

The Millennium – Continued

1 This past week in Paris a reported million people gathered for what was called “a unity
2 rally” following the murderous massacre by radical Muslims. It is heart-warming to see
3 multitudes clamoring on behalf of justice and peace instead of destruction and
4 lawlessness. However, the world will never have a lasting and just peace until the
5 Prince of Peace arrives to RULE and to REIGN. That period is mentioned in Revelation
6 20 six times as *THE MILLENNIUM*. That word is a compound from the Latin which
7 means 1000 years.

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9 Rev. 20:2-7

10 **And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,**
11 **and bound him a thousand years, [3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut**
12 **him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the**
13 **thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**
14 **[4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:**
15 **and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the**
16 **word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither**
17 **had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and**
18 **reigned with Christ a thousand years. [5] But the rest of the dead lived not again**
19 **until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and**
20 **holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no**
21 **power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a**
22 **thousand years. [7] And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be**
23 **loosed out of his prison,**

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25 Here is a reminder of the prophetic plan of the ages in proper order:

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27 1. The Rapture - when the trumpet sounds and the followers of Christ meet the Lord in
28 the air.
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30 2. The Tribulation Period - on earth in which Satan rules with his henchmen, Antichrist
31 and the False Prophet. That period will last for a thousand years.
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1 3. The Judgment Seat of Christ - takes place in our Lord's presence even while the
2 Tribulation is unfolding on Planet Earth. This is the time when Christ's followers who
3 have been raptured will learn of their rewards. I Corinthians 3
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5 4. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (who is Christ Himself, the groom; His bride is the
6 Church.
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8 5. The Second Coming of Christ, which will end the Tribulation and bring about the
9 judgment of nations (Matthew 25). The Antichrist and his armies will be consumed and
10 those humans who have their faith in Christ despite tribulation and torment will enter into
11 the Millennium.
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13 WHAT IS THE JUDGMENT OF NATIONS? 14

15 Matthew 25:31-32

16 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him,**
17 **then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: [32] And before him shall be gathered**
18 **all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his**
19 **sheep from the goats:**
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21 This judgment of nations takes place seven years after the Rapture, immediately
22 following the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus to this earth. As
23 Jesus sets up His earthly thousand-year kingdom, His first order of business is to judge
24 the nations and eliminate the unsaved from entering the Millennium.
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26 This is not the great white throne judgment, which is yet to come. Here there is no
27 resurrection involved. Those being judged are human beings who survived the
28 Tribulation. No books are opened. The time of this judgment is when Christ returns for
29 His thousand year reign. Hence the scene is on the earth.
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31 There will be two classes of people being judged: sheep and goats. To the sheep, Jesus
32 will say, Matthew 25:34 **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom**
33 **prepared for you from the foundation of the world:** To the goats, He will declare:
34 Matthew 25:41 **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the**
35 **devil and his angels:**
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37 Who are the "sheep?" Those who have helped in some way the tribulation saints.
38 Matthew 25:35-43 [The Message] **And here's why: I was hungry and you fed me,**
39 **I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,**
40 **I was homeless and you gave me a room,**

1 [36] I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
2 I was sick and you stopped to visit,
3 I was in prison and you came to me.'

4 [37] "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about?
5 When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And
6 when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' [38] [39] [40] Then
7 the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these
8 things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

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10 Then...who are the "goats?"

11 [41] "Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out,
12 worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. [42] And why?
13 Because—

14 I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
15 I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
16 [43] I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
17 I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
18 Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

19 "Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When
20 did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison
21 and didn't help?'

22 [45] "He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to
23 do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was
24 me—you failed to do it to me.'

25 [46] "Then those 'goats' will be herded to their eternal doom, but the 'sheep' to
26 their eternal reward."

