

# Bible Study the Millennium and Judgment

1. What text definitely brings the millennium into view? Revelation 20:4
2. Whom does Paul say the saints are to judge? 1 Corinthians 6:1-3
3. What prophecy did Paul base his statement upon? Daniel 7:21, 22
4. How many resurrections will there be? John 5:28, 29
5. Who will have a part in the first resurrection? Revelation 20:6
6. What will Christ do with the righteous when He comes? John 14:3
7. Where did John while in vision, see the righteous? Revelation 7:9
8. What becomes of the living wicked when Christ returns? Luke 17:26-30; Revelation 6:15, 16
9. What does apostle Paul say will happen to the wicked? 1 Thessalonians 5:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:8
10. What does the prophet Jeremiah say about the millennium? Jeremiah 4:23-26
11. How does Isaiah speak of the wicked during the millennium? Isaiah 24:21, 22
12. How long will Satan be imprisoned on earth? Revelation 20:1-3
13. The righteous dead are raised at Christ's second coming; when are the wicked raised? Revelation 20:5
14. As soon as the wicked are raised, what does he proceed to do? Revelation 20:7, 8
15. What is the outcome of this final battle? Revelation 20:12-15

“The cross of Christ will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout all eternity. In Christ glorified they will behold Christ crucified. Never will it be forgotten that He whose power created and upholds the unnumbered worlds, humbled Himself to uplift man; that He bore the guilt and shame of sin, and the hiding of His Father's face, till the woes of the lost world broke His heart and crushed out His life on Calvary's cross. That the Maker of all the worlds, the Arbiter of all destinies, should lay aside His glory and humiliate Himself from love to man will ever excite the wonder and adoration of all the universe.” *Great Controversy*, p 651.

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# Bread from on High

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## Origin of Evil M. L. Andreasen

Throughout the history of the world God has had His faithful ones. They have endured affliction and great tribulation. But even in the midst of Satan's buffetings they have, as the apostle Paul says, through faith "wrought righteousness."

"They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (Hebrews 11:37, 38).

And in addition to this galaxy of faithful witnesses, many of whom were martyrs for their faith, God will have in the last days a remnant, a "little flock," in and through whom He will give to the universe a demonstration of His love, His power, His justice, which, if we exempt Christ's godly life on earth and His supreme sacrifice on Calvary, will be the most sweeping and conclusive demonstration of all the ages of what God can do in men.

It is in the last generation of men living on the earth that God's power unto sanctification will stand fully revealed. The demonstration of that power is God's vindication. It clears Him of any and all charges which Satan has placed against Him. In the last generation God is

vindicated and Satan defeated. This may benefit from further amplification.

The rebellion which took place in heaven and introduced sin into the universe of God must have been a fearful experience both for God and for the angels. Until this time all had been peace and harmony. Discord was unknown; only love prevailed.

Then unholy ambitions stirred the heart of Lucifer. He decided that he wanted to be like the Most High. He would exalt his throne above the stars of God; he would sit "upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north" (Isaiah 14:12-14). This declaration of intent was tantamount to an attempt to depose God and usurp His place. It was a declaration of war. Where God sat, Satan would sit. But God accepted the challenge.

We have no direct biblical statement as to the means used by Satan in winning over to his side a multitude of angels. That he lied is clear. That he was a murderer from the beginning is likewise indisputable (John 8:44).

As murder has its beginning in hatred, and as this hatred found its fruition in the killing of the Son of God on Calvary, we may believe that Satan's hatred was directed not only against God the Father, but also—and perhaps especially—



against God the Son.

When Satan thus established his government in heaven, the issue was clear-cut. The angels understood clearly the issue. All must take their stand for or against Satan.

In the case of rebellion there is always some case of grievance, real or fancied, given as the cause. Some become dissatisfied and, failing to have matters remedied, they resort to rebellion. Those who sympathize with the rebel cause join it. The others remain loyal to the government and must, of course, take their chance on its survival.

It apparently came to just such a pass in heaven. The result was war. "There was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels" (Revelation 12:7). The outcome could have been foreseen. Satan and

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his angels “prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Verses 8, 9).

Though Satan was defeated, he was not destroyed. By his act of rebellion he had declared God’s government at fault, and by the setting up of his own throne he had made claim to greater wisdom or justice than God. These claims are inherent in rebellion and in the establishment of another government.

God could ill afford not to give Satan an opportunity to demonstrate his theories. To remove every doubt in the minds of the angels—and later of man—God must let Satan go on with his work. And so Satan was permitted to live and set up his government. For the last six thousand years he has been giving the universe an illustration of what he will do when he has

the opportunity.

This demonstration has been permitted to continue until now. And what a demonstration it has been! From the time Cain killed Abel there have been hatred, bloodshed, cruelty, and oppression in the earth. Virtue, goodness, and justice have suffered; vice, vileness, and corruption have triumphed. The just man has been made a prey; God’s messengers have been tortured and killed; God’s law has been trampled in the dust. When God sent His Son, instead of honoring Him, evil men, under the instigation of Satan, hanged Him on a tree.

Even then God did not destroy Satan. The demonstration must be completed. Only when the last events are taking place, and men are on the point of exterminating one another, will God interfere to save His own. There will then remain no doubt in the mind of anyone that, had he the power, Satan would destroy every vestige of goodness,

hurl God from the throne, murder the Son of God, and establish a kingdom of violence founded in self-seeking and cruel ambition.

What Satan has been demonstrating is really his character and the lengths to which selfish ambition will lead. In the beginning he wanted to be like God. He was dissatisfied with his position as the highest of created beings. He wanted to be God. And the demonstration has shown that when he set his mind upon this goal he would stop short of nothing to attain it. Whoever stands in the way must be put out of the way. If it be God Himself, He must be removed.

