

FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

Lesson Thirteen
FUTURE EVENTS (cont.)

(5) When the battle of Armageddon is over, at the conclusion of the seven year tribulation period, Christ will set up His earthly kingdom, and rule over it for one thousand years, without the presence of the devil, or Satan.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

*And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **BOUND HIM a THOUSAND YEARS.***

*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.*

*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.*

Revelation 20:1-4

(6) At the conclusion of the millennium (one thousand year reign of Christ), there will be one final battle. The influence of the devil will be destroyed by God Himself and the new heavens and the new earth will begin.

*And when the thousand years **ARE EXPIRED**, Satan shall be **LOOSED** out of his prison,*

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.

*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.*

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

Revelation 20:7-10

*And I saw a **NEW** heaven and a **NEW** earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and **AND GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE WITH THEM,** and be their God.*

*And God shall **WIPE AWAY** all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **NO MORE** death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be **ANY MORE** pain: for the former things are passed away.*

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.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give

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unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

HE THAT OVERCOMETH shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. **Revelation 21:1-7**

A more complete description of the New Jerusalem can be found by reading all of Chapter 21 and 22 of Revelation.

I have no quarrel with those who have these events happening in a different sequence (even though I believe they are wrong).

One thing that needs to be understood, however, is that we must be saved, redeemed, born again, or whatever your terminology is for belonging to Christ.

Another, is that we must be overcomers, living a life of holiness.

To those who believe the seven year tribulation is a time of **SECOND CHANCE** for those who knew the truth of God's Word but refused to live close enough to God to make the rapture, let me point out two things:

(1) Some believe no matter how careless they have lived, they can make heaven by refusing the mark of the beast. Most of the people I know **CANNOT** live two or three days without a cigarette, a cup of coffee, or fast even one day, let alone **GIVE UP EVERYTHING** to keep from taking the mark of the beast.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

*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.*

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 13:16-18

(2) The scripture plainly teaches that those who refuse the truth before, will not want the truth when the Antichrist is revealed.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **RECEIVED NOT** the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*And for this cause **GOD** shall send them **STRONG DELUSION**, that they should believe a lie:*

*That **THEY ALL** might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Yes, there is a future ahead for those who are serious about serving God.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:9
