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World Judgement & Satan, on: 2007/6/1 6:57

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My questions are these:

When is this world going to be judged?

When is Satan going to be thrown out?

Re: World Judgement & Satan - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/6/1 10:45

Quote:

-----When is Satan going to be thrown out?

John 12:30-32 (KJV) gives the impression that Satan was cast out when Jesus was crucified.

30Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

John 14:29-31 (KJV) could be taken to mean that Satan is coming into the world (But he was already in the world.) I believe Jesus' intent in these verses was to link the betrayal of Judas with the work of Satan.

29And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

However, Ephesians 2:2 clearly tells us that there is a spirit of disobedience at work in our present age.

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

In my reading of scripture, it seems apparent to me that Satan is currently bound, but is still able to operate in a limited capacity. He bound "that he should deceive the nations no more," (Rev 20) 1 John 4:4 tells us "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

The reason I believe Satan is currently bound is because of what Jesus says in Mark 3 (also told in Matthew)

23And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

Clearly, Jesus has first bound the "strong man" before he spoiled his "house". Satan is not destroyed yet, but he does not have the power he once wielded...he is in essence bound.

Re: World Judgement & Satan - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/6/1 10:49

Quote:

-----When is this world going to be judged?

When Jesus returns on March 31, 2020. (Just kidding!)

But seriously, the world will be judged when Jesus returns.

2 Thess. 1 says,

7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. "

Re: World Judgement & Satan - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/6/1 11:23

Reply

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I believe that no one can be saved unless our Heavenly Father first gives us to Jesus and Satan is bound and no longer lord over us. We are still tempted by the desires of our flesh bodies and the protective armor we are to put on or all spiritual, for the spiritual battles we wage is with our flesh, not some man in red underwear. When you step out and walk in faith you yourself as part of the body of Christ condemn this world.

Romans 8

1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Eddie .

Re: World Judgement & Satan - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/6/2 3:45

Eh, I wouldn't give a penny for a stance. If they help you organize your thoughts and tell someone else paragraphs of information about what you believe with one word- then use the stance. But otherwise, always be open to what the Word tells you.

I'm looking into an eschatological argument that's been newly codified. It's called Progressive Dispensationalism. I think it's pretty neat. I don't really have any good links on it.

Nothing brings "Jesus Christ out of the sky". The Father decides when He comes. There will be birth pains at that time, deception, wars, natural disasters, but they don't necessitate the return of Christ.

Other posters answered your question well. The world will be judged when Jesus comes back. The Satan thing is less decisive. We know that right now he works in the sons of disobedience, and when the world is judged, they go in the pit along with Satan. So that's when he'll be put in hell.

Re:, on: 2007/6/2 8:41

Quote:
-----jaysaved said: Clearly, Jesus has first bound the "strong man" before he spoiled his "house". Satan is not destroyed yet, but he does not have the power he once wielded...he is in essence bound.

If he is bound, would that be the same binding as in Revelations?

Quote:
-----Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

If that is your argument would you say that Satan was loosed (lets say around 1948) and is out to deceive the nations again?

Interesting so far :-)

Re:, on: 2007/6/2 8:53

Quote:
-----jaysaved said: But seriously, the world will be judged when Jesus returns.

You know, I would readily accept this, but the time statement in which Jesus says about this world being judged negates your statement (not just yours but all who hold to it)

Quote:
-----John 12:31 **Now** is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Re: World Judgement & Satan, on: 2007/6/2 16:25

Quote:

Compliments wrote:
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Dear Bro. Compliments

Please don't be too miserable because of this. We can still have fellowship.

I for one have found you very gracious and tender-hearted even when we disagree. The love of Christ shines through you, and you are surely a very very highly valued member of SI.

There seem to be a huge variety of views re eschatology and other topics. On things like the Millennium the Tribulation and the Rapture, I tend to sit on the fence, or come off on one side or the other only very cautiously. The Bible isn't a nice cut-and-dried book of instructions and clear descriptions of exactly what will happen and how or when - it's **the Word of God!** And, when illuminated by the Spirit, it is living and active, not like dead words on a dead page. Each chapter and verse has multitudes of subtleties and layers and levels of meaning - eschatology more than most. How can we all agree or understand the whole of even the smallest topic? We can get a general idea, on what we really need to know, that is all.