The demonstration shows that high position is not satisfactory to the ambitious individual. He must have the highest, and even then he is not satisfied. Often a person in a lowly position is tempted to believe that he would be satisfied if his position were improved. He is at least sure that he would be satisfied if he had

the highest position possible. But would he? Lucifer was not. He had the highest position possible. But he was not satisfied. He wanted one still higher. He wanted to be God Himself.

In this respect the contrast between Christ and Satan is pronounced. Satan wanted to be God. He wanted it so much that he was willing to do anything to attain his goal. Christ, on the other hand, did not consider it a thing to be grasped to be like God. He voluntarily humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. He was God, and He became man. And that this was not a temporary arrangement only for the purpose of showing His willingness, is evidenced by the fact that He will ever remain man. Satan exalted himself; Christ humbled Himself. Satan wanted to become God; Christ became man. Satan wanted to sit as God on a throne; Christ, as a servant, knelt to wash the disciple’s feet. The contrast is complete. ☞

## *New Covenant is Good News*

Old Covenant thinking on the part of sincere Christians who want to follow Jesus “genders to bondage” (Galatians 4:24). It’s tragic that we do not realize that the Old Covenant ideas that have enslaved our thinking are a counterfeit of the pure, true gospel. If we wonder why our “Christian experience” is so disappointing, then we do not know the truth of the New Covenant. We assume that the gospel is impotent, when we in reality have inherited a distorted view of it. The Old Covenant was formally endorsed by the leaders of Israel at Mt. Sinai when they responded to the Lord’s declaration of what He would do for them, “All that the Lord hath spoken, **we will do**” (Exodus 19:8; in a matter of days they were worshipping a golden calf!). The Lord never asked them to make that promise! When the Lord in Genesis

15:6 called Abraham out of his tent to count the stars of the Milky Way and declared to him as a divine promise, “So shall thy seed be,” He did not ask the patriarch to make any promise in return! Abraham’s job was to believe God’s divine promise. God’s promise was one-sided. And when Abraham did believe, the Lord graciously “counted it to him for righteousness” (15:6). That’s what He does for all of us; our promises to Him are vain. Worse, because the Lord does not call for such vain promises, the whole system is lethal, producing “bondage.” Now, let us walk in the bright sunshine of the New Covenant promises of God.

☺ Robert J. Wieland

## BEAN BOLOGNESE



### Bean Bolognese

443 calories; 11 g fat; 9 mg cholesterol; 67 g carbohydrates; 19 g protein; 14 g fiber; 707 mg sodium; 281 mg potassium.

- 1 14 oz. can beans (your choice)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 4 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 8 oz. whole wheat fettuccine

1. Mash 1/2 cup beans in a bowl with a fork; put pasta water on the boil; heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat; add onion and celery and cook, stirring, until soft, about 10 minutes; add garlic and bay leaf and cook, stirring about 1 minute. Add tomatoes and juice and mashed beans; simmer until thickened, about 6 minutes; add remaining whole beans and heat through, about 2 minutes.
2. Cook pasta according to package directions, about 9 minutes, drain; divide into four bowls; discard the bay leaf from the sauce, and spoon sauce over the pasta; sprinkle with Parmesan, if desired.

**Makes 4 servings**

## *Mad Enough to Die?*

**Have you ever said, “I so mad I could scream?”** If you do regularly utter such words and are prone to angry outbursts, you may be setting yourself up for a heart attack. Anyone can get angry; it’s a human emotion. But high levels of anger are the issue here, not ordinary anger or displeasure.

Researchers at the University of Sydney found that an episode of intense anger triggered 2.2 percent of heart attacks, and the people who comprised this percentage were eight and a half times more likely to have a sudden heart attack within two hours of their outbursts as compared to their calmer counterparts in the study.

The researchers questioned 313 heart attack patients (average age 58) about their moods and activities 48 hours before their cardiac episode.

They asked the patients to rate any anger they felt on a scale of 1 to 7. A rating of 5—defined as very angry, fists clenched, body tense and ready to “burst”—or above was associated with increased risk of a cardiac event.

Most people (71 percent of those studied) said their burst of intense anger was targeted toward family members or others. Some reported being provoked by driving incidents or work conflicts.

Emotions such as anger and hostility ramp up your “fight or flight” response. When that happens, stress hormones, including adrenaline and cortisol, speed up your heart rate and breathing. You get a burst of energy from the adrenalin. Your blood vessels tighten, and your blood pressure soars. All of these can trigger a heart attack.

Risk of an anger-induced heart attack is low, but if you tend to lose your temper, it might pay to try to keep your anger in check. Stress reduction training can teach you how to handle your frustrations in a more healthful manner.

The next time you feel your anger and heart rate rise, remember these three things to help you can get a grip fast:

1. “I can’t accomplish anything by blaming other people, even if they are responsible for the problem. I’ll try another angle.”
2. “Will this matter 5 years from now?” (or five hours? or five minutes?).
3. “If I’m still angry about this tomorrow, I’ll deal with it then. But for now, I’m just going to cool off.” ☞

### *Did You Know?*

The Food Network may be making you fat. A new study reports that if you regularly try the recipes you see on TV, you’re probably packing on extra pounds compared to viewers who are satisfied with just watching others do the cooking. Why? Most of the recipes presented on the cooking shows tend to be high in calories and rich in fat. Social media, like Facebook, also contributes to gaining weight. Women who got their recipes from Facebook had high BMIs, but women who used recipes from cookbooks and magazines had lower BMIs.