



Satan's Defeat

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READING: Revelation 20

In Revelation 19-20, John has recorded five key events that will take place before God “wraps up” human history and ushers in His new heavens and earth.

- Heaven Rejoices (19:1-10)
- Christ Returns as Conqueror and King (19:11-20:3)
- Martyrs Are Rewarded (20:4-6)
- Satan's Final Defeat (20:7-10)
- Judgement at the Great White Throne (20:11-15)

People differ on their understanding of the details of how these verses will play out in history. Humility and grace are called for as we seek to understand and discuss these verses. Only with the return of Christ will the exact truth of what Revelation predicts be fully revealed, just as only with his first coming was the exact nature of the Old Testament messianic prophecies fully revealed.

Whatever you finally decide about the details of this chapter, we can know and believe that God is the winner in the end, no matter what we face today. At His will, He will call history to a close and move us into eternity with Him. Satan will be decidedly defeated, and He will face eternal torment. None of us knows the precise timing of these events—and, thus, we must remain faithful as we press on continually in obedience and hope—but we can trust that Satan will not win in the end.

Some applications to consider out of this chapter:

- The devil seeks to distort, deceive, and devour—I must stay alert (see 1 Peter 5:8).
- Pray for Christians who are facing persecution and even martyrdom today.
- Prepare for the possibility of experiencing growing hostility as a follower of Christ.
- Live my life on earth knowing that what I do now matters for eternity and will be evaluated.
- Answer the question, “Am I sure my name is written in the Book of Life?”

PRAYER: Father, thank You for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. Thank You that the victory is assured in Christ's power and authority. Help me live this day in light of eternity.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Revelation 21

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