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28 *This has a similarity to those brave souls who protected Jews during the Nazi era.*

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The only non-immortal humans entering the thousand year reign with Christ will be those whom Christ judged "sheep" during the 7-year tribulation period. But note: Even though they are ushered into the Millennial period, they will still have to decide for or against Christ at sometime in their future. Good words even then will not cause eternal salvation.
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32 KING JESUS DURING THE MILLENNIUM

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34 As Americans we know little or nothing about living in a monarchy. Our U.S.
35 government is a "republic." During the 1,000 years, we will live under the
36 administration of King Jesus. What will He be doing during that time?

1 **1. HE WILL BE THE RULING MONARCH OVER THE ENTIRE PLANET.**

2 Every nation will be under His authority. Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV **For unto us a child is**
3 **born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his**
4 **name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting**
5 **Father, The Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there**
6 **shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to**
7 **establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal**
8 **of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

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10 That will-known passage will be fulfilled during the Millennium. While Jesus has been
11 loved and worshiped by millions through the ages, He obviously has not RULED the
12 earth. But during the Millennium, Jesus will usher into the world a time of His power,
13 righteousness and glory. There will be peace and prosperity such as the world has never
14 known. His reign will bring justice and holiness to the whole world.

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16 Think of having a universal ruler who is not self-absorbed, that every word He says and
17 every move He makes actually benefits those He rules! All rulers and all nations have
18 self-interest. But Jesus will bless all the world, their interests will be His priority!

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20 **2. JESUS WILL BE IN CHARGE.** Rev. 19:15 **And out of his mouth goeth a**
21 **sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a**
22 **rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty**
23 **God.** Those who will peacefully exist under Christ's rulership will flourish as no other
24 have ever flourished; but woe unto those who rise up against Him.

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26 **3. JESUS WILL ENFORCE "THE LAW."** What law? How shall the "sheep" be
27 governed, as well as those who prove to be "goats," in the Millennium? Isaiah 2:2-3
28 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall**
29 **be established in the top of the mountains (Jerusalem), and shall be exalted above the**
30 **hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. [3] And many people shall go and say, Come**
31 **ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;**
32 **and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall**
33 **go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

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35 "The Law." God's law was and is THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. In the United
36 States of America, the Ten Commandments cannot be legally posted on public property.
37 This is the depth of insanity! This is the God-given code by which we live in peace on
38 this earth, yet it is now illegal in this country on public property! Let's refresh our
39 minds:

1 Exodus 20:3-17

2 (1) **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** (2) [4] **Thou shalt not make unto**
3 **thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is**
4 **in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: [5] Thou shalt not bow**
5 **down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,**
6 **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth**
7 **generation of them that hate me; [6] And shewing mercy unto thousands of them**
8 **that love me, and keep my commandments.** (3) [7] **Thou shalt not take the name of**
9 **the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his**
10 **name in vain.** (4) [8] **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days shalt**
11 **thou labour, and do all thy work: [10] But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord**
12 **thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy**
13 **manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy**
14 **gates: [11] For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in**
15 **them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day,**
16 **and hallowed it.** (5) [12] **Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be**
17 **long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.** (6) [13] **Thou shalt not**
18 **kill.** (7) [14] **Thou shalt not commit adultery.** (8) [15] **Thou shalt not steal.** (9)
19 **[16] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.** (10) [17] **Thou shalt**
20 **not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his**
21 **manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy**
22 **neighbour's.**

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24 How many of society's ills would go away if people only followed God's laws for
25 civilized living? In the Millennium there will be "no arguing" about "the law."

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27 **4. JESUS WILL RECEIVE HIS DUE WORSHIP AND RESPECT.** He does not
28 usually get it today. To many He is only a swear word. Or someone to mock. But in
29 the thousand years He will receive the glory and honor He truly deserves. All people
30 from all nations will come to bow at His feet and worship the King of Kings. Isaiah
31 40:5 **And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:**
32 **for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.**

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34 What About Satan?

