

# **Interpretation Study Handout #11**

**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**

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Introduction:

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Brief review:

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- Vs. 4 - Who reigns with Christ and for how long?

- How many times is thousand years stated in this context and what is the significance?

- What are the ramifications of the kinds of people reigning?

- Vs. 5 – “rest of the dead” – who are the rest of the dead?

- What does it mean this is the first resurrection?

- Vs. 6 - “Blessed and holy...resurrection” – why has this been added?

- What is meant by “second death?”

- What does it mean to be “priests of God and of Christ?”

- Why do you think it is reiterated “will reign with Him for a thousand years?”

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- Why is it important for Christ to rule on this present earth?

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- With an earthly kingdom stated here and other places, what does Paul mean when he says our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20)?

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- Vs. 7 -10 - Why is it important to release Satan at the 1000 year end?

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- Vs. 11 – For whom is this judgment and what is the implication of being judged according to the books?

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- The Millennial Kingdom in Zachariah (Zach. 14:9-21)

Some think this denotes particular favor to the people of the Jews, and points at their conversion and restoration in the latter days; but it is rather to be understood figuratively of the gospel-church, typified by Judah and Jerusalem, and it signifies the abundant graces with which the church shall be crowned, and the fruitfulness of its members, and the vast numbers of them. (1.) The church shall be like a fruitful country, abounding in all the rich products of the soil. The whole land of Judea, which is naturally uneven and hilly, shall be *turned as a plain*; it shall become a smooth level valley, from Geba, or Gibeah, its utmost border north, to Rimmon, which lay *south of Jerusalem* and was the utmost southern limit of Judea. The gospel of Christ, where it comes in its power, levels the ground; mountains and hills are brought low by it, that the Lord alone may be exalted. (2.) It shall be like a populous city. As the holy land shall be levelled, so the holy city shall be peopled, shall be rebuilt and replenished. Matthew Henry Commentary.

- Are you comfortable with Matthew Henry's commentary assessment?

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- What is the context of Zachariah 14?

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- How does what is stated here fit with the context of Revelation 20?

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