4. What does it mean that "Christ has been raised from the dead, the **first fruits** of those who are asleep"? What are first fruits? How does the physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus guarantee what will happen to believers in the future?

5. Rev. 20:3 says Satan "must be released for a short time" **AFTER** the 1,000 years is over. What does he do then and what ultimately happens to him in 20:7-10? If the Millennial Kingdom begins with only believers (Mt. 25:31-41), then who are the people Satan will deceive to come and fight against Jesus? Why would they do that after 1,000 years of idyllic conditions? What lessons do we learn about the depravity of fallen angels and of fallen man in these verses? How does this answer the statement of skeptics that if they could personally see Jesus here on earth, they would believe in Him?

6. What does this passage in Rev. 20 tell us about God's amazing grace and His sovereignty in the salvation of sinners? See Mt. 19:16-26; Eph. 2:8-10; John 1:10-13; Jn. 6:44, 60-65.

7. What does Rev. 20:1-10 say about the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory? Do people repent in hell? Do people get a second chance after they die? What does Rev. 20:10 tell us about the nature and length of suffering in the lake of fire?

8. Some people believe in **Universalism** (everyone will ultimately be saved & live in heaven) and some believe in **Annihilationism** (unbelievers will either go out of existence immediately when they die or after an appropriate period of time suffering in hell). Discuss what you believe about this giving biblical support.

9. Will you be part of the first resurrection so that the second death has no power over you? Will you rule and reign with Jesus? Are you sure? Explain to others how you know for sure. See John 3:16, 36; Rom. 10:9-13; 8:28-39; Phil. 1:6; 1 John 5:11-13.

10. Who do you know that needs salvation from God's coming wrath? Pray for them and plan a time to tell them Who Jesus is and What He has done for them. Call them to repent and believe so they can enjoy the times of refreshing (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:18-23) that will come in the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20) and then ultimately in the Eternal State (Rev. 21-22).

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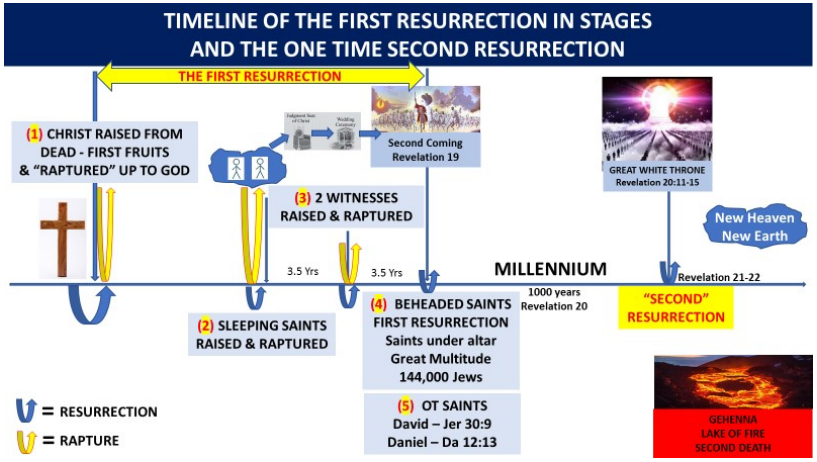
"The Millennial Kingdom – Part 3"

F. Final Visions (19:1-22:5)

1. Hallelujah Choruses (19:1-6)
2. Marriage of the Lamb (19:7-10)
3. Second Coming (19:11-16)
4. Armageddon (19:17-21)
5. **The Millennial Kingdom (20:1-10)**
   - **a. Satan's Restraint (1-3) - before**
   - **b. Saints' Resurrection & Rule (4-6) - during**

Verses 4-5 – Timeline of 1st & 2nd Resurrections (both are physical, bodily resurrections – "*came to life*"):

- **First Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-28):**
  - **1a = Christ** (Lk. 24:6, 51)
  - **1b = NT saints** = Pre-Trib. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15)
  - **1c = Two witnesses** = Mid-Trib. (Rev. 11:11f)
  - **1d = OT saints & deceased Trib. saints** = (Dan. 12:1f; Rev. 20:4)
- **Second Resurrection**
  - **All unbelievers** = End of Millennium (Dan. 12:2, 13; Rev. 20:5a, 11-15)



[*chart from PreceptAustin.org*]

c. Satan's Release, Revolt, and Ruin (7-10) - after

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from
his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the
four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for
the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And
they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp
of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven
and devoured them. 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown
into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false
prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever
and ever.

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Last week we saw that our specific positions/responsibilities (ruling & reigning with Jesus for 1,000 years in His kingdom) will be rewards for faithful service now (Luke 19:12-19; 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Pet. 1:5-11). Humbly share with one another what you are currently doing in service to Christ. Discuss what you would like to zealously do out of gratitude for His amazing grace (Titus 2:11-14).

2. Read 1 Cor. 15:58. After 57 verses of instruction about the guarantee that believers have of a future resurrection and glorified bodies, Paul gives an exhortation (command). Discuss what the command is and how you are carrying it out.

3. What are some common misunderstandings people might have about what the Bible says happens to a believer after death? Do people turn into angels? Do they immediately get a glorified physical body?