

THE PREPARATION FOR THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

- I. The PURGING for the ETERNAL Kingdom
 - A. The RELEASE of SATAN, resulting in the satanically led REBELLION (Rev. 20:2-3, 7-9)
 - 1. This happens AFTER the thousand years are COMPLETED (v. 7)
 - 2. He will succeed in deceiving the NATIONS and instigating a final REVOLT against the righteous rule of Christ (vv. 8-9a)
 - 3. The purpose is to demonstrate that even under the reign of CHRIST and the revelation of His HOLINESS, man is a FAILURE
 - 4. The conclusion will be the rebels' DESTRUCTION by FIRE (v. 9b)
 - B. The purging of CREATION (2 Pet. 3:10-13; cf. Matt. 24:35; Heb. 1:10-12; Rev. 20:11)
 - 1. The curse itself is CANCELED
 - 2. The DAMAGE caused by the curse is UNDONE/RESTORED
 - C. The JUDGMENT of all UNBELIEVERS at the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - 1. All receive the sentence of the SECOND DEATH
 - 2. The evaluation of their WORKS implies DEGREES of punishment
 - D. The consignment of the LOST to the LAKE OF FIRE forever (Rev. 20:10, 14-15; cf. 19:20 and 21:8)
 - 1. Includes eternal SEPARATION from God

2. Includes personal ISOLATION in total DARKNESS and constant
TORMENT

II. The ESTABLISHING of the NEW Heaven and NEW Earth (Rev. 21:1)

- A. Their FORMATION (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet. 3:10-13)
 1. Might be CALLED into being by God through a new, direct act of
CREATION
 2. Might be RESTORED to their primordial state before being DAMAGED by
SIN
- B. Their purpose is to be the SETTING for God's ETERNAL KINGDOM (Rev. 21:3)
- C. Their GLORIES will be ECLIPSED by the Person of Christ, who OUTSHINES the
place of residence (John 14:3; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 John 3:2)