God's Revelation of the Future

The Return through the White Throne Judgment

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• This binding of Satan is recorded in Revelation 20:1-3.

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Two Phases of the Kingdom

- The "uncontested" reign of Christ
- The "contested" reign of Christ

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- At this point in Revelation (20:4) John sees events that relate to the earthly reign of Christ.
- However, there are several events recorded elsewhere that apparently take place at the outset of this 1000-year period.

 The Jewish people, who have been scattered across the earth, will be brought back to their promised land.

• Isaiah 43:5-7

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; <u>I will bring your offspring</u> from the east, and from the west <u>I will gather you</u>. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth. ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Ezekiel 20:34, 42

³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. ... ⁴² And you shall know that I am the LORD, when <u>I bring</u> you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers.

Amos 9:14-15

¹⁴ "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Zephaniah 3:19-20

¹⁹ "Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Judgment of Israel

• At the time of Christ's return, there is a judgment of Israel that separates those who are saved from those who are lost.

Judgment of Israel

Ezekiel 20:35-38

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. ³⁶ As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord GOD. 37 I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. 38 I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Judgment of Israel

 Recall the illustrations of Jesus in the Olivet Discourse where the believers and unbelievers are separated at Christ's return.

 This judgment of the Gentiles, like that of Israel, has as its purpose that of separating those who are saved from those who are not saved.

Matthew 25:31-33

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Matthew 25:46

46 And these [the goats] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous [the sheep] into eternal life."

 The resurrection of non-Church saints involves the resurrection of all saints who have died over the course of history.

• John 5:28-29

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when <u>all who</u> are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Daniel 12:1-2 [NASB]

¹ Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:11-13

¹¹ And <u>from the time</u> that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. ¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.

Subsequent Events

- Christ's Earthly Reign
- Satan's Final Defeat
- The White Throne Judgment

Christ's Earthly Reign

- Revelation 20:4-6
- An Overview of the earthly kingdom
 - Population of the earthly kingdom
 - Government in the earthly kingdom
 - Worship in the earthly kingdom