To really understand the spiritual meaning of events as they happen we have to be in the Spirit. And even then the Lord may choose not to reveal that particular thing. But we can be sure that, if we are open to Him, He will show us what we need to know, when we need to know it.

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You are right. And yet... There does seem to be a sense that this time things are *really* drawing near to what the Bible calls "the end of the age", when Jesus will return, and there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

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I think the world was judged, is being judged, and will be (finally) judged. And that Satan was cast out, is being cast out and will be (finally) cast out.

For example, before the Crucifixion and that particular victory over Satan, Jesus said, "I SAW, (past tense) Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

Don't know if that helps but please don't be too discouraged.

I have sometimes felt a little bit isolated too, by feeling I believe differently from most others on SI on certain subjects. Even this lovely forum and site is not really a spiritual "home" where I can feel wholly comfortable with everyone.

And yet, we are in Him, and one in Him - that's a fact, however we feel, and that's what matters.

Bless you, Brother, for your honesty and grace.

Jeannette

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/6/4 10:08

Quote:
-----If he is bound, would that be the same binding as in Revelations?

I believe so. However, I am a loose Amillennialist

Quote:
-----If that is your argument would you say that Satan was loosed (lets say around 1948) and is out to deceive the nations again?

I have never considered 1948 as being the year Satan was loosed. Other than the establishment of Israel, why would you believe that 1948 was the year? Please give reasons:

Thanks

Re: World Judgement & Satan, on: 2007/6/4 18:53

Compliments asked

Quote:

-----When is Satan going to be thrown out?

He was cast out at Calvary.

"Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (JOHN 12:31-32)

Quote:

-----When is this world going to be judged?

After the Gospel is preached (not necessarily printed) in every nation nation.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (MATT 24:14)

Brother, I know I'm outspoken, and crass at times, but I've been trying to identify the beast, the whore, etc, etc, for over a decade-and-a-half. Since I was baptised in fire last year (still am, I think), I've been trying to determine whether I'm pre-trib, post-trib, a-trib, etc... and you know what I've discovered? They're all sensational, sensual, worldly doctrines of men.

The more popular the doctrine, the more sure I am it's wrong. The more popular the preacher, the less I trust him. The more the world likes us, the less we are like God.

Stick to scripture. Pray. Ask Jesus. He'll teach you what you need to know when you need to know it.

"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." (JER 17:5)

"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines the commandments of men." (MARK 7:7)

"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." (REV 22:18)

Re:, on: 2007/6/4 20:13

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-----Jaysaved said: I have never considered 1948 as being the year Satan was loosed. Other than the establishment of Israel, why would you believe that 1948 was the year? Please give reasons:

Just speculating, thinking...

Re:, on: 2007/6/4 20:28

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-----Corey Said: Brother, I know I'm outspoken, and crass at times, but I've been trying to identify the beast, the whore, etc, etc, for over a decade-and-a-half. Since I was baptised in fire last year (still am, I think), I've been trying to determine whether I'm pre-trib, post-trib, a-trib, etc... and you know what I've discovered? They're all sensational, sensual, worldly doctrines of men.

And I agree with you. I hold to a partial preterist view (NOT A FULL preterist). There is a coming of the LORD (not necessarily 'second') and there is a resurrection. The only reason why I hold to these two events being still future is because there is no scriptures to prove that they already happened.

In my other life, so to speak, I was a Post Tribber. But Daniel 9:27 didn't set well with me and that's the only place that the "tribbers" get their 7 years from.

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You had said that Satan was cast out at Calvary, but Jesus said 'Now' for Satan, but He also said, 'Now' for the judgement of the world. He says 'NOW' for both events, but your placing one at Calvary, and the other way of into the future, but He put both of them in the 'NOW' category.

What think ye??

by the way, I don't mind the crass, just be reasonable and biblical and your fine with me. ;-)

Re:, on: 2007/6/4 21:32

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Judgement happened, happens, and will happen. It begins at Genesis and ends at Revelation. It happens when you steal a pen and feel bad - and it happens after death if you don't repent and give that pen back (or at least stop stealing stuff). It happens when you commit adultery and get an STD, or caught, or both - and it happens again after death if you don't repent and stop your wicked ways.

This "second judgement" is what I think leads to the "second death". You continue to sin here, you will eventually suffer here. You unrepentantly continue to sin and then die, you are irredeemably wicked and cast into the lake of fire.

