

## The Historical Pre-Mill Position and Revelation 20

**Rev. 20:1** 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.

Historically considered the concept of a 1,000 Golden Age is an ancient doctrine in Judaism and other ancient religions.

See this site:

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/millenni.htm>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennialism>

[http://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/112041/jewish/Samuel-Nunez-Ribeiro.htm](http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/112041/jewish/Samuel-Nunez-Ribeiro.htm)

### Definition of Terms

By Historical I mean that the Book of Revelation speaks of events as they cover the History of the Church age rather than just the final seven years of the church age. An example would be that the Messages to the 7 Churches of Asia applied first to the real actual churches they were addressed unto but they also have a double application and

Speak of the general stages of the church age.

By Pre-Mill I mean that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will occur before the 1,000 years rule and reign of Christ and His saints begins. Let me note that ***I DO NOT BELIEVE*** that this 1,000 years rule of Christ with His saints will be on this sin cursed earth, but while Christ and His Saints are yet in the air. I ***do not believe*** it will be any golden time for the world, or for a greater Israel or Jerusalem, but rather for the ***Judgment of the Nations***.

I do believe that the 1,000 years spoken of in Rev. 20 is yet future and will be fulfilled during that time I call the ***Judgment of the Nations***.

I lean strongly to the Gospel-Mill position, but cannot agree with their concepts on the binding of Satan and the 1,000s years. But, I more strongly disagree with the various Pre-Mill views that maintain a greater national Israel and a greater Physical City of Jerusalem. I certainly do not maintain in any way that the Law of Moses and the prophets will be reinstated again for physical Israel.

***The greater Israel in the last days of the Church Age will be the converted Israel that shall be brought into Gospel Faith, order, worship and works.*** The Conversion of the Elect Israel, or Sheep Nation of Israel, shall occur during the Second Woe, or under the slaying and resurrection of the two witnesses.

Please note how that Paul speaks of this time as being like life from the dead:

**Rom. 11:15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?**

**16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.**

**17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;**

**18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.**

**19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.**

**20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:**

**21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.**

**22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise**

thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.

Here is this account under the metaphor of the two witnesses.

Note well that by Zechariah we can find that the Olive Tree is Elect Israel that shall be converted and persecuted. The Candlestick, under John, is the Gospel Churches of the Gentiles that shall also be revived at this time and many will be persecuted and martyred.

**Rev. 11:7** And when they shall have finished their testimony, *the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

8 *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God

**entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

**12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

**13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

**14 *The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.***

**15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

**16 *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,***

**17 *Saying, 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.***

**18 *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.***

**19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

You will note that the two witnesses shall be resurrected and then ascend up into the heavens. Also you will note that the *Father and our Lord Jesus shall return back in the clouds* and the dead elect shall be raised and go to meet the Lord in the air with the living and changed saints. The entire mass of saints then shall be with the Father and the Lord in the air. The two witnesses shall be martyred then and will be called up off this earth.

There are three places where the term SOULS are used.

**Re 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:**

**10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

**11** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

**12** And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

**13** And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

**14** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

**15** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

**16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

**17** For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

**Re 18:13** And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

**Rev. 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.

Returning to my definitions:

However, I do hold that there will be a Saved Nation of Israel among the Sheep Nations and that as one of the Sheep Nations, Saved Israel or Sheep Israel will then enter into the Kingdom prepared for them by the Father from the foundation of the world.

**Matt. 25:34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation

**of the world:**

The same is true of the Saved Nations taken out from the Gentiles. It is then that the Monarchial Kingdom and rule and reign of Christ and His saints *shall be on the New Earth under the New Heavens*. If I may be technical, the actual beginning of this Monarchial Reign of Christ will be when He and His Father return and then the Kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

**Ac 4:26** The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

**27** For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

**28** For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

**Re 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

**Re 12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

The Casting down of Satan will usher in the Kingdom of our God *in its final form*. This will embrace the Third Woe that is the same as the *Seventh Trumpet*.

Daniel speaks of this same time:

**Dan. 7:18** But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

**19** Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of iron*, and his nails *of brass*; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

**20** And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that

had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

**21** I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

**22** Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

**23** Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

**24** And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

**25** And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

**26** But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

**27** And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The Third Woe embraces Michael and his angels casting the dragon and his angels out of heaven.

