

Chapter 19 told us of the armies of the world coming together to fight against the Almighty, the Faithful and True, the Word of God. We read of the two feasts, the marriage feast of the Lamb, and the feast of birds of prey on the dead bodies of Armageddon. We are warned that we are at one feast, or we are the other. That chapter ended with the enemies of God destroyed and the beast and the false prophet thrown into the lake of fire (19:20,21ⁱ). This chapter begins with an angel binding Satan and throwing him into the abyss for a thousand years.

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, Revelation 20:1,2 The angel that seizes the dragon is unnamed, showing us that Satan could be stopped at any time by any angel. Satan's power is nothing compared to God's power. The angel comes from heaven with the key to the abyss and a great chain. John is using terms with which he could relate, though I think this is a supernatural chain and much more than an ordinary lock and key. Jude 6ⁱⁱ tells us that there are other angels who are also enchained in gloomy darkness awaiting the day of judgment.

We are given four names of Lucifer: the dragon (used to describe him trying to kill Jesus at His birth in 12:4ⁱⁱⁱ), that ancient serpent (the description in the Garden of Eden - Genesis 3:1^{iv}), the devil (which means slanderer), and Satan (which means the accuser-12:10^v). The cosmic battle that has been raging since the fall of man is the epoch battle of good versus evil. One of God's angels binds Satan and locks him in the abyss. Finally, after approximately six thousand years, the influence of Satan will cease for a thousand years. Is the number literal or symbolic of a long period of time?^{vi} As this is apocalyptic literature it is possible it is either. We see "a thousand years" repeated in every verse from 2 through 7. Some rabbi's and Christians believe that since a thousand years is like a day to God (Psalm 90:4^{vii}), six thousand years from the creation of Adam will be followed by the thousand years of rest. According to the Jewish calendar it is currently the year 5785. Can we imagine a world where Satan has no influence, where Christ is King, and nations are no longer deceived, and righteous judges quickly adjudicate cases?

³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer; until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. Revelation 20:3 The reason for sealing him in the abyss is so that the nations would not be deceived for a thousand years. During that time, those who live through the millennium will not be able to blame the devil for their temptations. The only cause of temptation will be their evil hearts. In eternity, man will never be able to say, "Satan is responsible for our sin!" The millennium will show that God is never unfair. It is the heart of man that is the ultimate culprit. The reason mankind and angels fell is because we were given the freedom of choice. Love without choices is not love, but slavery. Isis showed what that is like by capturing women and forcing them to be brides against their will.

The reason then for the release of the devil at the end of the millennium is to give those who choose to reject Christ a leader who will offer them a lie and lead them to their own destruction. It reveals how evil the fallen heart of man is. The thousand years of peace and abundance under Jesus is God's grace to help people see how much better it is

to have Jesus' reign over our lives. Those who then rebel with the devil at the end of the millennium will be recognized as clearly choosing evil over righteousness and are set in that choice despite the perfect circumstances provided throughout their lives.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6 These verses describe what it will be like during Christ's millennial reign. We have some additional ones from the prophets that help round out the picture. The ones on the thrones are given authority to judge. In Matthew 19:28^{viii} Jesus told the disciples that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel in the new world. But there are 24 elders around the throne (4:10^{ix}). The other twelve may be Gentile saints who judge Gentile believers. Another possibility is that the twelve tribes are symbolic of all believers as in Revelation 7^x and James 1:1^{xi}. Paul describes Gentiles as grafted into the Jewish root (Romans 11:17^{xii}). In that case the Apostles would judge the Israel of God, all believers, as to their rewards. But I think there is a broader implication here. 1 Corinthians 6:2,3^{xiii} tells us the saints will judge the world. I interpret "executed for the testimony of Jesus" and "not taking the mark" to include all those saints who refused to live for this world but instead lived for the Lord Jesus as the judges in the Millennial Kingdom.

The ones reigning with Christ are the martyrs who were beheaded under the altar. The Greek word for beheaded can also be translated as executed. Since the beast made war and killed the saints, they could be all who died in the tribulation. However, if we see tribulation as the church age and the war as an ongoing war and the not taking the mark symbolic of those who do not live for the world but for Jesus, it would be equivalent to the rapture. Some see this as a post-tribulation rapture. But remember that the saints already returned with Jesus to the battle of Armageddon. In verse 6 this is called the first resurrection. I understand the expression "they came to life" to be looking back to all believers who were harvested in 14:14-16^{xiv}. They are with Jesus while the wrath is poured out, follow Him to Armageddon, and at this point reign with Him for the 1000 years. In other words, I understand this verse to be saying that they were raised first at a time just before the millennium.^{xv}

The expressions "blessed, holy, over such the second death has no power, priests of God and of Christ" are applied to all believers, so I disagree with the interpretation that these are a special set of Jews or only those who died in the tribulation. Believers will have the authority to judge. I interpret this as being judges for the people living on earth in the Millennium. The final judgment takes place at the end of the thousand years.

