

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, illuminated by a warm, golden light. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a hidden place. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and revelation.

Chapter 20:7-15

- Three major events!
 - 1) Satan is released and the world is plunged into the final climactic battle
 - 2) This current order of things will come to an end – everything that we consider ‘real’ will be literally dissolved!
 - 3) Judgment Day!
- This will then lead us into ch 21 where we will move into the eternal order

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Revelation 20:7

- Note that the timing is in God's control
- Note also that in v2 Satan was bound
- v3 that he was sealed in the bottomless pit
- Here we are told that he was imprisoned
- Thus any suggestion that this has already (or is currently) taking place is false
- Even just the removal of Satan will make the world a vastly different place

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **Revelation 20:7**

- Once again we are told that this period of time will last 1000 years
- No reason to take this allegorically
 - God could have communicated this to us in any way He chose,
 - His thoughts are above our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9), so God was not struggling to express what He meant!
 - God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33)

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.

Revelation 20:8

- The 4 corners = the 4 cardinal points
- Thus Satan will go to the North, South, East and West in his attempt to deceive mankind.
- In addition, Satan also seems to recruit two specific helpers: 'Gog and Magog'.

Gog & Magog

- Magog was a son of Japeth, making him Noah's grandson
- After Babel his descendants, moved to inhabit the southern steppes of Russia, from the Ukraine to the Great Wall of China.
- Hesiod, (8th century B.C) spoke of the Magogians by their Greek name, the 'Scythians'.
- Josephus comments: *"Magog founded the Magogians, thus named after him, but were by the Greeks called Scythians."*

Gog & Magog

- In Ezekiel they (i.e. their people) lead and ill-fated invasion of Israel
 - This event could occur at any moment!
- However, in Matthew 25 we are told that when Christ returns He will judge the nations
- Any that were anti-semitic will be destroyed
- So if not the physical descendants at the end of the Millennium, who will these characters be?
- The spiritual power that existed behind them!



Magog

Gomer

Togarmah

Meshech

Tubal

Persia

Israel

Phut

Libya

Cush

Dedan?

Sheba?

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.

Revelation 20:9

- The beloved city = Jerusalem
- See 2 Kings 18-19

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.

Revelation 20:10

- The beast & false prophet were cast into the lake of fire 1000y before this!
- Yet they are still 'alive' & conscious
- The Bible does not teach annihilation
- Nowhere does scripture suggest that Satan has any jurisdiction over Hell!

The Abode of Satan

- Satan once inhabited Heaven and served as worship leader – Ezek 28
- Satan was in Eden – Ezek 28
- Satan is now the ‘god of this world’ - 2 Cor 4:4
- He’s the prince of the power of the air – Eph 2:2
- We walks about the Earth – 1 Pet 5:8
- He does have access to the Throne of God (for now) – Job 1
- At the mid-point of the Tribulation he will be cast out of Heaven – Rev 12 / Luke 10:18

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.

Revelation 20:11

- The awesomeness of this throne and more importantly, the One who sat upon it is so great that the earth and heaven flee away...

A New Heavens & Earth?

- *“One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever” - Ecclesiastes 1:4*
- *“And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever” - Psalm 78:69*
- *“....who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever” Psalm 104:5*
- Some scholars conclude that as the earth was ‘destroyed’ in the days of Noah with the flood cleansing it from sin, so it will be at the end of the millennium but this time with fire. Thus, they say, the earth will be renovated and will continue forever.

A New Heavens & Earth?

- Proverbs 18:17 says: “He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.”
- In other words, the first one to state his case seems to be right, until you hear the other side!
- In each of the previous verses the word used is Hebrew ‘**Owlam**’ i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind

