

Revelation 20

Table Revelation 20:1-15

- 1 *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
- 2 *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
- 3 *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*
- 4 *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*
- 5 *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*
- 6 *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
- 7 *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*
- 8 *And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*
- 9 *And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*
- 10 *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
- 11 *And I saw a great white throne, and him that 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, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*
- 13 *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*
- 14 *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*
- 15 *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 509-559 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 780, 1119-1120, 1150, 1421, 1572-1573, 1666-1667. See the attached study **The Bottomless Pit** with respect to "...**the bottomless pit**..." Revelation 20:3.

1. Revelation 20:1-3. John's vision whereby "...I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled..." Revelation 20:1-3 is God's post-Second Advent fulfilment of Ezekiel 31:16-18 "I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit...in the nether parts of the earth. They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen...thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD."

Today's believer therefore can and should take comfort from Job 17:9 "The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger."

Remarks on the disclosure "...and after that he must be loosed a little season" Revelation 20:3 will be deferred until Revelation 20:7-10 are addressed.

2. Revelation 20:4, 6. Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" are the post-Second Advent fulfilment of these scriptures.

2 Chronicles 30:27 "Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven"

Isaiah 32:1 "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment"

Malachi 2:7 "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts"

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him"

1 Peter 2:5, 9 "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light"

Revelation 1:5-6, 5:9-10 "...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth"

Revelation 11:17-18 "...We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned...and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great..."

Note that John is testifying in large part for those of whom he stated in Revelation 6:9 "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held."

Today's believer should therefore keep in mind Jeremiah 29:11 **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."**

Revelation 20:5 will be considered below with Revelation 20:11-15.

3. **Revelation 20:2-3, 7-10.** Preparatory to the events of Revelation 20:7-10 Revelation 20:2-3 **"...he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season"** confirm that though **"...according to the course of this world...the prince of the power of the air...now worketh in the children of disobedience"** Ephesians 2:2, God, *not* Satan, ultimately determines the devil's freedom to act according to Isaiah 14:12, 15, 27 **"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!...Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit...For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"**

Concerning Revelation 20:7-10 this writer differs from Dr Ruckman with respect to Revelation 20:7-10 versus Ezekiel 38, 39:1-16. This writer takes Ezekiel 38, 39:1-16 to refer to a pre-Second Advent invasion of Israel by Gog and his allies and Ezekiel 39:17-29 along with Revelation 20:7-10 to refer to the battle of Armageddon and its aftermath at the Second Advent.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 19 p 7. Note these scriptures.

Ezekiel 38:10-12 **"Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land"**

Revelation 20:7-8 **"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."**

Ezekiel 38:10-12 indicate that the planned invasion of Israel is primarily Gog's evil thought whereas Revelation 20:7-8 show that it is Satan's. The scripture typically mentions Satan where he is directly involved in attacking God's people e.g. 1 Chronicles 21:1 **"And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel"** but Ezekiel 38:10-12 does not refer to the devil.

Ezekiel 38:11 is cited to show that the invasion of Gog and his allies of Israel cannot take place pre-Second Advent because Israel is not dwelling safely until after the Second Advent e.g. as in Ezekiel 34:25 **"And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods."**

Israel is of course not dwelling in *complete* safety pre-Second Advent but the scripture shows that it is possible to **"dwell safely"** Ezekiel 38:11 right up until the point where disaster strikes. See Judges 18:27-28 **"And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire."**

Remember that Israel's leaders set out their nation's future until the Second Advent in John 19:15 **"But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar."**

Temporary safety only for Israel in the End Times is therefore secured by the covenant with the End Times Caesar i.e. on which he reneges in Daniel 9:27 **“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”**

Note then that Israel’s leaders vainly try to save themselves from the desolation in the End Times and are rebuked by the Lord with judgement to be inflicted upon them through Isaiah with dire consequences according to Isaiah 28:14-15, 18 **“Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves...your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.”**

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review* for details. The above passages show therefore that the whole nation suffers for only temporary security and bear out Proverbs 25:19 **“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.”**

Ezekiel 38:19-23, 39:4 “For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel...and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man’s sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD...Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured”

Revelation 20:9-10 “And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

By inspection the end of Gog and his allies in Ezekiel 38:19-23, 39:4 is different from that of Revelation 20:9-10. God’s repulse of Gog and his allies in Ezekiel 38:19-23, 39:4 includes other calamities besides fire but only **“fire...from God out of heaven”** is mentioned in Revelation 20:9. Gog and his allies fall **“upon the mountains of Israel”** Ezekiel 39:4 in Ezekiel 38:19-23, 39:4 but they are destroyed before **“the camp of the saints...and the beloved city”** in Revelation 20:9 i.e. **“the holy mountain at Jerusalem”** Isaiah 27:13 singular.