The blessing promised in verse six is the fifth of seven benedictions in this book (See 1:3^{xvi}; 14:13^{xvii}; 16:15^{xviii}; 19:9^{xix}; 22:7^{xx}; 22:14^{xxi}). The blessings seem to be for all the saints (5:10^{xxii}; 1 Peter 2:9^{xxiii}) and therefore we can conclude that all resurrected saints will reign on the earth. The rest of the dead appear to be those who are not redeemed by the blood of the lamb, and they will not be raised until the White Throne

judgment at the end of the millennium. They will face the second death - eternal judgment (20:10^{xxiv}). Until the second resurrection they are in a place Jesus described as Hades and torment (Luke 16:22,23^{xxv}). Those who do not have life in Christ will face the second death.

Priests of God and reigning with Him is mentioned in 1:6^{xxvi}. That is for every follower of Jesus, those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life, who trusted Him as Savior and made Him Lord of their lives. What a time that will be. Real pleasure (Psalm 16:11^{xxvii}), without the influence of Satan, God's work in us finished, and our heavenly bodies suffer sin no more but enjoy God fully. That is pleasure beyond anything this creation or the abuse of it has to offer. That is the longing for home in our hearts. The next verses describe those whose only hope was in this world and what pleasures they could derive from it. They wanted nothing to do with the Lordship of Jesus or His love. What a terrible decision they have made in rejecting the grace of God!

While some commentators see the millennium as the period between the ascension and Jesus' return, I think the following passage from Isaiah makes it clear that there is coming a day on this earth when the curse of sin is mostly lifted from the planet, and yet people still sin and die. Listen to Isaiah's description of that day. ¹⁹ *I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.* ²⁰ *No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.* ²¹ *They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.* ²² *They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.* ²³ *They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.* ²⁴ *Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.* ²⁵ *The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.* Isaiah 65:19-25 That day cannot be in the new heaven and new earth for at that time there will be no more sin and death. I cannot imagine it being any time other than the millennial reign of Christ. The description Isaiah gives us has certainly never been nor could it be unless Jesus reigns. The early church believed in a literal 1000-year reign. Not until Augustine in the third century did the idea of it being symbolic begin.^{xxviii} It was thought that the world would slowly be converted and live under Christ's reign.

⁷ *And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison*
⁸ *and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.* Revelation 20:7,8 At the right time Satan is released. God deliberately gives people a choice of who to follow. Satan once again deceives the nations. They have had a thousand years to see the truth, so we can hardly say they were not looking for deception. The principle is the same as in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12^{xxix}. Man will refuse the love of the truth. History repeats itself because without the Spirit of God, man's heart does not change. Some people will always choose to receive God's grace and accept the Savior, and others will always reject the grace offered to them. No longer will man be able to use the

environment as an excuse, for they had lived in the perfect one. This will show that even when righteousness is enforced, embracing it in the heart is another matter.

Satan leads Gog the king and the people of Magog to attack Jesus' headquarters where the saints abide. This is similar to the rebellion that ended in Armageddon. I assume this takes place near Jerusalem where Jesus governs the world.

Hamilton is of the opinion that the events of Revelation are all symbolic and take place during the entire church age. Here is how he summarizes his view. *I submit that the book of Revelation is giving us a timeline. It is a timeline of symbolic events. We can even say it is a symbolic timeline. But as symbolic as the timeline is, and as symbolic as the events are, the fact nevertheless remains that there is a sequence of these symbolic events on this symbolic timeline. The text depicts these events as happening on a timeline in relationship to one another.*

First, after the seals are opened in chapters 6-8, chapters 9-16 show the fulfillment of Daniel's seventieth week through the course of church history. Revelation presents Daniel's seventieth week as taking place between Christ's ascension and his return.

At the end of Daniel's seventieth week, Christ comes in judgment and fights the Battle of Armageddon (16:12-16; 17:14; 19:19). At the conclusion of the battle, the beast and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire (19:20), and Satan will not join them there until after the thousand years (20:10).

