

## Study Guide #23 – The Millennium

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**Psalm 11:4** “The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.”

### • The saints are taken to Heaven

**John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

### • Reign & Judgment

**Revelation 20:4** “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

**1 Corinthians 6:2-3** “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? <sup>3</sup> Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

### Thought Question(s):

1. In what sense shall the saints judge the world and angels (Satan included)? (see GC pp. 660.4-661.1)

2. That during this time the earth lies in a desolate and chaotic condition, Jer. 4:20-27, described, as in the beginning by the Greek term abussos (ἄβυσσος) bottomless pit (Septuagint of Gen. 1:2); and that here Satan is confined during the thousand years, Rev. 20:1, 2, and here finally destroyed; the theater of the ruin he has wrought in the universe, being appropriately made for a time his gloomy prison house, and then the place of his final execution.

- **Condition of the earth:**

**Jeremiah 4:20-27** “Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. <sup>21</sup> How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? <sup>22</sup> For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. <sup>23</sup> I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form [tohu], and void [bohu]; and the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup> I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. <sup>25</sup> I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. <sup>26</sup> I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup> For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.”

**Genesis 1:2** “And the earth was without form [tohu], and void [bohu]; and darkness was upon the face of the deep [abussos]. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

**Revelation 20:1-3** “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit [abussos] and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit [abussos], 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.”

- **The prison house of Satan:**

**Isaiah 24:20-22** “The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. <sup>22</sup> And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.”

**Revelation 20:10** “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

**Malachi 4:1** “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

### **Thought Question(s)**

1. What evidence is there that the righteous will spend the millenium in heaven and not on

earth?

2. What condition will the earth be in, and where will the wicked be during the millenium?