God pleads against Gog and his allies in Ezekiel 38:22 by various means including fire but the pleading is ignored and **“...ravenous birds of every sort, and...the beasts of the field”** Ezekiel 39:4 devour them. God does no pleading with Gog and his allies in Revelation 20:7-10 **“...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them”** Revelation 20:10 not birds.

Ezekiel 38:19-23, 39:4 and context make no mention of either **“the camp of the saints...and the beloved city”** Revelation 20:9 as such or of the final judgement on the devil according to Revelation 20:10 **“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever”** **“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched”** Mark 9:44, 46, 48. Yet those details are key aspects of the battle.

Moreover this writer cannot see how Ezekiel 38:23 **“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD”** would strictly apply at the end of the Lord’s thousand-year reign, Revelation 20:4, when, Gog and Magog’s satanically inspired rebellion notwithstanding, **“...it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”** Isaiah 2:2-3.

Revelation 20:7-10 are nevertheless a stark testimony to the truth of King Solomon’s exhortation **“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away...For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out”** Proverbs 4:14-15, 24:20 and the lesson for today’s believer is clear as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:33 **“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”**

4. Revelation 20:5, 11-15. Revelation 20:5 **“But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...”** is the precursor to Revelation 20:11-15 which are the fulfilment of Daniel’s vision of Daniel 7:9-10 **“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire...A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”**

Note that in principle such a last judgement was long known to the Jews as Paul declares in Acts 24:14-15 **“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”**

Daniel 7:9-10 with Revelation 20:11-13 **“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works”** confirm King Solomon’s dire forecast that **“A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes... Proverbs 20:8, because “...the heavens are not clean in his sight...yea, the stars are not pure in his sight”** Job 15:15, 25:5 **“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”** Ephesians 6:12 **“...and the whole world lieth in wickedness”** 1 John 5:19. See remarks above with respect to Ephesians 2:2 **“...according to the course of this world...the prince of the power of the air...now worketh in the children of disobedience.”**

Note that as “...**the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them**” Revelation 20:11 it must follow that “...**the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them...**” Revelation 20:13, the dead of the sea being drowned-out “...**spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water**” 1 Peter 3:19-20 and these spirits are like “...**the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates**” Revelation 9:14. Though “...**the measure of a man...is...of the angel**” Revelation 21:17 it is also true that God “...**maketh his angels spirits...**” Psalm 104:4, Hebrews 1:7.

Dr Ruckman notes that the dead of the sea could also be pre-Adamic beings incarcerated in “...**the waters which were under the firmament**” Genesis 1:7 after “...**God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters**” Genesis 1:6 following 2 Peter 3:5-6 “...**that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.**”

“...**death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them...**” Revelation 20:13 these being respectively like Lazarus where on death “**the beggar...was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom**” Luke 16:22 likewise End Times saints of Revelation 14:12-13 “...**they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth...**” and those like “**the rich man...in hell...being in torments**” Luke 16:22-23. What John sees of the mortal dead like Lazarus or the rich man are their *souls* as in Revelation 6:9 “...**I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.**”

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 6 p 12, Revelation 14 pp 5-6 for further details.

Note further Peter’s prophecy of Revelation 20:11 and what will follow in 2 Peter 3:7, 13 “**But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men...Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness**” and context. That promise will be addressed when Revelation 21 is addressed.

See the attached study **AV1611 Authority – Absolute** for a description of “...**the books...and another book...which is the book of life...**” Revelation 20:12 insofar as the AV1611 consists of 66 Books and is itself “**the book of life**” being “...**the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls...Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever**” James 1:21, 1 Peter 1:23.

Proverbs 15:3, Hebrews 4:13, Ecclesiastes 12:14 “**The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good...Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do...God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil**” in effect *foresee* Revelation 20:12-13 “...**and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works...they were judged every man according to their works.**” The judgement of the “...**great white throne, and him that sat on it...**” Revelation 20:11 is altogether *works-based* because Paul’s stipulation that “**Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified**” Galatians 2:16 applies *exclusively* to Church Age saints. Saints of other eras must abide for salvation by the conditions of Psalm 15:1-2 “**LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart**” and context and

where for Old Testament saints or End Times saints Revelation 12:17, 14:12 would apply James 2:18 “...**I will shew thee my faith by my works**” must be followed.