Rather than being thrown into the lake of fire after Armageddon with the beast and the false prophet, Satan is seized, bound, and thrown into the Abyss, which is shut and sealed over him, for a thousand years (20:1-3). He will be released to deceive Gog of Magog into leading a final rebellion after the thousand years (20:7-10).

At the beginning of the thousand years, those who kept the faith are raised from the dead and reign with Christ for a thousand years (20:4-6). The text explicitly calls this "the first resurrection" (20:5), and though it does not explicitly name "the second resurrection," the first part of 20:5 states that "the rest of the dead" are raised after the thousand years. We will see that resurrection in 20:11-15, but before that comes the final rebellion.^{xxx}

While I agree with him that Revelation is applicable to the entire church age, and possibly that the seals take place between the ascension and Christ's return, I interpret the 70th week of Daniel to be an actual seven-year period. I draw that conclusion because the first 69 weeks were actual 69 seven years periods concluding with Jesus' death for our sins. Although we must all say we are interpreting the book to the best of our ability and cannot say for certain, I interpret the trumpets to be during the first half of that seven years that begin with the Antichrist making a covenant for a seven-year period (Daniel 9:27^{xxxi}). That is the same time I understand the two witnesses referred to as lampstands, which I interpret as the church, to be witnessing in the power of the Spirit to the world. If we think there is tension in the world today, imagine what it will be like if the Joel 2^{xxxii} passage comes to pass in a greater extent than in Acts 2^{xxxiii} with the church filled with the Spirit prophesying while there are also signs in the heavens.

Sometime near the middle of that seven-year period the Antichrist will reveal himself by causing the sacrifice in the Jewish temple to cease (Daniel 12:11^{xxxiv}). He will declare himself to be god. His false prophet will cause the world to worship him and have all people receive some kind of mark without which they cannot buy or sell. The mark will include allegiance to and worship of the Antichrist (13:15)^{xxxv}.

If this is mostly symbolic, why is the Temple Institute ready to build the new temple and training priests? The ability to buy and sell is easily controlled today by facial recognition and digital currency. The world is nearly unanimously against Israel and clamoring for a one world government. Even in this morning's news, the UN is complaining that Israel is breaking what they call Global Law. It all seems to be gearing up for these things to literally come to pass. That does not negate a symbolic application during the entire church age to be applicable as well.

The war on the saints will end when the harvest of the righteous takes place and we are gathered to our Lord along with all those in faith who have gone before us. The first five bowls of wrath are poured out and those who have taken the mark of the beast curse God and refuse to repent. Those who survive the five bowls of wrath will gather to destroy ethnic Jews and to fight God in the Valley of Megiddo. Zechariah tells us two-thirds of the Jewish people will die and the remaining third will turn to Christ as the Messiah (Zechariah 13:8,9^{xxxvi}). Jesus will then destroy the army that has assembled against Him which is bowl six. The final bowl will destroy everything that man worships. Jesus will set up His throne in Jerusalem and the saints will reign from there with Him for a thousand years.

Those who survived, who did not take the mark of the beast, will repopulate the earth. The curse will be lifted, and people will live much longer. They will know what it would be like if Jesus reigned instead of wicked men.

⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:9,10 As they prepare to attack the Son of God, fire comes down from heaven and consumes them. Did Satan think he could catch Jesus napping? He tried that before on the Sea of Galilee and even that did not work (Mark 4:37-39^{xxxvii}). His animosity toward God is so great he will try anything to lash out at him even if he knows it is futile.

The devil then joins the beast and the false prophet in the lake of fire. Forever and ever in Greek literally means to the ages of ages. The never-ending punishment could not be expressed more clearly.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15 The passage now turns to the rest of the dead, or the second resurrection, the Great White Throne judgment (Daniel 7:9,10^{xxxviii}). So brilliant is His presence that nothing else is seen. What is shaken will be shaken that what cannot be shaken will remain (Hebrews 12:26-28^{xxxix}; Isaiah 34:4^{xl}). This will be the end of things as we know them, an interlude before the new heaven and new earth (21:1^{xli}).

The book of life is opened. If a name is not in there, the evidence of their rebellion is their recorded deeds for which they will be punished, the main evil being their rejection of God's grace. It seems there is severity to the levels of judgment just as there are levels of reward in heaven (Luke 12:47,48^{xliii}). Death and Hades are also thrown into the lake of fire. There is no more death or a place of keeping the dead. All who have ever lived are all either with Jesus or in the lake of fire.