**Rev. 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

**8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

**9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, *Now is come salvation, and*

**strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:** for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

**11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**

**13** **And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.**

**14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

**15** And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

**16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

**17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

During this, the Third Woe, the spiritual elect in Natural Israel shall then be severely persecuted because they have been brought into the true and orderly Gospel faith, order, worship, and works of Jesus Christ.

This shall be in and around natural Jerusalem, but these elect Hebrews shall not relate to a greater Hagar, but unto a greater Sarah. When the final out gathering of the elect in National Israel occurs, it will also be a great time of revival and out gathering from among the Gentiles. Yes, Paul said it will be like life from the dead, or a resurrection.

**Gal. 4:22** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

**23** But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

**24** Which things are an allegory: **for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.**

**25** **For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.**

**26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

**27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.**

**28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.**

**29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born after the Spirit*, even so *it is* now.**

**30 *Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.***

**31 *So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.***

Since the late 1960s I have considered myself a historical Pre-Mill. I found among our Particular Baptist forefathers in the 1600s a mixture of the positions of the Historical Pre-Mills and the Historical Post-Mills. I have yet to find any of them holding either to the Gospel Mill or the Futuristic position as set forth by Darby, Larkin, and Scofield.

In the early ages of Christianity I have found that the brethren mostly were historical pre-mills and historical gospel-mills. Justin Martyr explains this in his Debate with Trypho the Jew.

### Omitting the Father in the Major Systems of Prophecy

Please note this point well, that in the major system of prophecy no one is presenting the fact that ***the Father shall come with Christ and all the glorified elect. No one is addressing that when the Father comes that is when the Saints shall possess the Kingdom, speaking of the Monarchial Kingdom.***

***No one is addressing the fact that since the Ascension of Christ the Lord and the Father have been in such a visible and manifest union in the unseen world that where One is, the Other is also!***

We must understand that even when Christ was on the earth as the Servant, He and the Father were in the Unity of Essence.

**Joh 14:10 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth***

in me, he doeth the works.

**11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.**

He and His Father had a personal unity of Essence, but they were distinct in their Beings. This distinction was manifested in the unseen or spiritual world, but not unto those in the seen world.

At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and the *Coming of the Father*, this personal distinction SHALL BE MADE MANIFEST IN THE SEEN WORLD. Not even the reprobates shall have any problems distinguishing between the Father and the Son in their distinct Beings.

**Re 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

**Rev. 11:14 The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.**

**15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

**16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,**

**17 Saying, 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.**

**18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.**

**19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

If Christ returns to this present sin-cursed world with all His glorified saints, **THEN THE FATHER SHALL COME TO THIS SIN-CURSED WORLD WITH CHRIST AND ALL THE SAINTS.**

*Since the return of the Son back into the heavens to be with His Father, there has not, nor shall there ever be, any separation by place between the Father and the Son.*

The major concepts of the Pre-Mill position concern the *physical or Carnal City of Jerusalem*, the *Rebuilding of the Carnal or Old Testament Temple*, and a *Golden Age for first Physical or Old Testament Israel* and then the rest of the world.

The conscious of the pre-mill expectations seems to hold that Christ will return the Second Time and take His people unto Himself. He will raise the elect dead and translate the elect living and both groups will meet the Lord in the air and from then on ever be with the Lord.

After meeting the Lord in the Air then *the entire group of the glorified elect* shall come back to this *present sin cursed earth along with Christ Jesus*. The center of their activities shall be in the Mid-East on this present *sin-cursed earth* and the majority of them shall live in and around physical or carnal Jerusalem. Christ *shall then sit on His glorious Throne on this sin-cursed earth*, in the physical or carnal city of Jerusalem.

*Christ, in His glorified body, and His saints, in their glorified bodies, shall co-mingle with the reprobates and the rest of the saints, if there be others, in their natural bodies.* So this means that there shall be a time when Christ and His saints will co-mingle with the reprobates in their natural bodies on this sin-cured earth in the government of this world. They will do this to save this present sin-cursed earth.

Now please note this, how many times have we seen TV or movies that presented visitors from outer space or the heavens above, aliens, coming to this very troubled earth in an effort either to take it over, or to help with its government to save the earth and human beings?