It follows that *Church Age* saints, according to Galatians 2:16, are *not* among the judged at the judgement of the “...**great white throne, and him that sat on it...**” Revelation 20:11. Where “**the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit...thousand thousands ministered unto him**” Daniel 7:9-10 they include the *Church Age* saints taking part in the judging as Paul reveals in 1 Corinthians 6:3 “**Know ye not that we shall judge angels?...**” They are the angels of whom Peter and Jude declare “...**God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment...And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day**” 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6.

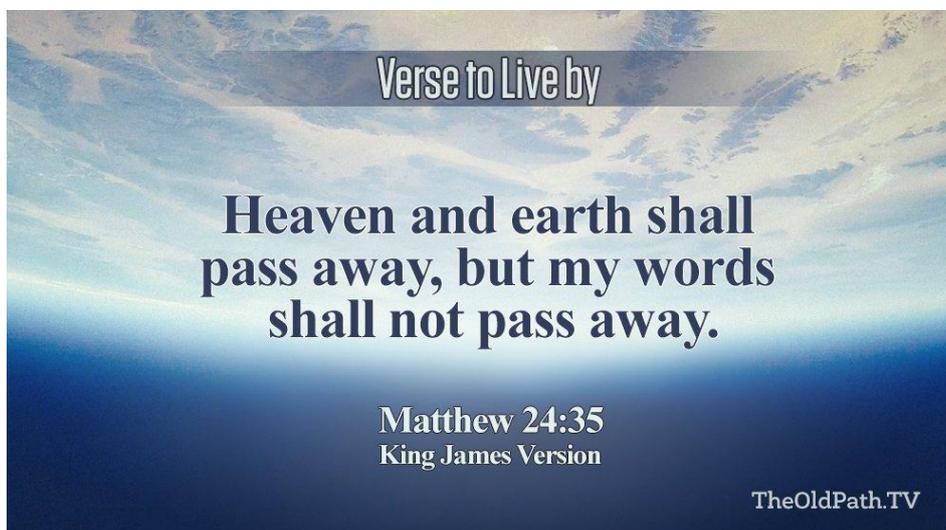
Revelation 20:14 “**And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death**” shows that “...**death and hell...**” are *locations* as well as *populations*, see remarks on Luke 16:22-23 above, insofar as the Lord said “**I...have the keys of hell and of death**” Revelation 1:18 and that instead of “...**the waters which were under the firmament**” Genesis 1:7 there will be “...**the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**” Revelation 21:8.

Revelation 20:15 “**And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**” which is the outcome for the *works-based* judgement the “...**great white throne, and him that sat on it...**” Revelation 20:11 where the works *fail* the judgement effectively fulfils Ecclesiastes 10:2 “**A wise man’s heart is at his right hand; but a fool’s heart at his left**” just as in Matthew 25:31-33 “**When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left**” and context.

Noting Psalm 15:1-2 above the writing in of an individual in “...**the book of life...**” or *not* turns upon Proverbs 15:24 “**The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath**” versus Job 21:30 “...**the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction...they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.**”

By contrast today’s believer can rejoice that as Paul declares he is like “...**Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life**” Philippians 4:3 in that “...**the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his...every one that nameth the name of Christ**” 2 Timothy 2:19 “...**with...sincerity and truth**” 1 Corinthians 5:8.

Conclusion



Revelation 20 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *What do Revelation 20:1-3 reveal about God versus the devil?*
2. *What do Revelation 20:1-3 reveal about “...your adversary the devil...” 1 Peter 5:8?*
3. *How would you best describe Revelation 20:4?*
4. *What do Revelation 20:5-6 reveal after life after death?*
5. *What do Revelation 20:7-9 reveal about man and his mentor?*
6. *How does God react to this last ever peoples’ revolt according to Revelation 20:9-10?*
7. *What characterises the last judgement of Revelation 20:11-15?*
8. *How should today’s believer be motivated by the disclosures of Revelation 20?*

