

Summary of Revelation Chapter 20 The End Times

In my last post, we explored **Revelation 20:13-15 ~ The End of the World ~ Part 2**. In this post, we continue our practice of summarizing the previous segment in our exploration of the **Revelation of Yeshua** to **Yochanan** and an introduction to the **New Heavens and A New Earth**.

Summary of Revelation Chapters 20 ¹

We just concluded what has been called the most controversial chapter in all of Scripture.

In the view of **Premillennialists**, the **golden age** of peace and righteousness will not and cannot be realized until **Yeshua** personally returns. He will then bind **HaSatan** for 1,000 years and reign over this earth with a rod of iron. The saints who rule with Him will be the righteous who have experienced resurrection earlier in **His Second Coming**. **HaSatan** will be given one last chance at the end of this time and will succeed in deceiving many people, but his rebellion will be supernaturally crushed, and he will be eternally judged.

The **amillennial** position takes the **Millennium** to represent the present age, extending from the **First Advent** to the **Second Coming of Yeshua**. **Yeshua** bound **HaSatan** (symbolically) when He lived and died on earth centuries ago. In the future, **HaSatan** will again be loosed to bring mischief upon the **Kehilah**, but the **Second Coming of Yeshua** will result in his demise and will usher in an eternal new creation devoid of evil, death, and the curse. [Do they sincerely believe that **HaSatan** is not currently alive and well and impacting planet earth today?]

Postmillennialists believe that there will be a future **golden age** during which **HaSatan** will be bound, and peace and righteousness will prevail throughout the earth. This will **not** be accomplished by the personal return of **Yeshua**, but by the power of the **Besorah** preached through the **Kehilah** to all nations. At the end of this **golden age**, **HaSatan** will launch an abortive attempt to destroy the work of God once again. That will trigger **Yeshua's Second Coming**.

And, that folks is the reason why I am a **Premillennialist!**

Introduction of Revelation Chapters 21 & 22 ² The New Creation

Will there be a literal New Heavens and New Earth? What is the New Jerusalem?

As with the rest of Revelation, there is no consensus among expositors regarding the closing chapters of the book. However, as with Chapter 20, the disagreement among scholars does not divide along the lines of the **Four Views** we have been studying.

The **New Heavens and the New Earth** have been interpreted in primarily three ways: literally, symbolically of heavens, or spiritually. Many tend to take the first position (as do most **Futurists**) and to acknowledge secondarily spiritual application to the present **Kehilah**. A thumbnail sketch of each is:

¹ Material in this post is taken from "*Revelation: Four Views, Revised & Updated*" by Steve Gregg. Notations in brackets, if any, are my comments.

² Ibid.

Literalists:

- Some take the descriptions in these chapters literally, as applied to a brand new planet and universe, which will be created after the close of the **Millennium (premillennialists)** or else at the **Second Coming of Yeshua** (some **amillennialists** and **postmillennialists**).
- The **New Jerusalem** described here will be the eternal home of the redeemed.
- This is the view of **Futurists**, especially dispensationalists. The focus is terrestrial. The earth is restored to a condition like that which characterized the **Garden of Eden**.

Non-Literalists:

- Some spiritualize the whole vision, applying it to a nonmaterial state of existence in heaven.
- Others take the **New Heaven and New Earth** to represent what Sha'ul call a **New Creation** (2 Corinthians 5:17). [It is hard for me to reconcile symbolically that **Yochanan** was describing a new physical place to represent new creatures in **Yeshua** as **Rabbi Sha'ul** was talking about in that passage.]
- The **New Jerusalem** represents the **Kehilah** itself, constituted under the imagery of the new **Holy of Holies** in its present earthly existence.

In my next post, we'll begin to explore an **Overview of the New Creation** in Chapter 21:1-8.