Can you picture Christ, just for a moment, sitting in the city Paul called *Hagar* in Galatians, in His glorified body and having meetings with His glorified Saints in Jerusalem, and the other *heads of state* in their natural bodies from the other nations of the world?

Another suggestion is that Christ and His saints in their glorified bodies shall govern over the reprobates in their natural bodies. We are supposed to accept the fact that during this time the hatred and enmity of the natural man will no longer exist and the natural man shall receive the teachings and commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

**15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.**

**16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

We are asked to believe that during the Golden Age that Christ shall reverse all the evil and natural destruction that mankind has caused on this present sin-cursed world.

We certainly do believe that the Cosmos shall be delivered from the bondage it is suffering into the glorious liberty of the Sons of God, but this shall occur on the New Earth, under the New Heavens.

**2 Peter 3:10 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.**

**11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

**12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

**13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

**Rom. 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

**22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.**

**23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

## **The Presence of the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and all the Saints**

Before I proceed any further, let me note *that one of the most complete failing of these 3 major present systems of prophecy*, all of them, is that they **DO NOT INCLUDE THE FATHER WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS SAINTS DURING THESE END TIMES.**

I cannot enter into this in great detail, hope to in a distinct Treatise, but during the

personal ministry our Lord taught that *He was in the Father* and the *Father was in Him*. He also taught, as did the Apostles, that no person has ever seen or heard the Father, that is, to comprehend and understand Him.

Yet, by vision the Seers have seen the Father, *but not in actual person*.

From Daniel we note:

**Da 7:9** 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.

Please note here *the relocation of God and His Throne in anticipation for the return back into the heavens of His only Begotten Son*.

**Da 7:13** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Here is the ascension of Christ back into the heavens. He ascended back into the heavens in the clouds. He was then taken by the Keepers or Clouds and brought unto the Ancient of Days.

**Acts 1:9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

**10** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

**11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**12** Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

**Da 7:22** Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Please note this very well the Saints shall possess the Kingdom when the Father as the Ancient of Days comes.

From John in the Book of Revelation, we note:

**Re 1:4** John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

You will note there that the Divine Being John is presenting now is in distinction from the 7-Fold Spirits of God, and from the Lamb of God, the Only Begotten Son. The Father is here presented as One Who is coming!

The Lord Jesus is presented in distinction from the One Who is coming and from the 7-Fold Spirit of God. John said:

**5** And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

So, at the very first we must expect that when our Lord Comes the Second Time, the Father shall be with Him, as will all the glorified Saints. This togetherness *shall never be broken.*

**Rev. 22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**2** In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

**3** And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

**4** And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

**5** And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

**6** And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

**Re 3:21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my

**throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.**

**Re 5:6** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**Re 5:7** And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

**Re 5:11** And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

**Re 6:16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

**Re 7:9** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

**Re 7:10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

**Re 7:11** And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

**Re 7:15** Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

**Re 7:17** For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**Re 19:5** And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

**Re 20:11** 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.

**Re 21:5** And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

**Re 22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**Re 22:3** And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

The martyred souls who shall join with the enthroned saints for this rule and reign begin at this point. The enthroned saints waiting to rule and reign cover from the time of Christ's first coming until the Father comes.

It seems that beheading will be the standard form of killing the saints during this time.

The systems of the Beast and the False Prophet are ancient systems coming to final confederated heads in the last days of the Gentile Church Age. These two systems shall come to two final heads in real and actual persons who are demon possessed and follow after Satan and his ways.

**Rev. 16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

**13** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**15** Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his

garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**16** And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

**17** And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Another important point is that when the Lord comes back the Second Time the Beast and False Prophet shall be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. Then following the 1,000 years rule and reign of Christ and His Saints, the Devil shall then be cast into the Lake of Fire where the Beast and False Prophet already are.

**Re 19:20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

**Re 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.

Let me also identify here again that in my opinion this 1,000 years rule and reign is what we call the Judgment of the Nations as presented in Matthew 25.

**31** 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:

**32** 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:

**33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

**35** For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

**36** Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

**37** Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

**38** When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?

**39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?**

**40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.**

**41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

**42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:**

**43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.**

**44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?**

**45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.**

**46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

Let me also point out that in my opinion that the Father upon His Throne and Christ upon His Throne and the Saints upon their Thrones, shall still be in the heavens and not on this sin-cursed earth.

