ✧ To their own destruction they will act with unbridled hatred against that which had been their blessing from the first.
- ✧ It is interesting that among them we find **Gog** and **Magog**.
- ✧ **Gog** is the ruler of the land of **Magog**. [[Ezekiel 38:2-3](#)]
- ✧ **Magog** is the land mass north of the Caucasus Mountains which are the southern border of Russia.
- ✧ Gog of Magog was leading the battle against Israel when Israel had divided their land and was at peace with her neighbors before the Great Tribulation and the Antichrist came on the scene.
- ✧ Now Gog and Magog are leading the rebellion against the Lord Jesus Christ Himself a thousand years later at the end of the Kingdom reign.
- ✧ My conclusion is that **Gog** is not a mortal man, but the spiritual being over the land of **Magog** just like the Prince of Persia who withstood the Angel Gabriel for twenty one days when Gabriel was sent to Daniel in Persia in response to Daniel's prayer.
- ✧ As a spirit entity over the land of Magog, Gog would still be there over a thousand years later when Satan calls for rebellion against the Lord Messiah Jesus.
- ✧ Magog was the second son of Japheth the son of Noah who first settled in the land of Russia and after whom it was named. [[Genesis 10:2-5](#)]
- ✠ **They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.** [[Revelation 20:9](#)]
- ✧ The rebellious force has no right of appeal, they have seen the Lord, and enjoyed the fruit of righteousness for a thousand years, their destruction is final and just.
- ✧ At this point every person who has ever lived on this earth has made a clear choice for or against God Most High.
- ✧ Satan's work is ended, and now is the time of consequences.
- ✠ **The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.** [[Revelation 20:10](#)]
- ✧ Satan is cast into the eternal Lake of Fire which is his just reward for the damage he has caused in deceiving mankind through the ages on this earth.
- ✧ The Beast and False Prophet are still alive and awaiting Satan, proving that the Lake of Fire is eternal torment and its inhabitants can not die.

The Great White Throne Judgment

- ✠ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. [[Revelation 20:11](#)]
- ✧ This is the time the earth is emptied of occupants and burned up as described by Peter. [[2 Peter 3:10-12](#)]

- ✧ The truth is; the present earth is destined to end. [[Matthew 5:17-18, 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33, Hebrews 1:10-12, 1 John 2:17, Revelation 20:11, 21:1](#)]
- ✧ And I saw **the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened.** And another book was opened, which is the **Book of Life.** And **the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.** [[Revelation 20:12](#)]
 - ✧ Each person's life is a separate book in the library of God.
 - ✧ At the Day of Judgment, each person is called to account for everything in his personal book. [[Matthew 12:36-37, Romans 14:12, Hebrews 4:13, 2 Peter 4:5](#)]
- ✧ The **sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.** And **they were judged, each one according to his works.** [[Revelation 20:13](#)]
 - ✧ No one is exempt from accountability on the Day of Judgment, even those buried at **sea** will be there, as well as those who are already in the grip of **Death and Hades** (Hell).
 - ✧ Each will be judged according to what he did in life.
- ✧ Then **Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.** And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.** [[Revelation 20:14-15](#)]
 - ✧ Death and Hades (Hell) are no longer needed, so they are discarded into the Eternal Lake of Fire.
 - ✧ The trials and tests of Earth are completed and finished, just as the earth which passed away at the beginning of the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - ✧ From this point on all things will be New. [[Revelation 21:5](#)]
 - ✧ Anyone not found written in the Book of Life, speaks of the mortals of the Kingdom Age who had not been judged, those who rebelled have their part in the Lake of Fire, the others are written in the Book of Life and have the new earth as their reward.