

Little Season

Rev. 20:7

Rev. 20:5-8

Rev. 17:8, 20:5-8
Satan is released from the bottomless pit for a "Little Season". This length of time is not specified. The purpose is to Deceive the Nations. (one last chance) Satan will deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, that make up Gog and Magag to gather for battle. The number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

It is not specifically stated what countries are Gog and Magog, but theories is that Magog is Russia, and Gog is made up of several areas surrounding Israel, making it easy to understand how Jerusalem would be compassed about so easily.

Rev. 20:9

And "they" went up on the breadth of the earth. They could be referring to spirits with Satan to influence and control who Satan deceives.

...and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city. So there were "saints" still here on the earth, through the 1,000 year millennium and on into the "Little Season".

...the beloved city that Gog and Magag compassed would be Jerusalem, where the saints came back to.

...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (Gog and Magag)

Refer to II Kings 6:14-16
Elisha and the young man was compassed about by the enemy, and again God sent fire, chariots of fire to destroy the enemy.

Since there is soon to be a new earth, the "saints" that were just saved are probably translated up to heaven like Elijah was, but there is no record of how they are saved, but if God protected them this far, He wouldn't let them be destroyed now.

Rev. 20:10-11

Satan was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

This is the last reference to Satan. He is removed from any influence on people.

No reference to people being in the lake of fire yet, they will be coming from death and hell, and then cast into the lake after the judgment.

John then saw the Great White throne, and him that sat on it. The face of earth and heaven fled from him, there was found no place for them.

Rev. 20:12

Judgment of the Dead
The dead, small and great, stood before God. The books were opened, and another book, which is the book of life.

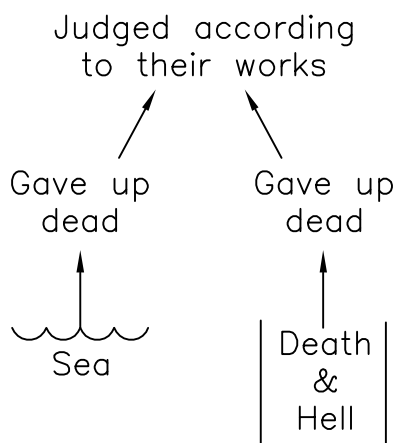
The dead were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works.

Rev. 20:13

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it.

And death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them.

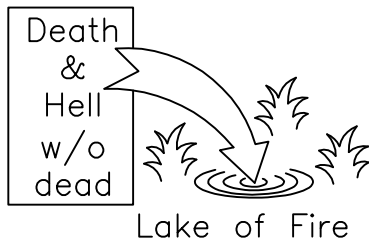
And they were judged according to their works.



Rev. 20:14

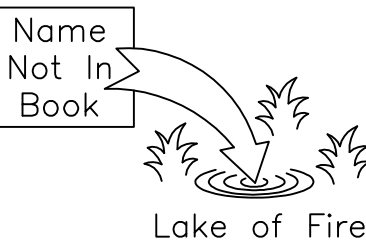
And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the Second Death.



Rev. 20:15

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



This completes the judgment and sentencing of those who chose not to follow God.

Those who did chose to follow God will be covered next.

Notes on Judgments:
II Tim. 4:1, Rev. 20:12,15

There's a difference between judgment and sentencing. If Christ's 'Appearing' refers to Pre-Trib, then the Quick & Dead are judged then, but there are those still alive who can make decisions throughout the Tribulation period that can offset their outcome.

We're also judged when we die, because we can't change anything beyond that point. Knowing this, means your eternity depends on your decision before you die, make the right one, Quickly!