Now, our Lord said, "the kingdom of heaven is within you". He also likened it to a long lost gem found again, like a small amount of leaven that enlarges bread, like the smallest of seeds that becomes the greatest of trees.

He said many are called to be citizens of this "kingdom", but few are chosen.

He said the kingdom doesn't "come by observation".

So if the kingdom's already in us, we **are** reigning with Christ.

So what are the whatever-tribbers waiting for?

Pre-tribbers believe Jesus is going to appear (Second Coming) before the Tribulation and will "rapture" all Christians into the clouds. Then He will appear again after the Tribulation (3rd Coming) to blow the antichrist and his followers to smithereens. Then He will raise the dead and reign on earth for exactly 1000 years - then he'll leave, Satan will be released just one more time - and He'll return yet again (Forth Coming)... And I'm sure he'll keep leaving and returning with each new installment of the "Left Behind" series.

Post-tribbers, from what I gather, formulated their doctrines during the advent of the technological age. Another word for post-tribbers is "dominionists" - they believe Christianity and technology will result, after the Tribulation, in a utopian, righteous, world - and that Christ will reappear to rule for a literal thousand years only when we get our act together.

I'm not sure if pre/post-millennialist is the same or different than pre/post-trib (and not sure if I want to know).

But every doctrine I've read on the subject is carnal, carnal, carnal.

I'm of the opinion that since I'm the Temple of God, the kingdom of heaven is within me, the Holy Ghost is teaching me

o pray, Jesus is answering my prayers, and that I'm communing with the Living God... That the kingdom is **now**, the Millennium of Grace is now. When the gospel is preached to the last nation or tribe on earth, and everyone's been warned, and no one has an excuse for not believing in Jesus and doing what He says... then the end of the earth will come by fire.

Then the dead are raised, judged, and rewarded or punished.

Then the Almighty will create a New Heaven and New Earth, and His Faithful will dwell in New Jerusalem FOREVER.

That's my interpretation. I'm probably wrong on one or more points. Ask me for scripture if you need anything clarified - I have to go cook now >:')

Question for Jay - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/6/5 0:08

Question for JaySaved:

Quote:
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This incited some thought in me. Would you care to elaborate on what power He may have lost? It seems like there is more sin than ever (not just seems, but looking at the scale of wars, the widespread world crime that has undeniably grown n...)

Appreciate it,

Re: Question for Jay - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/6/6 21:05

I wrote:

Quote:
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theopenlife replied:

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Gladly, the reason I believe Jesus (in the bind the strong man discourse) is talking about Satan being bound is because Jesus clearly says that He casts out Satan because He is in opposition to Satan...then He says "You cannot plunder the strong man's house until he is first bound."

Why do I believe Satan is currently bound?

Revelation 20 (emphasis mine)

1Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3and 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.

The reason for Satan being bound is so that he might not deceive the nations any longer. This tells us that he has been previously deceiving the nations.

Compare this to Matthew 28

16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Jesus gives a new command, "Go into the nations." Before this, the gospel was almost exclusively to the Jew only. But with Jesus' work on the cross, salvation is not available to all nations.

So we have Jesus giving a new command to spread the message of reconciliation to the nations. At the same time, Satan is no longer deceiving the nations and therefore the gospel is spreading. The work of Christ on this earth bound Satan.

But earlier you brought up a very good point:

Quote:
-----It seems like there is more sin than ever (not just seems, but looking at the scale of wars, the widespread world crime that has undeniably grown...)

It is true that there is much sin in this world. We must remember that Satan is not dead, but is bound. He can still operate, just not with the same power as he has had in the past...that is until he is unbound.

I hope this helps, I am still processing all of this as well. God Bless.

Re: When ?, on: 2007/6/6 21:29

The key to understanding Scripture is to realize that it was not written in segments as we post segments.

There were no Chapter Numbers nor Verse Numbers.

You cannot take a few verses and make Doctrine out of them.

We cannot post Rev. 20 at all without the whole of Chpt. 19 attached to all of 20. It's ONE dialogue.

Notice how chpt. 20 starts with a conjunctive.
So even that would tell us it's connected to the last verse of Chpt 19.

This is the answer to both questions or all. Just read those two chpt.s as they are written.
Don't chop that book up. It's got a warning at the end.