I realize that Zech 14 teaches us that Christ shall stand in the last day upon the Mt. of Olives.

**1 Behold, the days of the Lord come, and thy spoils shall be divided in thee.**

**1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.**

**2 And I will gather all the Gentiles to Jerusalem to war, and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, but the rest of my people shall not be utterly cut off from the city.**

**2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished;**

and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 And the Lord shall go forth, and fight with those Gentiles as when he fought in the day of war.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day on the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave asunder, half of it toward the east and the west, a very great division; and half the mountain shall lean to the north, and half of it to the south.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And the valley of my mountains shall be closed up, and the valley of the mountains shall be joined on to Jasod, and shall be blocked up as it was blocked up in the days of the earthquake, in the days of Ozias king of Juda; and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with him.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be no light,

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark:

7 and there shall be for one day {1} cold and frost, and that day *shall be* known to the Lord, and *it shall not be* day nor night: but towards evening it shall be light. {1) Alex. *qucov*, cold, probably the right reading}

**7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.**

**8 And in that day living water shall come forth out of Jerusalem; half of it toward the former sea, and half of it toward the latter sea: and so shall it be in summer and spring.**

**8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.**

**9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one,**

**9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.**

I cannot say with any certainty when this will happen, or if it refers to the first coming of Christ in some way or the second coming?

I will however note that when Christ is presented as standing on a Mount in the Book of Revelation, it is upon the Mt. Sion. I can also note that in this account *we do not see* the Saints or the Father with Christ as He is standing on Mt. Olivet.

In connection with the Second Coming and the last days of the Gentile Church Age we have this account of Christ's standing with the perfect number of the saints with Him:

**Rev. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

**2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:**

**3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

**4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

These saints come out of the Spiritual Israel, not the carnal Israel. There is no such numbering of these Tribes given in the Old Testament. You will also note that this is an entirely different setting than in Zech. 14. Christ is standing on the Mt. with His perfect number of saints with Him. The Father is nearby on His Throne.

## Revelation 14 Pictures of the Conversion of Israel

When I speak of Israel being converted as presented in Rev. 14, I mean the elect within the Nation of Israel during the last days of the Gentile Church age. These are manifestly converted into the Gospel Faith, order, worship and works of Jesus Christ. **THEY WILL NOT BE CONVERTED BACK UNDER THE ADD ON SYSTEM OF MOSES NOR WILL THEY GIVE ANY UNDUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE PHYSICAL CITY CALLED AGAR UNDER THE NEW TESTAMENT.** In Rev. 14 we find a special numbering given to Israel. This should alert us to a different type of Israel from that ever given in the Old Testament. The Natural Hebrews, the perfect or completed number of Spiritual-natural Hebrews necessary for the re-peopling of the New Earth along with the other Spiritual-Natural Hebrews who have been previously converted, will be the *Saved or Sheep*

*Nation of Israel during the eternal ages on the New Earth.*

## The Enlarged Land Grant of the Abrahamic Covenant and the Giants in the Land

It is during the time of the New Earth under the New Heavens that the Sheep Nation of Israel shall possess the enlarged and unconditional land grant promised to Abraham in the Abrahamic Covenant. This shall happen on the New Earth and is in distinction from that given under Moses during the Add-On Covenant.

**Gal. 3:13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

**14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**15** 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.

**16** *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

**17** And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

**18** For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

**19** *Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.*

**20** Now a mediator is not a *mediator* of one, but God is one.

**21** *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

The Abrahamic Covenant is unconditional and fulfilled in Christ and from Christ to His elect. It contains some physical blessings as consequences, and relates even in some ways to reprobates, as the offspring of Abraham, but the Covenant itself is fulfilled in *Abraham's Seed*, that is Jesus Christ and those in union with Him.

**22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## Distinguishing Between Abraham and Moses

Israel under both Moses and Joshua and the following kings *did not possess the larger land grant of the Abrahamic Covenant*, but only that promised under the *conditional* Mosaic Covenant.

The reason for this is because the larger land grant contained the land that *the Giants possessed* and physical Israel was not able to drive them out even in Joshua's days. I am merely suggesting that this may be the reason why Israel did not possess the larger land grant during the days before the First Coming of Christ.