A New Heavens & Earth

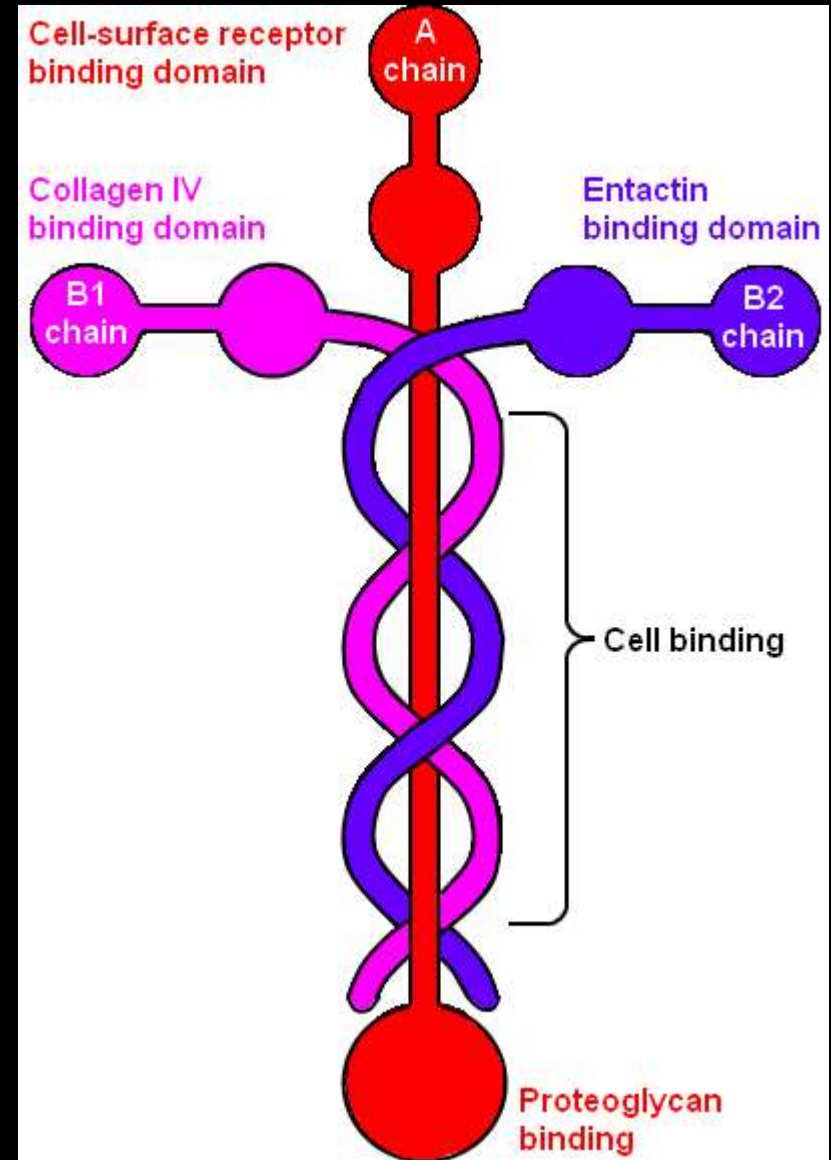
- “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.” - **Matt 24:35**
 - (See also **Mark 13:31 & Luke 21:33**)
- “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” - **Rev 21:1**
- “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” **2 Peter 3:10**

Colossians 1:16-17

- *“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”*
 - Lit: ‘all things are held together’!

Laminin

- Laminin is a protein that is part of the extracellular matrix in humans and animals. The extracellular matrix (ECM) lies outside of cells and provides support and attachment for cells inside organs (along with many other functions). Laminin has “arms” that associate with other laminin molecules to form sheets and bind to cells. Laminin and other ECM proteins essentially “glue” the cells (such as those lining the stomach and intestines) to a foundation of connective tissue. This keeps the cells in place and allows them to function properly.



A New Heavens & Earth

- The new heaven will not have a sun or moon for God will be its light (Rev 21:23),
- The new earth will have no sea (Rev 21:1) but water will proceed from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev 22:1).
- Everything we know about the new heaven and new earth speak clearly of a completely new creation specifically designed for the purpose and unlike what exists now.

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.

Revelation 20:12

- This has to be arguably the most terrifying verse in the Bible
- Notice the judgment criteria...
- Works!
- What you have done, said, thought, felt!

Judgment Day

- Jesus said: *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”*
Matt 12:36
- 1 Peter 4:4-5 *“.....they [unbelievers] think it strange that you [Christians] run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.”*

Judgment Day

- *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.* Acts 17:30-31
- *“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son”* John 5:22

Heaven's Books

- What are the books? The Bible speaks of various books that God has:
- *'The book of the wars of the Lord'* Num 21:14
- *"Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book"*
Psalm 56:8,
- *"Let them [mine enemies] be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous".* Psalm 69:28,

Heaven's Books

- *“Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in **thy book** all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them”* Psalm 139:16
- *“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people... and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found **written in the book.**”* Daniel 12:1

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.

Revelation 20:13

Judged By Works

- Judged according to their works.
- Their thoughts (Luke 8:17; Rom. 2:16),
- words (Matt. 12:37),
- and actions (Matt. 16:27) will be compared to
- God's perfect, holy standard (Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1:15,16)
- and will be found wanting (Rom. 3:23).
- This also implies that there are degrees of punishment in hell (cf. Matt. 10:14,15; 11:22; Mark 12:38–40; Luke 12:47,48; Heb. 10:29).

John MacArthur

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.

Revelation 20:14-15

- Physical death is death no.1, and now spiritual death with no way back.
- As Dave Hunt says: “If we cannot trust God’s threat of hell, we cannot believe His promise of Heaven”.

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