

## **The Day of Atonement- Fulfillment of Prophecy**

In our studies, we have addressed the fasting aspects and our acknowledging our total dependence on God and His sovereignty. We know that through our repentance and humbly submitting ourselves to God's will, we can become at one with Him. This reconciliation takes place over time and requires our efforts and desire to change and grow in our relationship with Him.

The Book of Revelation used to be one of the most confusing books of the Bible for me. It still can be if you try and read too much into it and cross angels, vials, and trumpets without taking it slow. Now, after a few years of study and endless "knee-mails" to Him, Revelation is clearly the finale of God's perfect plan and decisive love story for mankind.

Yes, like so many scriptures throughout the Bible, we can get "wrapped around the axle" on trying to decipher some inside meaning or calculate some date. Forgive me, I know these things may be of interest at some point in time, if you are on Jeopardy, but I fully trust in an all-knowing God that He would have made something blatantly obvious to His chosen if it were of a serious salvation issue.

I think it of more value to look at a major event of prophecy that occurs that on the Day of Atonement and that is that Satan is bound for a thousand years and the events taking place thereafter. We are going to be busy.

**Revelation 20:1-3-** “Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him *for* a thousand years. Then he cast him into the abyss, and locked him *up*, and sealed *the abyss* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were fulfilled; and after that it is ordained that he be loosed *for* a short time.”

I am always amazed at the power of God’s Angels. Note that the scripture only says “an angel,” noting just one. Just one and a length of chain. Angels must be highly skilled in hand-to-hand combat and other such tactics, God only sent two to wipe out Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 19:1**). But when you are empowered with God’s Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible.

After all the grief and turmoil, he has caused for millennia, much like a politician, Satan is finally going to get some well-deserved justice. What a great day this will be. Before Satan gets locked up, a lot will have happened.

Prior to the angel showing up with the chain, Satan just had his butt kicked. The earth will be in total chaos and in a terrible mess.

All of the prophecies of Matthew 24 will be coming to pass. Prophetic things are in motion.

**Matthew 24:21-22-** “For then shall there be great tribulation, such as has not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until this time, nor ever shall be *again*. And if those days were not limited, there would no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be limited.”

**Revelation 16:1-** “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the vials of the **wrath of God** onto the earth.”

The Sunday church goers will find out exactly what the Day of the Lord means in its fullest sense. The terrible Day of the Lord has come.

**Matthew 24:29-** “But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”

**Revelation 16:16-21-** “And he gathered them together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “IT IS FINISHED.” And there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts; and the cities of the nations fell; and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath. And every island disappeared, and no mountains were found; And great hail, *each stone* the weight of a talent, fell down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague was exceedingly great.”

The stage is being set for the First Resurrection. We agree on a Pentecost resurrection. The timeline between then and His return to Earth I will leave to the calculating minds. Just make sure *you* are ready and in right standing spiritually with God when the trumpet sounds, *if* you are not taking a dirt nap when it occurs.

**Matthew 24:30-31-** “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send

His angels with a great sound of a trumpet; and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to *the* other.”

Our future roles will begin when we are reunited with Christ at the First Resurrection. The “on the job training” began at baptism.

**Revelation 1:6-** “And has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him *be* the glory and the sovereignty into the ages of eternity. Amen.”

**Revelation 5:10-** “And did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.”

**Revelation 20:6-** “Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place on the Sea of Glass.

What is required of each Christian before we are allowed to stand on the sea of glass before God's throne? Righteousness and obedience! Right living and our relationship with God! It will be the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We are given the

Holy Spirit so that we can do our part in developing that righteous life He requires of us.

**Revelation 19:9-** “And he said to me, “Write: Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

We will stand before the Throne of God to witness and be a part of Christ’s Triumphant return and establish His Kingdom on Earth.

**Revelation 19:11-19-** “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him. And *He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is The Word of God. And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; and they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the **wrath of the Almighty God**. And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in *the* midst of heaven, “Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God So that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chief captains, and *the* flesh of mighty *men*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and *the* flesh of all, free and bond, and small and great.” And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and **with His army.**”

We will witness a victory over the enemies of Jesus Christ without firing a shot. The beast and the false prophet will get what is coming to them and will be cast into the lake of fire. There is no eternal damnation, just an instant death for them. The power of the Word of God, The Sword coming out of Christ’s Mouth will destroy the remaining evil opposition.

**Revelation 19:20-21-** “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Those two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone; And the rest were

killed by the sword of Him Who sits on the horse, *even the sword* that goes out of His mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

All of these events will transpire prior to Satan getting his trip in chains to the abyss. We will have front row seats! No longer will the devil have any influence over mankind. However, this will not change mankind’s ability to choose. God will not take away free will. People can still have an evil heart.

**Jeremiah 17:9-** “The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

You would think that after seeing all of the carnage and surviving, one would make the right choices but they did the same thing fleeing Egypt too, remember?

Human beings will still have physical human bodies and live normal lives. They can still get married and have children. They will have the opportunity to accept God’s way of life without the temptations and influences of Satan and his minions or they can still reject God’s way. People will live and die as they do now. They will have an opportunity at becoming a spiritual being at the Second Resurrection at the end of the thousand-year Millennial Reign of Christ, if they so choose to



accept God's way of life and live by His Commandments. Anyone who has ever lived that was not raised in the First Resurrection will be raised at the Second **(Revelation 20:5)**.

At the end of the thousand years, Satan is released from the Abyss for a short time. He proceeds to deceive the nations, and there will be a large rebellion against God but it will not last long. Satan did not learn the first time and there will still be those who are still dumb enough to follow him to wage war against God.

**Revelation 20:4-8-** “And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.) This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison; And he shall go out

to deceive the nations that *are* in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, of whom the number *is* as the sand of the sea, to gather them together for war.”

This proves you cannot fix stupid. After witnessing the defeat, a short thousand years before and wearing a chain for a leash, Satan, and his myrmidons gave it another shot. God the Father did not even bother any of His Angels this time, He just consumed them with fire out of heaven and cast Satan into the lake of fire where he shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity.

**Revelation 20:9-10-** “Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them; And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *had been cast*; and they, *Satan and the demons*, shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity.”

What follows is a new heaven and a new earth. God is making all things new. The earth will have been purified of all sin and will have been made worthy for God the Father to dwell upon. The Last Great Day. We will save this for another discussion.

**Revelation 21:1-5-** “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, *the* new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from heaven say, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men; and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people; and God Himself shall be with them *and be* their God. And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and *there* shall not be any more death, or sorrow, or crying; neither shall *there* be any more pain, because the former things have passed away.” And He Who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

**1 Corinthians 2:9-** “But according as it is written, “The eye has not seen, nor *the* ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

With all of the incredible blessings and places I have been blessed to see and experience in my life, I cannot imagine what God has in store for us in the future. What an awesome God we serve! See you all in Georgia! Amen.

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