The Larger Land Grant *does not* fall under the Land Grant of the Mosaic Covenant, and therefore *has not yet been fulfilled* in its total capacity in my opinion. It *does not belong to Physical Israel after the flesh*, nor does the *land grant deal with the land on this sin-cursed earth. It is an In Christ land grant, and belongs to Christ and His Monarchial Reign*. Christ shall share this Land Grant with His people. They will make up all the saved or sheep nations taken out of all the ages of the entire Adamic Race. This shall be fulfilled during the *eternal ages on the New Earth under the New Heavens*.

**Rom. 4:1** What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7 *Saying*, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being yet uncircumcised.

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.

16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

We must remember the interesting and accurate study of Brother Royce on the Two Land Grants he presented on the OSB about a year ago.

Please consult Dr. Bullinger's comments in his *The Companion Bible*, dealing with Genesis 6 and the appendixes 23-27. These are all very well presented.

Let me make this note... **We recommend Dr. Bullinger's studies on the Old**

Testament, *but we do not recommend* his studies on the New Testament. He followed the new Bibles of Westcott and Hort on the New Testament and therefore *we reject in complete* his New Testament studies and notes. He used the proper ancient Hebrew Text of Ben Chajim on the Old Testament. If he had used one of the other two Hebrew Texts, we would have rejected his Old Testament notes as well.

Here is a very good site giving what appears to be an accurate overview:

<http://essays.mightymag.org/bible/giants/>

Here is another good overview, lacking the proper depth, but helpful:

<http://www.calvarychapelgb.com/Genesis/Gen14p1.htm>

## The God-Conscience Ones

During the time of the end the living Elect shall become God Conscience in distinction from those who have the mark of the beast on their foreheads. As I read this statement I searched out the Father's name as it is used in the Book of Revelation:

**Re 1:6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Re 3:5** He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

**Re 14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**Re 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

**Re 13:17** And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

**Re 14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**Re 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

**Re 15:2** And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

**Re 15:4** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou only art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

**Re 22:4** And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

One of the many extra-wonderful and choice blessings during this time for the elect of God is the *Father's Name written in their foreheads!* This shows them to have the evidences of their justification by the direct witness and hand of the Holy Spirit.

**Hebrews 10:12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

**13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

**14** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**15** Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

**16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

**17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

The elect of God shall receive strong consolation during these coming days of trial and tribulation by the wonderful presence of the Father's name and Covenant blessings

written in their minds or foreheads.

## The Meaning of the Two Resurrections

During the times of the Beast's final reign the elect of God are presented in two groups, those already enthroned and those in their soulish condition.

The saints in their soulish condition are those who will suffer death during the final form of the Beast's last reign.

**Rev. 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.

**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.

The sum total of the saints during these last times is herein presented as the First Resurrection. This totality of the saints is the First Resurrection.

There are several statements in Scripture that set forth what this means. I will give these:

**John 5:20** For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

**21** For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

**22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

**23** That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

**25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

**26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;**

**27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.**

**28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**

**29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

**30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

Christ deals with the resurrection of those who are dead in their sins, and hear the voice of the Son of God. They who hear shall live. This is by effectual calling upon the inner man and is the entire foundation and substance of the inward Christian experience.

The next sequence presents those who are dead in their graves and shows that they shall come forth either in the resurrection of life or the resurrection of damnation. Christ brings forth both the spiritually dead and the physically dead by His own voice. Both of these resurrections come by Christ because He is following in the will of God the Father Who empowers Him in the resurrection experiences, both of them.

## **The First Resurrection**

In my opinion the first resurrection is two fold. First, it covers the effectual calling of the elect of God upon the inward man. Secondly, it deals with their bodily resurrection at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The period of time for this resurrection from the graves is an hour, *the hour is coming*. However long this hour or period of time is, we must determine from other passages of Scriptures. I believe we can from Revelation 20.

In my opinion the two resurrections are separated by a period called 1,000 years. This is, in my opinion, the time of the judgment of the nations.

**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.**

Elsewhere the inward work of grace in effectual calling is considered as a resurrection from the dead. Even as the Father raised up Jesus and exalted Him high above all things, so as the Father resurrected us in our spirits in effectual calling. Our saving faith or the ability to believe is an evidence of this spiritual power working in us.