Sample Answers

1. *“...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” 1 John 4:4 that is “...the prince of this world...” John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11 “...the god of this world...” 2 Corinthians 4:4.*
2. *“His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone” Job 41:34.*
3. *Revelation 20:4 is the End Times fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy of Isaiah 32:1 “Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.”*
4. *“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust” Acts 24:14-15.*
5. *“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” John 8:44.*
6. *“Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish” Isaiah 41:11.*
7. *“...revelation of the righteous judgment of God...will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath” Romans 2:5-8.*
8. *“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer” 1 Peter 4:7.*

The Bottomless Pit

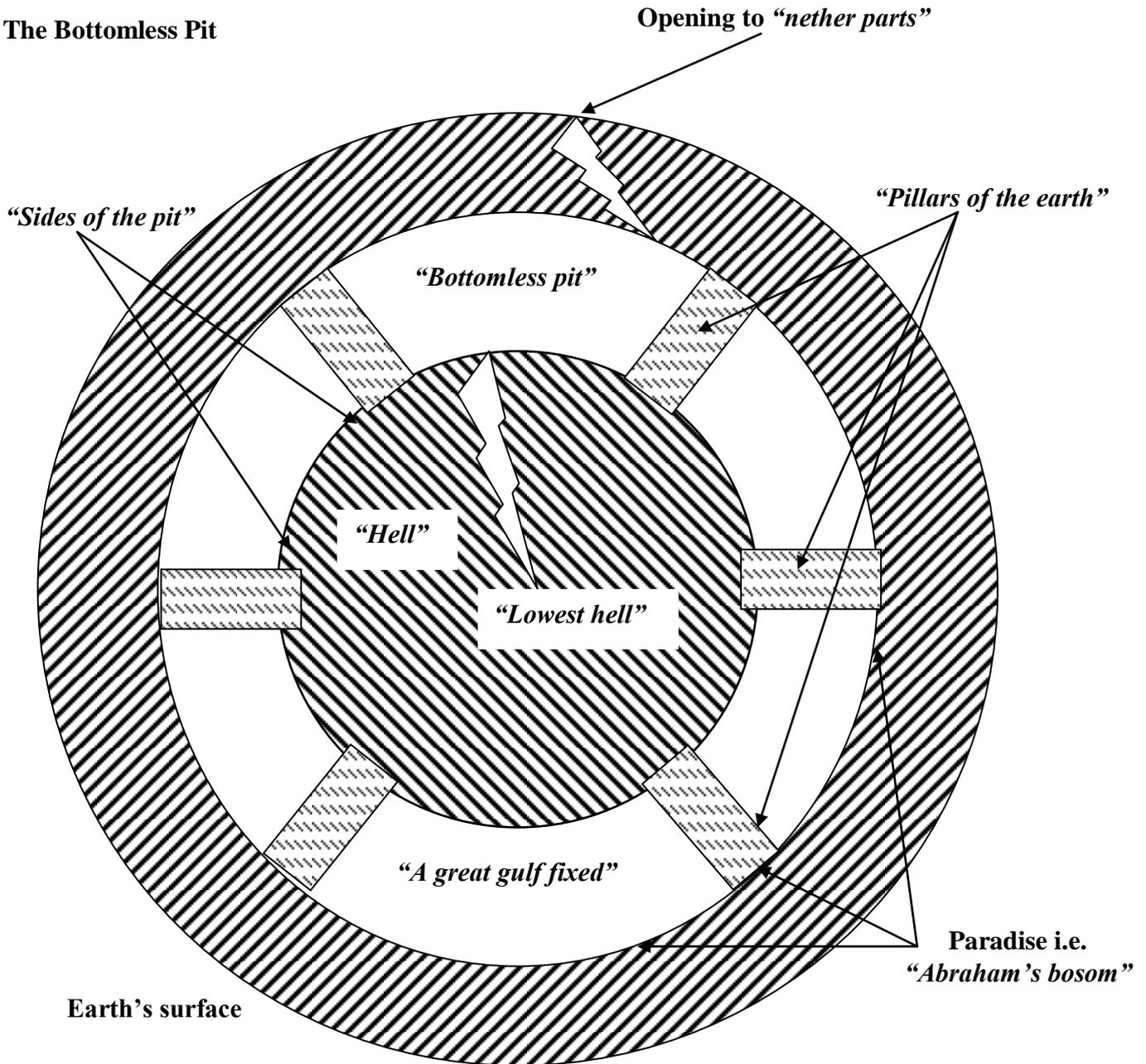


Figure 1 Earth and “The Nether Parts of the Earth”

Figure 1 - Key to Texts. N.B. “Hell” occurs 54 times in “the scripture of truth” Daniel 10:21

“A great gulf fixed” Luke 16:26

“Abraham’s bosom” Luke 16:22

“Bottomless pit” Revelation 9:1, 2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1, 3

“Hell” (*sheol**) Deuteronomy 32:22; 2 Samuel 22:6; Job 11:8, 22:6; Psalm 9:17, 16:10, 18:5, 55:15, 86:13, 116:3, 139:8; Proverbs 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9, 15, 28:15, 18, 57:9; Ezekiel 31:16, 17, 32:21, 27; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:5 (*hades**) Matthew 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14, (*geena**) Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5, James 3:6, (*tartarus**) 2 Peter 2:4.

