

LESSON 10

THE SECOND DEATH (PART 2)

THE LAKE OF FIRE (20:7–10)

Long ago, the destiny of the devil was determined. In the Day of Judgment, the One on the throne will say to those on His left, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared *for the devil and his angels*” (Mt. 25:41; emphasis added). Even as heaven is a prepared place (Jn. 14:1–3), so hell is a prepared place—prepared originally for the devil.

Revelation 20 is about Satan being cast into that place. His henchmen fell earlier in the book, but that did not eliminate evil. There can be no absolute victory over evil until the source of evil is destroyed.

1. Why might God have released Satan after the thousand years (20:7)?
2. What aspect of the release is most confusing, and how might we look at the passage to make it less confusing?
3. What concept might the imagery of verse 7 have been intended to convey?
4. What three summary statements can be made about the timing of Satan’s release?
5. Who were Gog and Magog?
6. What is the lesson from verse 8?
7. How do the terms “camp” and “city” each offer insights regarding the church?
8. Where is the devil now?

9. What will the devil's role in hell be?
10. What is the problem with using the word "destroyed" in place of the word "tormented" (20:10), as some translations do?

THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD (20:11–15)

In the first part of Revelation 20, we saw the destiny of Satan depicted. Later, in chapters 21 and 22, the destiny of those who follow God will be seen. The latter part of chapter 20 is a bridge between 20:1–10 and the last two chapters of Revelation: It reveals the destiny of those who persist in following Satan.

11. To which judgment does this section of Scripture refer?
12. What evidence leads us to this conclusion?
13. How many great Judgment Days does the Bible teach that there will be?
14. Who "sat upon" the throne in verse 11?
15. To what does the statement that "earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them" (20:11) refer?
16. What were the books that are mentioned in verse 12?
17. What does the statement in verse 13 that "the sea gave up the dead which were in it" mean?
18. Who will appear before the judgment seat of Christ?
19. What is the "second death" (20:14)?
20. What was Gehenna, and why did it come to be equated with the hell of final punishment?