**Eph. 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:**

**18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

**19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

**20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,**

**21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

**22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,**

**23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

Those who have no part of the first resurrection, no inward resurrection or working of grace, shall indeed live, but it will be at the conclusion of the 1,000 or judgment of the nations. This life is called the second death.

So, at this point we note that the first resurrection is two fold and is the inward working of grace, and the elect dead ones, **and the dead in Christ shall rise first**, hearing the voice of the Son of God at His Second Coming and their going forth to meet Him in the air.

**I Thess. 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

**14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

**15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**

**16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

**17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

**18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

## **The Promised Coming of the Father with the Disembodied Spirits of the Elect**

Please note very well verse 14:

**14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

The glorious promise is that God shall bring with Him those who are sleeping in Jesus. This is their spiritual being and they shall then be united to their new bodies as they meet the Lord in the air.

The important point here is that for many, many years I have read this and could not understand why it did not say, God will send with Jesus, referring to Jesus Christ. The reason being is that Paul is predicting the ***COMING OF THE FATHER***. As God the Father comes with Christ Jesus, God the Father shall bring the disembodied spirits of the elect with Him and they shall be united to their bodies of glory. He shall bring all the Holy Angels with Him and all these shall be ready for the 1,000 years rule and reign of Christ and His saints in what many are pleased to call the ***Judgment of the Nations***.

## **The Resurrection of the Damned or the Second Resurrection**

**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.**

Following the Judgment of the Nations, or 1,000 years rule and reign here spoken about, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, the bottomless pit.

**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.**

Satan shall have the liberty to deceive the nations again. He will be loosed for a little season.

This ability to deceive the nations causes us to ask.... Where do these nations come from?

The judgment of the nations is now over, so where do these nations come from? This is a very difficult question to answer. I remember when Brother Royce Smith and I discussed this may back in the early 1960s in light of our reading of John Gill's Body of Divinity. If we understood correctly Dr. Gill maintained that the Devil had the power to resurrect these reprobates and bring them in this final attempt to overthrow God. We both denied this concept. However, it may be true and is one opinion as to how these reprobates Nations are here in their final attempt to overcome God.

Please notice that this is a distinct Gog and Magog from that in the Old Testament. It is even distinct from that earlier great Battle of Armageddon presented in Revelation 16:

**12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**

**13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.**

**14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**

**15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

**16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

I don't think the Devil shall resurrect these Nations during this, or any other time. In my opinion this power belongs only unto God the Father and Jesus Christ.

**24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

**25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

**26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;**

**27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.**

**28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**

**29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

**30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

The Scriptures declare that the Lord Jesus shall call forth the reprobates by His voice unto the resurrection of damnation.

Christ calls forth the reprobates for their personal, *not national judgment*. They shall not exist in the New Eternal Age on the New Earth either as any nations or as individuals. They have already been judged in their national existence. This speaks of their coming judgment and relates to their own personal actions as evil doers.

**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.**

The elect of God must not be passive in their national existence, but be very active in using all their ways and means that the Lord gives them to stand against the spiritual wickedness in high places within their own nations.

How are they to do this? They are to do this by being obedient to the teachings of Christ and walking with Him in His new and living way under the New Covenant. This is not a physical warfare but a spiritual warfare and when the saints put on the whole

armour of God they are enabled to stand against these forces of evil in this present evil world.

**Eph. 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**12** 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*.

**13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

**17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

The New Covenant Saints are to use spiritual means and way in their spiritual warfare against evil, Satan and the reprobates. Please remember how that Christ Jesus upbraided the cities who rejected Him and His followers. He even said it would be easier in the Day of Judgment for Sodom than for those existing Jewish cities that rejected Christ and His followers.

There are National/City judgments and personal judgments. Outside of Christ and His merits no beings can ever stand before God.

**Gal. 6:18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

**19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

**20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

**21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Eph. 5:1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

**2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

**3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

**4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

**5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

**6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

**7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

**8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

**Col. 3:1** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

**2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

**3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**4** When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

**5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

**6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

**7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

**8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

**9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

**10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

**12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

**14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.**

**15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

At this point let me demonstrate further that there shall be both a personal and a national judgment against the reprobates. The personal actions of all the reprobates shall be judged and they shall suffer for all their evil and sinful actions.