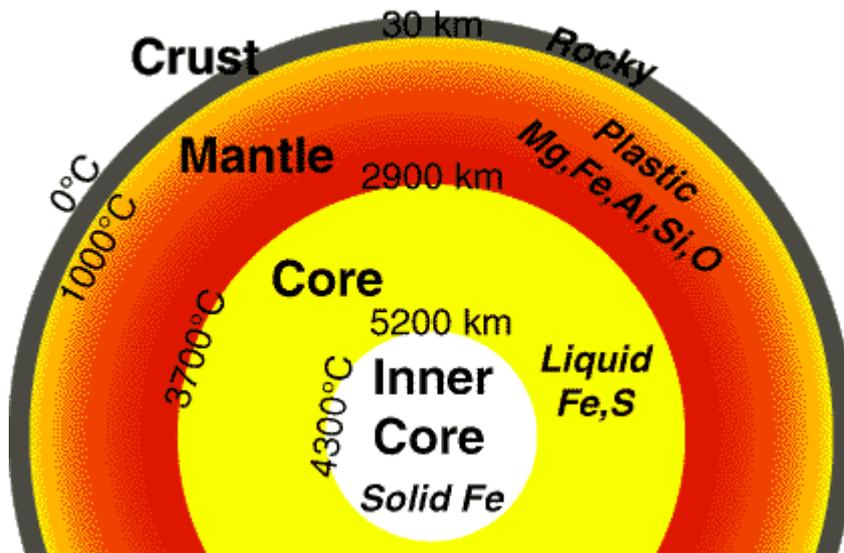
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“Lowest hell” Deuteronomy 32:22, Psalm 86:13.

“Nether parts of the earth” Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18, 32:18, 24

“Pillars of the earth” 1 Samuel 2:8

“Sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:15, Ezekiel 32:23



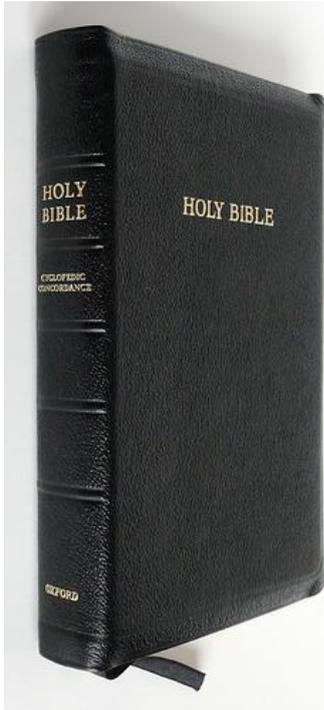
The earth is divided into four main layers: the **inner core**, **outer core**, **mantle**, and **crust**. The core is composed mostly of iron (Fe) and is so hot that the outer core is **molten**, with about 10% sulphur (S). The inner core is under such extreme **pressure** that it remains solid. Most of the Earth's mass is in the mantle, which is composed of iron (Fe), magnesium (Mg), aluminum (Al), silicon (Si), and oxygen (O) **silicate** compounds. At over 1000 degrees C, the mantle is solid but can deform slowly in a **plastic** manner. The crust is much thinner than any of the other layers, and is composed of the least dense calcium (Ca) and sodium (Na) aluminum-silicate minerals. Being relatively cold, the crust is rocky and **brittle**, so it can fracture in **earthquakes**.

Figure 2 Earth's Interior – from the Nevada Seismological Lab¹

AV1611 Authority - Absolute

“The book of the purchase” Jeremiah 32:12

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AV1611 authority is absolute and cannot be detracted from. All detractions, whether from modern versions or ‘the Greek’ etc., are by subversives **“which corrupt the word of God”** 2 Corinthians 2:17 because the AV1611 is **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 and God oversaw the purchase:

- It was initiated by **“The word of the Lord.”** **“And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth”** Jeremiah 32:6.
- It was confirmed by **“the right of redemption...thine to buy it...according to the word of the LORD.”** **“for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanameel mine uncle’s son came to me...according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field,...that is in Anathoth...for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine...Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD”** Jeremiah 32:7-8.

