

Series: How close are we to the end?

Message: FINALLY!

Passage: Revelation 20

Romans 8:18-25

But sin is coming to an end. Finally!

The end of Revelation presents a golden age where sin is no more.

Peace will reign.

The Bible calls this “the 1,000-year reign of Christ of the Millennium.

The is the historical reign of Christ the Messiah on earth as foretold in the Old Testament.

Revelation 19 ended with Christ and the armies of heaven descending to earth and decimating the wicked armies of the antichrist and his allies.

Here is the end times timeline:

- * The Rapture of the church: *1 Thess. 4:13-17*
- * The Tribulation
- * The defeat of the antichrist and his armies
- * The binding of satan
- * The resurrection
- * The Millennium
- * The release of satan
- * The final judgment – White Throne Judgment
- * The New Earth

Revelation 20:4

“They” = those who are left after the Beast, false prophet and kings of the earth and satan are cast off the earth – these are the armies of heaven.

Once satan bound, Christ will finish his descent upon earth and exercise complete, absolute authority over the earth.

Zechariah 14:9

He will physically reign as King over Israel and His influence and authority will embrace the entire world. The world capital will be Jerusalem.

But He will not reign alone!

Matthew 19:28; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21

Those who reign with Jesus will be the overcomers, those Tribulation saints who lost their lives during the Tribulation, those who refused to take the mark of the Beast.

Rev. 20:5-6

“Resurrection” is the word, “anastasis” in Greek and refers to physical resurrection. The word occurs over 40 times in the New Testament.

Small Group Lesson

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LOOK BACK:

Have you ever been to court? If so, how did it make you feel to stand before a judge or law enforcement officer?

LOOK UP:

One: The judgment upon those who refuse to receive Christ is a sobering thought. Yet sin cannot go unpunished or else there is no justice. Imagine what it will be like to stand before God without having given your heart to Jesus. What do you think people will do and say?

Two: How does the fact that as a believer your words and deeds will be judged, not as a basis for entering heaven but to measure out your rewards in heaven affect you?

Three: List 5 to 6 ways believers speak and act differently because Jesus is in their heart:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

LOOK FORWARD:

Does it move your heart at all to know that there are no second chances once an unbeliever dies without Jesus? If so, who will you share your Christ story with this week and invite to accept Jesus: _____