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36 He will not be "a happy camper." For that full thousand years he will be bound up in the
37 abyss of fire. His work will be stopped. Presently he is the "god of this world:" 2
38 Cor. 4:4 **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which**
39 **believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God,**
40 **should shine unto them.**

1 But for a thousand years he will be put aside, out of the picture. Can you imagine a
2 world without his evil influence?

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4 For a thousand years he will have one thing in mind: revenge. When he get a short-term
5 release at the end of the thousand years, his wrath will be ferocious. Remarkably he will
6 gain a multitude of followers. Rev. 20:7-10 **And when the thousand years are**
7 **expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the**
8 **nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them**
9 **together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went**
10 **up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the**
11 **beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10]**
12 **And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where**
13 **the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever**
14 **and ever.**

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16 (I have often told people who are taunted by Satan about their past to remind him of his
17 future!)

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19 **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE RAPTURED, REDEEMED SAINTS IN THE MILLENNIUM?**

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21 **2 Tim. 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will**
22 **deny us:**

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24 **1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a**
25 **witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be**
26 **revealed:**

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28 There is coming the glorious thousand years when we shall reign with Christ on this
29 earth. Remember we will have already been through the Judgment Seat of Christ and we
30 will have participated in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We will have been with
31 Jesus when He took control of the world from Satan and his defeated armies. We will be
32 in our glorified bodies, free from sin, free from death, free from disease.

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34 **WHAT ABOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS SUCH AS ABRAHAM AND**
35 **DAVID AND ISAIAH?**

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37 There are several schools of thought on that. One of them is that the Old Testament
38 saints will be raised from the dead at the beginning of the Millennium. I am not adamant
39 about that.

1 Those who hold that view claim that Old Testament believers such as Job, Noah,
2 Abraham, David and John the Baptist will be resurrected upon Christ's second coming to
3 earth. They quote verses such as:

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5 Job 19:25-27

6 **For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon**
7 **the earth: [26] And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh**
8 **shall I see God: [27] Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and**
9 **not another; though my reins be consumed within me.**

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11 Isaiah 26:19

12 **Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and**
13 **sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast**
14 **out the dead.**

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16 Daniel 12:1-2

17 **And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the**
18 **children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since**
19 **there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be**
20 **delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. [2] And many of them**
21 **that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to**
22 **shame and everlasting contempt.**

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24 Hosea 13:14

25 **I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death:**
26 **O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be**
27 **hid from mine eyes.**

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29 But I see nothing in those verses that would preclude the Old Testament saints being
30 resurrected at the Rapture. After all, Hebrews 12 makes it clear their redemption was
31 because of their exquisite faith. It seems to be that their being O.T. saints is rather
32 beside the point. But again....I am not adamant about this.

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34 **HUMAN BEINGS WHO FOLLOW CHRIST DURING THE MILLENNIUM**

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36 Rev. 20:4

37 **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:**
38 **and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the**
39 **word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither**
40 **had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and**

1 **reigned with Christ a thousand years.** Now that's a powerful verse. Human beings
2 who lived through the Tribulation, who did not worship Satan's hellish trio - Satan
3 himself, Antichrist, and the False Prophet - come through the time with faith in Jesus.
4 Some will be Jews and some will be Gentiles. They will all enter the earthly 1,000 year
5 reign of Christ on this earth. There is some reason to believe that they will live for most
6 or all of the millennium since Jesus who has defeated death is on the throne.

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8 **BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE IN THE MILLENNIUM WHO REFUSE CHRIST?**

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10 While there will be no Christ-rejecters, sinners, who enter the Millennium, remember they
11 are human and thus there will be countless millions of humans born during Christ's
12 earthly reign. They will be born with lost, sinful natures. **THEY WILL KNOW**
13 **CHRIST AS KING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY AS SAVIOR.**