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- It was enacted by the purchaser. **“And I bought the field of Hanameel...and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver”** Jeremiah 32:9.
- It was formalised by **“the evidence of the purchase.”** **“And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it...So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open...And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle’s son”** Jeremiah 32:10-12.
- It was underwritten by **“the book of the purchase...in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison”** Jeremiah 32:12. God covenanted the purchase and **“wrote it in a book”** 1 Samuel 10:25. The significance for the AV1611’s absolute authority is this:

Covenanted Purchase

Even if for evil, a purchase in scripture is a covenant. **“And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money”** Luke 22:5 and in scripture, not even a manmade covenant may be objected to after it has been confirmed. **“Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man’s covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto”** Galatians 3:15. That is, even **“a man’s covenant”** may not be detracted from once confirmed. Jeremiah’s covenanted purchase was delineated in five specific steps. It was initiated, confirmed, enacted, formalised and underwritten by **“the book of the purchase.”** That Book cannot be detracted from. *Neither can the AV1611.*

“The book of the purchase” and of “the purchased possession”

The AV1611 is both **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 and of **“the purchased possession”** as Paul explains with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ **“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is”**

the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” Ephesians 1:13-14. Compare with Jeremiah 32:6-12:

- **“the word of truth”** Ephesians 1:13 matches **“The word of the Lord”** Jeremiah 32:6.
- **“sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”** Ephesians 1:13 matches **“subscribed the evidence, and sealed it”** Jeremiah 32:10.
- **“the earnest of our inheritance”** Ephesians 1:14 matches **“the right of inheritance”** Jeremiah 32:8 and **“the evidence of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:11.
- **“the redemption of the purchased possession”** Ephesians 1:14 matches **“the right of redemption”** Jeremiah 32:7 and **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 **“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”** Romans 15:4.

The AV1611 is both **“the book of the purchase”** and the Book of **“the purchased possession”** because it is **“the word of a king”** Ecclesiastes 8:4 *in that it is the only Bible since 1611 translated under a king and Jeremiah’s purchase was initiated by the King* **“For God is the King of all the earth”** Psalm 47:7. Note too that Ephesians is written in a Book. Note also with respect to **“the purchased possession”** that:

- **“ye are not your own...ye are bought with a price”** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
- God covenanted the purchase **“through the blood of the everlasting covenant”** Hebrews 13:20 which is **“my blood of the new testament”** Matthew 26:28.
- God **“wrote it in a book”** 1 Samuel 10:25, which in addition to being **“the book of the purchase”** and the Book of **“the purchased possession”** is also **“the book of the covenant”** Exodus 24:7, 2 Kings 23:2, 2 Chronicles 34:30.
- This Book consists of **“the old testament”** 2 Corinthians 3:14 and **“the new testament”** 2 Corinthians 3:6 and is **“the book of the law of the LORD”** 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:14, Nehemiah 9:3 matching **“the law and custom”** Jeremiah 32:11.
- This Book is **“the royal law according to the scripture”** James 2:8², matching Jeremiah 32:11. Only one Book satisfies all the above conditions. No modern version has any legitimate claim to being called royal, as Wilkinson³ shows. *“Twice [the 1881 revisers] had appealed to the Government in hopes that, as in the case of the King James in 1611, the King would appoint a royal commission. They were refused.”*

Detractors without Authority, “wells without water” 2 Peter 2:17

With the AV1611 as **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession”** its detractors are as **“wells without water”** 2 Peter 2:17. They have no *Biblical* authority to:

- Call any modern version **“the word of God”** 1 Samuel 9:27.
- Circulate any modern version as **“the word of God”** as, for example, the Gideons do.
- Convene any translating committee to set up a rival to the AV1611 King James Text, especially insofar as **“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?”** Ecclesiastes 8:4. See Wilkinson’s comment above.
- Exalt anything **“in the Greek”** or **“in the Hebrew”** Revelation 9:11 over the AV1611 **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession.”**

AV1611 Absolute Authority

As **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession”** the AV1611 has absolute authority as **“the word of a king.”** Detractors should therefore note Proverbs 16:14. **“The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.”**

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