

## **The Gospel According to John**

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1. Earlier, I taught Joh 7:1-23 by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*.
2. Before we continue our categorical study of the Millennium, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page four.

### ***Doctrine of the Millennium***

#### **Conclusion**

1. The Millennium is a 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, in perfect environment. The age of perfection begins with the Second Advent and ends with the Gog revolution.
2. The Gog revolution is put down by the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The destruction of the forces of Satan and his followers is followed by the Great White Throne.
4. The Great White Throne judgment is preceded by the destruction of planet earth.
5. Now let's see what happens when Jesus arrived in the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles.
6. Jesus Arrives and Teaches in the Temple. Joh 7:14
7. Scribes and Elders React to His teachings. Joh 7:15-17
8. The crowd answers and Jesus responds to their assertions. Joh 7:20-23
9. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity. Luk 6:18
10. Demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct. 1Pe 5:8; 1Ti 4:1; Eph 6:11; 2Co 11:13-15
11. The Lake of Fire was created for Satan and his demons. Mat 25:41
12. Demons can possess unbelievers. Luk 8:27
13. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

14. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are six in number.

14.1 Idolatry

14.2 Drug or chemical addiction

14.3 An infatuation with illicit sex

14.4 Hyper-emotionalism

14.5 Transcendental meditation

14.6 Necromancy

15. Necromancy, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is: "the practice of supposedly communicating with the spirits of the dead in order to predict the future ..."

16. Necromancy is one of many signs of demonism, e.g., in the story of Saul and the witch of Endor. We spent a great deal of time last week teaching the story of the Witch of Endor. Saul in response to Samuel's instructions had removed those practicing witchcraft from the land.

17. Saul had always relied on his good friend Samuel for advice. The advice from Samuel had always been "100 percent perfect." Samuel had died; now lonely and anxious the psychotic Saul needed Samuel.

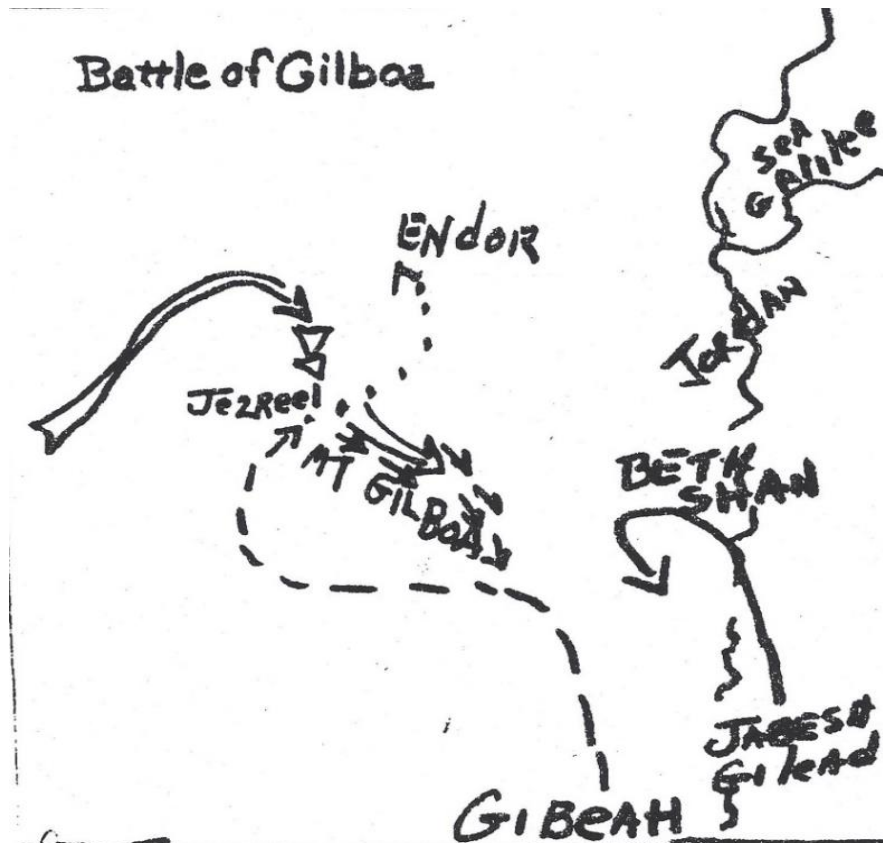
17.1 The King and his son Jonathan were about to go north to Gibeah and engage a powerful Philistine Army. He was in need of a séance but there were no witches in the land. 1Sa 28:7-10

