

Study Guide: The Fall of the World-Lesson 20

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This study guide explores the prophetic events surrounding the conclusion of the earthly kingdom and the transition into eternity. Based on the teachings from Revelation and the Gospels, it examines the final rebellion of society, the destruction of the current earth, and the different resurrections and judgments that await all of humanity.

Introduction to the Millennial Kingdom and Beyond

The lesson focuses on the final stages of the "Fall of the World" series, specifically the end of the thousand-year reign of JESUS CHRIST on earth. During this period, known as the Millennial Kingdom, the SON OF GOD rules with total authority. While this era is marked by perfection, productivity, and the binding of Satan, it concludes with a final test for humanity. As the current heaven and earth pass away, they are replaced by a new creation where sin will never exist again.

Study Quiz: Short Answer

1. According to Revelation 20, what does Satan do immediately after being released from his prison in the abyss?
2. How does the lesson describe the style of leadership JESUS CHRIST will exercise during His thousand-year reign?
3. What is the significance of the phrase "as the sand of the sea" when describing the final revolt of society?
4. What happens to the rebellious nations when they surround the "camp of the saints" and the beloved city of Jerusalem?
5. Based on the discussion of Revelation 21:1, what eventually happens to the physical earth and the first heaven?
6. Describe the "Great White Throne" and identify Who is responsible for sitting on it to judge the world.
7. Explain the difference between the "First Resurrection" and the "Second Resurrection" as presented in the study.
8. What are the "books" that are opened during the final judgment, and what do they contain?
9. Why is the "Book of Life" considered the most important book at the Great White Throne judgment?
10. According to the teachings of JESUS CHRIST in the Gospel of John, what must a person do to pass from death into life and avoid judgment?

Answer Key

1. After being released from the abyss, Satan goes out to deceive the nations across the entire globe. He stirs up a revolution, fermenting rebellion against GOD by convincing people to join him in a final attack.
2. JESUS CHRIST will be the Ruler with total authority, described in the lesson as a "total dictator." Because He is perfectly righteous, His absolute rule is a good thing that brings peace and order to the world.
3. This phrase indicates that an incredibly large, undetermined number of people will choose to rebel against JESUS CHRIST. Despite living in a perfect kingdom, these individuals become as numerous as the sand on a seashore.
4. As the rebellious forces prepare to attack, fire comes down from GOD out of heaven and devours them. This divine intervention completely wipes out the dissenters and ushers in the end of the world as we know it.
5. The first heaven and the first earth pass away and are no longer found. The lesson suggests that the fire that devours the rebels may also be the force that consumes the entire planet to make way for a new creation.
6. The Great White Throne is the final place of judgment for the ungodly in the heavens. JESUS CHRIST sits on this throne because the FATHER has committed all judgment to the SON.
7. The First Resurrection is for the "godly" and leads to life and reigning with CHRIST. The Second Resurrection occurs after the thousand-year kingdom and is specifically for the "ungodly" to face condemnation.
8. The books are records of every person's deeds and works throughout their lives. Since GOD is a just Judge, He uses these records as evidence to show that no one can be justified by their own works.
9. The Book of Life contains the names of those who put their faith in JESUS CHRIST. Those whose names are found in this book escape the Lake of Fire, while those not found in it are judged by their works and condemned.
10. A person must hear the word of JESUS CHRIST and believe in GOD THE FATHER who sent Him. By doing so, they receive everlasting life and are protected from the final judgment of condemnation.

Essay Questions for Further Reflection

1. Discuss the nature of human nature as shown in the "Revolt of Society." Why would people living in a perfect kingdom under the rule of JESUS CHRIST still choose to follow Satan in a rebellion?
2. Compare and contrast the "First Death" and the "Second Death." How does the source context define the experience of the Second Death for those who do not know GOD?
3. Explain the relationship between faith and works in the context of the Great White Throne judgment. Why does the lesson emphasize that "no flesh will be justified" by the law or by deeds?
4. Analyze the description of hell provided in the lesson. Why is it described as a place of "isolation," and how does this contrast with the popular idea of it being a "party" with friends?
5. The lesson mentions that the fire from heaven "ushers in the end of the earth as we know it." Reflect on the importance of the promise of a "new heaven and a new earth" for the believer.

Comprehensive Glossary of Key Terms

- **Abyss (Abusos):** A bottomless pit or prison where Satan is bound for a thousand years before his final release.
- **Book of Life:** Also referred to as the Lamb's Book of Life; a record of the names of those who have been saved through faith in JESUS CHRIST.
- **Condemnation:** The final legal pronouncement of guilt and the resulting punishment for sin.
- **Deceived:** Being led into error or a false belief; the primary method Satan uses to turn the nations against GOD.
- **First Resurrection:** The rising of the godly and holy from the dead to reign with JESUS CHRIST.
- **Gog and Magog:** In this context, a reference to the global gathering of nations from the "four corners of the earth" that rebel against GOD.
- **Hades:** The temporary place where the spirits of the ungodly wait until the final resurrection and judgment.
- **Lake of Fire:** The place of eternal punishment and torment for Satan, the beast, the false prophet, and the ungodly; also called the "Second Death."
- **Millennial Kingdom:** The thousand-year period during which JESUS CHRIST rules the earth in peace and righteousness.

- **Second Death:** Eternal separation from GOD in the Lake of Fire, occurring after physical death.
- **The Saints:** Believers and followers of JESUS CHRIST who will reign with Him in His kingdom.

Greek Terminology and Pronunciations

Greek Word	Phonetic Pronunciation	Definition
<i>Abussos</i> ¹	ah-vEE-sohs	The "abyss" or bottomless pit; a place of confinement for spiritual beings.
<i>Anastasis</i> ²	ah-NAH-stah-sis	"Resurrection"; literally means to stand up again or to raise up a fallen body.

¹ **Abusos:** Mentioned as the "prison" from which Satan is released in Revelation 20:8. ² **Anastasis:** Used to describe both the first and second resurrections, implying a physical, bodily rising.