The new earth will be filled with the knowledge and glory of the LORD as waters cover the sea (Numbers 14:21^{xliii}; Habakkuk 2:14^{xliiv}). Righteousness will reign forever. Sin will no longer interrupt holiness and goodness. We cannot begin to imagine how wonderful that will be. Revelation is revealing the glory and goodness of Jesus, but also His righteous judgments that are holy and just. It also reveals the depravity of man's heart. The millennium will show that people can conform outwardly while inwardly rebelling and refusing to embrace the obvious grace of God. May we all be of those who wholeheartedly give our lives to the One who gave His life for us (Ephesians 5:2^{xliv}).

Questions:

- 1 With what event does the chapter open?
- 2 What does a millennium without Satan teach us?
- 3 Who reigns with Christ in the millennium?
- 4 What is the fifth blessing in the book of Revelation?
- 5 What is Isaiah's description of the millennium?
- 6 Why is Satan release from the abyss?
- 7 How does Hamilton's interpretation differ?
- 8 What might indicate a great pouring out of the Spirit in those days?
- 9 Who is judged at the Great White Throne?
- 10 What is the promise that awaits us?

ⁱ **Revelation 19:20-21 (ESV)**

²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

ⁱⁱ **Jude 1:6 (ESV)**

⁶ And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

ⁱⁱⁱ **Revelation 12:4 (ESV)**

⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

^{iv} **Genesis 3:1 (ESV)**

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

^v **Revelation 12:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

^{vi} According to Biblical chronology the earth is approaching the 6000 year mark. As a thousand years is like a day to the Lord, a seventh millennium would make a week with a Sabbath rest being the millennium. 2Pt 3:8

^{vii} **Psalms 90:4 (ESV)**

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

viii **Matthew 19:28 (ESV)**

28 Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

ix **Revelation 4:10 (ESV)**

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

x **Revelation 7:9 (ESV)**

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

xi **James 1:1 (ESV)**

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

xii **Romans 11:17 (ESV)**

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

xiii **1 Corinthians 6:2-3 (ESV)**

2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

xiv **Revelation 14:14-16 (ESV)**

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.”

16 So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

xv “The ‘first resurrection’ is not an event but an order of resurrection including all the righteous who are raised from the dead before the millennial kingdom begins.” (Walvoord)^{xv}

xvi **Revelation 1:3 (ESV)**

3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

xvii **Revelation 14:13 (ESV)**

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

xviii **Revelation 16:15 (ESV)**

15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

xix **Revelation 19:9 (ESV)**

9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

xx **Revelation 22:7 (ESV)**

7 “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

xxi **Revelation 22:14 (ESV)**

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

xxii **Revelation 5:10 (ESV)**

10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

xxiii **1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

xxiv **Revelation 20:10 (ESV)**

10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

xxv **Luke 16:22 (ESV)**

22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried,

xxvi **Revelation 1:6 (ESV)**

6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

^{xxvii} **Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

^{xxviii} Guzik comments: When we consider the rest of the Scriptures, the earthly reign of Christ and His people on this earth is plainly taught in the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, we see it in Psalm 72, Isaiah 2:2–4, Isaiah 11:4–9, Jeremiah 23:5–6, and in many, many more passages. In the New Testament we see it in Luke 1:32–33, Matthew 5:18, Luke 19:12–27, among other passages. All in all, there are more than 400 verses in more than 20 different passages in the Old Testament which deal with this time when Jesus Christ will rule and reign personally over planet earth.

^{xxix} **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (ESV)**

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

^{xxx} James Hamilton, Preaching the Word - Preaching the Word - Revelation: The Spirit Speaks to the Churches.

^{xxxi} **Daniel 9:27 (ESV)**

²⁷ And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

^{xxxii} **Joel 2:28-32 (ESV)**

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

^{xxxiii} **Acts 2:16-17 (ESV)**

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

^{xxxiv} **Daniel 12:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.

^{xxxv} **Revelation 13:15 (ESV)**

¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

^{xxxvi} **Zechariah 13:8-9 (ESV)**

⁸ In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive.

⁹ And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

^{xxxvii} **Mark 4:37-39 (ESV)**

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

^{xxxviii} **Daniel 7:9-10 (ESV)**

⁹ “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

^{xxxix} **Hebrews 12:26-28 (ESV)**

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be

grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

^{xi} **Isaiah 34:4 (ESV)**

⁴ All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.

^{xlii} **Revelation 21:1 (ESV)**

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

^{xliii} **Luke 12:47-48 (ESV)**

⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

^{xliiii} **Numbers 14:21 (ESV)**

²¹ But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD,

^{xliiv} **Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

^{xlv} **Ephesians 5:2 (ESV)**

² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.