Paul said to the Romans:

**1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

**17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

**18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.**

**20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

**23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**

**24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

**25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**

**26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:**

**27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**

**28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

**29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness,**

maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,  
30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,  
31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:  
32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The Second Death will certainly validate the will and purpose of God against all evil doers and their actions.

The Scriptures present to us that God shall judge sinners for their personal actions, their national actions, and their religious actions. There is no way any sinners will ever escape the judgment of God.

## **The Judgments of God Against Babylon and all False Religions**

**Rev. 18:1** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

**2** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

**3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

**4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

**5** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

**6** Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Babylon is the totality of evil against God performed by men. They are led in doing this by evil spirits and even Satan Himself.

The Whore of Babylon is the Papal Church and the daughters of the great whore are the Protestants and apostate Christians even apostate Baptists.

The reprobates shall be judged for their national sins, their religions sins, and their personal sins.

**I Peter 4:12** Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

**13** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

**14** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

**15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

**16** Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

**17** *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

**18** *And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

**19** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**2 Cor. 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

**15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

**16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

**18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

There is no way anyone shall ever stand before God in judgment and be received except in and by the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Perfect Man, yea, more

than a man, Who has ever existed.

**Heb. 10:10** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

**11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

**12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

**13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

**14** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**15** *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

**16** This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

**17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

**Heb. 7:22** By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

**23** And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

**24** *But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.*

**25** *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

**26** For such an high priest became us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*

**27** Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

**28** For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; *but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.*

**Heb 5:6** As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

**Heb 7:17** For he testifieth, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of

**Melchisedec.**

**Heb 7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)**

**Psa. 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.**

**3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.**

**4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

**5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.**

**6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.**

**7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ and His death for us, and the merits coming from His death for us, is the only way any of us shall stand before God and pass the test of final judgment. For the elect, they were judged when Christ died on Calvary. Their works shall be judged, but they shall not. Their sins have been taken away and there is no more judgment upon them for they have passed from death unto life.

The sins of the elect shall never be remembered again!

**Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

**Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

## **In Conclusion to Revelation 20**

First, there is no foundation for what is commonly known as the pre-mill position rather than the mention of 1,000 years. There is no hint anywhere about physical Israel or Physical Jerusalem being given any sort of exalted state during these 1,000 years. As to what these 1,000 years are or when they take place the Scripture does not state.

As I have said several times I understand this is the period we know as the Judgment of the Nations as presented in the last part of Matthew 25 and hinted at in several places in Revelation.

From what we can determine by connecting Revelation 19 with 20, we have two kinds of Saints enthroned to rule and reign with Christ during this 1,000 years and they are the ones sitting on Thrones already, agreeable with Dan. 7 and other places, and then those who will be beheaded for the cause of Christ. Both groups will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years. As to where they are during these 1,000 years, either on the earth or in the heavens, we are not told.

As to the reference in Zechariah referring to the Lord's Coming to stand on the Mt. of Olives during the end times, we would ask if this is that last great battle that shall come at what is called the End of the Judgment of the Nations or the 1,000 years when the Dragon is loosed and permitted to deceive the Nation for a short time, or if it is referring to something earlier?

The Beheaded Saints are those who resist the final form of the Beast's Kingdom during the Tribulation the Great. They shall live and reign with Christ for these 1,000 years in their soulish states in distinction from those enthroned when this begins.

By reading Daniel 7 and other places we can determine that the Saints shall be enthroned and given the Kingdom when the Ancient of Days comes. The Ancient of Days is God the Father and in distinction from the Son of Man Who is brought by the angles near to the Ancient of Days upon His return to the Father's Right Hand.

It is further important here to remember that when Christ returns, He will be in close position with God the Father, and then at Their return the Beast and False Prophet shall be taken and cast alive into the Lake of Fire.

Please note this:

**Rev. 19:11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

**12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

**13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

**15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

**16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;**

**18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.**

**19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

**20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

**21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

**At the conclusion of the 1,000 years the Dragon is cast into the Lake of Fire where the Beast and False Prophet are.**

**Rev. 20:7 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.**

1. The Beast and False Prophet are cast alive in the Lake of Fire before the 1,000 years while the Dragon is cast into the lake of Fire at the conclusion of the 1,000 years.

2. The kings and their armies that shall fight this last battle against Christ and His Armies shall be slain, but the Beast and False Prophet shall not be slain but cast alive into the Lake of Fire.

