

The Three Eternal Destinies #126 *Man Was Created Free*

Rev 21:6-7 can be taught as both the Holy as well as the Righteous — since the Holy overcome Satan keeping them from the good news of salvation and the waters of life, and the nations overcome his leading them astray (as Rev 21:3) from their innate righteousness. Rev 22:11 — In this life, they overcame his schemes to deceive them to commit the deeds of Rev 21:8.

Rom 2:5-11 — God gave to men the liberty to eat of the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This was a test to them to see what man would do with his freedom. Gen 3:6 was a test for the first man; Mt 4:1-11 was a test for the second man (Rom 5:12-19; Gen 3:1-8; 1 Tim 2:13-14; 1 Jn 2:16).

To desire what God forbids leads to a depraved mind if a man does not judge his action before it is too late.

Gen 2:17 — Man now faces the first death sentence and is as good as dead physically since he is already dead spiritually (Eph 2:1-3; Jn 5:24-25). Sins did not originate with the first man Adam — sin was before man in Satan (Eze 28; Isa 14). Satan was the father of sin, lying, murder, etc.; Jn 8:44 says to all religious people that Satan is the source of the persecution of Jn 16:1-3, as Christians have murdered throughout history (Rev 18:23 - 19:3).

Man was created free to obey his Creator or to disobey Him if he so willed. Obedience is always in the face of rebellion and disobedience — without the other none would have meaning. Man chose to live by the tree of knowledge of good and evil, in spiritual death, and Satan would try to persuade fallen man who now must live by his knowledge of good and evil to gain eternal life — what the tree of life would have granted to him without cost. The tree of knowledge of good and evil requires a man to exercise his knowledge to do the good and not do the evil — which cost him his total loyalty to his conscience, God's vice-regent.

Now Satan would be ever present on the face of the earth wherever man went, to cause his second downfall to the second death, as Rev 20:3 and 20:8 explain. Rev 20:3 — He leads everyone whom he can lead astray and if there were no consequence to his leading mankind astray, why does he lead them astray? Heb 9:27 — Men have only been sentenced to a first death, not a second death, unless he succumbed to Satan's tactics to fall a second time to a second death, as Rev 21:8. Many men have overcome (verse 7) and did not give in to his deception the second time, since they stayed within the boundaries of the second covenant (Isa 24:5-6). Rev 21:7-8; Rev 20:3 — He would not deceive the nations any more until the 1,000 years are over.

So, if Satan already deceived mankind in the garden to fall to the second death — that is, the eternal lake of fire — why would he try to deceive man more, or again? Rev 21:7 — Those of the nations who conquer his serpent-like deceptive maneuvers by abiding in the boundaries of Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7, their names will remain in the Book of Life for the Second Life, after the judgment (Heb 9:27 and Rev 20:11-15). Rev 21:7-8 speak of the men in verses 3 and 4. These are the men of the nations who were worthy of the second life after death. Heb 9:27 says *die once, not twice*.

The water in Rev 21:6 is the water of a second life. Rev 21:7 is works or deeds done in their lifetime within the boundaries of the second covenant, which the judgment is based upon in Rev 20:12. As Rev 21:3,7 says, the people of the *nations* will now once more as *Adam be His people*, and He will *be their God*. Then Rev 21:8 says, “*But,*” for those who did not stay within the boundary of the everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5-6 and Gen 3:16-19), who committed acts as Rom 1:18-32, whose sins were not able to be paid for by this first death in Heb 9:27 (the Rev 21:8 kind of sins were embodied in them, even as Satan's sins), since they were outside of the everlasting covenant. They broke the everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5,6), and therefore they go to the second death, which is the lake of fire. Satan has led them astray into the second death (Rev 20:3,7,8,10).

The beast and the false prophet go to the second death (Rev 19:20) because they deserve it. They were led astray or deceived by Satan also, so as to be worthy of this second death. But there have been many men who have lived down through history who did not sin like these men — but did not know of the way of salvation in Messiah, or even Abraham or Moses, but lived by their conscience and were “Righteous” (Rev 22:11). They were not “Holy” (Rev 22:11), but neither were they unjust or filthy. They were *just*, keeping the everlasting covenant of Isa 24:5-6, for not all men were led astray by Satan to a second death penalty.

I labor the point because Christians believe God to be not righteous Himself, but believe Adam and Eve and all who were born of them went to the Lake of Fire after the judgment in Rev 20:14-15, that is, any who were not Christians like them, which may be because they are *unjust like their God*. To whose image are Christians conformed? Rev 20:1-2 — Satan was bound so that he could not deceive the people of the nations any longer to cause them to become unjust and filthy. He would keep them from retaining their “righteousness” by leading them astray... from what? From the boundaries of the everlasting covenant to a second death sentence.

He had already led Adam and Eve astray from the tree of life into a death sentence by their disobedience to their Creator, so that now Adam and all his descendants would have to live by Gen 3:16-19 in order to have a second life after this first death. But if they did not live by this covenant it would be only because Satan lead them astray or deceived them again, as he did Adam and Eve in the last books of Eden.

So why is Satan still after man if he is as fallen as he can be? Why does he try to deceive man again if man is already deceived or if man is depraved already as Calvin teaches? Only those who deny that there is a God (Ps 14:1-3) become filthy, and none of them can do good in God's eyes.

To put it simply, Rev 20:3 says Satan had no purpose or reason for deceiving the nations if man was as far fallen as he could be — that he is already condemned to the Lake of Fire, the place prepared for Satan and his angels as Mt 25:41 says. If one was not saved by grace through faith in Messiah in this present age, this places most of the population under the condemnation of Satan's death sentence, since most of the population of the world for the past 6,000 years has never heard of the name of God or His Son or the Bible or the Scriptures, etc. So Rev 20:3 tells us that it is Satan's desire to lead astray the nations from living a righteous life (as in Rev 22:11), to degrade them to unjust and filthy lives. Rev 21:7 is to overcome Satan's deception for both the Righteous and the Holy, as Rev 22:11. The Righteous did not become deceived to practice the deeds in Rev 21:8. The judgment of Rev 20:12-15 is based on deeds one does, making men unjust and filthy by their deeds or retaining their original righteousness. God gave the covenant of Gen 3:16-19 to men, the righteous practice these good deeds and were worthy of a second life.

The filthy and unjust practiced the evil deeds, so making them worthy of a second death (Rev 21:8). Second death means Adam and Eve were not condemned to the second death in the fall. A second death meant that Adam was only sentenced to a first death. So there are *Three Eternal Destinies of Man*, not just two, as the unjust Christians say — who have been led astray by Satan to a second death penalty. It is not just that Christians go to the second death because of Jn 9:41, but because they break the Everlasting Covenant themselves. Christians are unjust businessmen. But if at the judgment of Rev 20:11-15 they are judged as the *filthy*, it is because of Rev 18:5, since for them they are unclean. Rom 2:1-3 — Condemning others who do the same things themselves.