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15 * These people will have to worship Jesus, whether they are sincere or not. Imagine
16 having to praise Jesus while not really loving Him. But....are there perhaps people like
17 that right now who attend church but only go through the motions of worshiping Jesus?
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19 * These people will be compelled to obey all the laws of the Lord, whether their hearts
20 are in it or not. You can imagine the anger, the hatred, the resentment that will build up
21 in their hearts and minds. Thus when Satan is loosed for a short season following the
22 Millennium there will be multitudes who flock to him. Despite their having known
23 nothing but the holiness, the goodness, the blessings of God, they would rather fight Him
24 than love Him. Perhaps even in this meeting there are those who eat God's food,
25 breathe His air, and enjoy His bounty, yet will not bow before Him and receive as Savior.
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27 * Satan's last rebellion will be short-lived and fail. All those who follow him will be
28 devoured by fire from the skies and they will go to Hell.

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30 **SATAN'S LAST HURRAH**

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32 **Rev. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and**
33 **brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day**
34 **and night for ever and ever.**

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36 Who had Satan deceived? The multitudes who ran to him upon his temporary release
37 from hell. If there was ever proof of the innate sinful nature of mankind, that was it!
38 For after a thousand years of living under the love, protection and provision of the King
39 of Kings, there were still millions who chafed under His law and ran to Satan as soon as
40 they were allowed to.

1 Remember, Christ's capital is Jerusalem. Satan leads his rebellious minions against
2 Jerusalem but God quickly puts down the coup with fire. Isaiah graphically painted the
3 gruesome word picture:
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5 Isaiah 14:9-17 NLT

6 **"In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival. World leaders and**
7 **mighty kings long dead are there to see you. [10] With one voice they all cry out,**
8 **'Now you are as weak as we are! [11] Your might and power are gone; they were**
9 **buried with you. All the pleasant music in your palace has ceased. Now maggots are**
10 **your sheet and worms your blanket.'**

11 **[12] "How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You**
12 **have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.**
13 **[13] For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's**
14 **stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. [14] I will**
15 **climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' [15] But instead, you will be**
16 **brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. [16] Everyone**
17 **there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and the**
18 **kingdoms of the world? [17] Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it**
19 **into a wilderness? Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities and**
20 **had no mercy on his prisoners?'**

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22 Again I call to your attention the already given verse in Revelation 20:10 (line 32, page
23 8). After a thousand years in hell, Satan was tormented but not destroyed for hell is
24 forever. What about humans? Will there be people there, too? Rev. 20:11-15 **And I**
25 **saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the**
26 **heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead,**
27 **small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book**
28 **was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things**
29 **which were written in the books, according to their works. [13] And the sea gave up**
30 **the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in**
31 **them: and they were judged every man according to their works. [14] And death**
32 **and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And whosoever**
33 **was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

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35 It is my opinion that Satan's masterpiece of deception is convincing people that hell is
36 only a figment of some crazed preacher's imagination. The doubts of mankind does not
37 dispel the reality: Hell is a literal state of existence that will be the final destination of
38 those who reject Christ. But there is an escape, thank God: John 5:24 **Verily,**
39 **verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me,**
40 **hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from**

1 **death unto life.**

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3 Next week we will study the destruction of Earth and God's creation of a new one, along
4 with the atmosphere and stellar systems that attend it.

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6 We will also take a hard look at a horror picture: The Great White Throne Judgment.

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8 In the meantime, let's heed Peter's clarion call to each of us: 2 Peter 3:8-13 [The
9 Message]

10 **Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a**
11 **thousand years, a thousand years as a day. [9] God isn't late with his promise as**
12 **some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the**
13 **End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to**
14 **change.**

15 **[10] But when the Day of God's Judgment does come, it will be unannounced, like**
16 **a thief. The sky will collapse with a thunderous bang, everything disintegrating in a**
17 **huge conflagration, earth and all its works exposed to the scrutiny of Judgment.**

18 **[11] Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how**
19 **essential it is to live a holy life? [12] Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its**
20 **arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that day— [13] but**
21 **we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way, ready for the promised new**
22 **heavens and the promised new earth, all landscaped with righteousness.**