Here is Daniel's account. I find it interesting that in John's account the Beast is not slain but cast alive into the Lake of Fire while in Daniel's account he is slain and his body is cast into the fire. I know not what to make of this distinction. Here it is from the Ancient Greek or the LXX and the King James Version.

**Dan. 7:9** I beheld until the thrones were set, and the Ancient of days sat; and his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head, as pure wool: his throne was a flame of fire, *and* his wheels burning fire.

**9** 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.

**10** A stream of fire {1} rushed forth before him: thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousands of myriads, attended upon him: the judgment sat, and the books were opened. {1) Lit. drew}

**10** 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.

**11** I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which that horn spoke, until the wild beast was slain and destroyed, and his body given {1} to be burnt with fire. {1) Gr. to the burning of fire}

**11** I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

**12** And the dominion of the rest of the wild beasts was taken away; but a prolonging of life was given them for {1} certain times. {1) Lit. time and time}

**12** As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

**13** I beheld in the night vision, and, lo, *one* coming with the clouds of heaven as the Son of man, and he came on to the Ancient of days, and was brought near to him.

**13** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And to him was given the dominion, and the honour, and the kingdom; and all nations, tribes, and languages, shall serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 *As for* me Daniel, my spirit in my body trembled, and the visions of my head troubled me.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 And I drew near to one of them that stood by, and I sought to learn of him the {1} truth of all these things: and he told me the truth, and made known to me the interpretation of the things. {1} Or, certainty}

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These four beasts are four kingdoms *that* shall rise up on the earth:

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 which shall be taken away; and the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess it for ever and ever.

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I enquired carefully concerning the fourth beast; for it differed from every *other* beast, exceeding dreadful: its teeth were of iron, and its claws of brass, devouring, and utterly breaking to pieces, and it trampled the remainder with its feet:

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 and concerning it ten horns that were in its head, and the other that came up, and rooted up {1} *some* of the former, which had eyes, and a mouth

speaking great things, and his look was {2} bolder than the rest. {1} Alex. three of the former, *even* that horn, etc. 2) Gr. greater}

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; *even of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and that horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 until the Ancient of days came, and he gave judgment to the saints of the Most High; and the time came on, and the saints possessed the kingdom.

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 And he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on the earth, which shall excel all *other* kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and trample and {1} destroy it. {1} Gr. cut it in pieces}

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And his ten horns are ten kings *that* shall arise: and after them shall arise another, who shall exceed all the former ones in {1} wickedness and he shall subdue three kings. {1} Gr. evil}

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change times and law: and *power* shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 And the judgment {1} has sat, and they shall remove *his* dominion to abolish it, and to destroy it utterly. {1} Alex. shall sit}

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to

**consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.**

**27 And the kingdom and the power and the greatness of the kings that are under the whole heaven were given to the saints of the Most High; and his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all powers shall serve and obey him.**

**27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**

**28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance was changed: but I kept the {1} matter in my heart. {1) Lit. word}**

**28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.**

**We will take John's account of the Beast and the False Prophet being cast alive into the Lake of Fire and conclude that Daniel's meaning remains a mystery to us.**

**The Scriptures do not contradict themselves. We therefore must exercise the faith and patience of the saints and wait until these events are being fulfilled to find out the hidden mysteries contained in these two accounts. There is a mystery hidden to us here, but it will be revealed by its fulfillment.**

**But, be that as it may, here is a very important point. If the 1,000 years mean the church age then it would follow that the Beast and False Prophet would be cast alive into the Lake of Fire at the Beginning of the Church age not at the conclusion of it. However, if these 1,000 years represent the Judgment of the Nations then it follows that they are cast alive into the Lake of Fire at the beginning of the Judgment of the Nations and the Dragon at the end of the Judgment of the Nations. We have no difficulties with this understanding.**

**The final point in this chapter is the Great White Throne Judgment. At this time the old heavens and the old earth flee away. After this judgment then the New Heavens and the New Earth shall come forth and the saints shall be with Christ Who is where the Father is, and shall rule and reign on the New Earth. Of His Kingdom there shall be no end.**

**We must remark that the Father and the Lamb shall both be on the New Earth and shall both be visible unto the Saints. Certainly the saints will also be visible and we suspect the Angels will then be very visible as well.**