17.2 Those who claim they can speak with the dead are not speaking to a person or persons who have died but they are seeing an apparition sponsored and maintained by a demon, demons or Satan himself.

17.3 This would explain why the Witch of Endor will scream in terror when she sees the real Samuel sponsored and maintained by God Himself.  
1Sa 28:11-12

17.4 At this point Satan comes to the aid of the witch and she now recognizes Saul who immediately assures her. 1Sa 28:13-19

17.5 The events of Saul's disobedience can be found in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel fifteen.



18. Demonism was a major cause of Israel's fifth cycle of discipline and thus a caveat for all client nations: "avoid demonic practices." Isa 29:3-6

19. Familiar spirits and wizards were much consulted in Israel, especially when the Jews lost their faith in the Scriptures and their prophets. Isa 8:19

19.1 A description of the tragic disillusionment and despair of those who trust in something other than the Word of God can be found in Isa 8:21 and Gal 1:8-9.

19.2 There is no morning or dawn of deliverance for those dabbling in the occult. Isa 8:22

19.3 Many shall plunge into the eternal night of perdition with vain and bitter curses upon their lips, but there will be deliverance when Christ shall come from the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Isa 9:1-2

19.4 The words "spirits" and "wizards" refer to fallen angels who control vocal-cords.

19.4.1 When men tell you to consult mediums, who whisper and mutter, the people of God should inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

19.5 We know from several Scriptures that demons can possess male and female unbelievers and use their vocal cords at will. In the context of the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of Isaiah the wizards are said to peep and mutter. Isa 8:19

19.6 When the demons "mutter," they project their voices in such a way as to make them appear to come out of the ground or from the mouth of another.

19.7 A missionary once described a demon-possessed Indian from Arizona. Ordinarily this Indian had a deep and resonant voice. Under demon domination, he made strange statements in a high falsetto voice.

19.8 Many cases are on record which state that demon-possessed persons have actually spoken in some foreign language not previously known.

19.8.1 Of all the modern-day accounts of this phenomenon, the best documented is the case of Bishop Pike, for in his case it was obviously demonic. See M. F. Unger's book *Tongues*.

19.9 Similarly Joseph Smith, many Tibetan monks, Mary Baker Patterson Glover Eddy, and many fine Christians who are as sweet as Dr. Pepper have spoken in tongues, often bringing new revelations of a god.

20. Babylon was infested with demon activity, as we have seen earlier. Isaiah speaks of their problem. Isa 47:5-14

20.1 Babylon was known for its counterfeit Judaeo/Christian faith. Semiramis and Tammuz were worshiped as mother and child; it is studied today in comparative religion classes as a similar religion that preceded Christianity.

20.2 Demonic practices were prevalent in Babylon during Nebuchadnezzar's rule. The King was led to destroy Jerusalem in 586 B.C. by a demonic device.

Eze 21:20 Mark out one road for the sword to come against Rabbah of the Ammonites and another against Judah and fortified Jerusalem.

Eze 21:21 For the king of Babylon will stop at the fork in the road, at the junction of the two roads, to seek an omen: He will cast lots with arrows, he will consult his idols, he will examine the liver.

Eze 21:22 Into his right hand will come the lot for Jerusalem, where he is to set up battering rams, to give the command to slaughter, to sound the battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp and to erect siege works.

21. Many kings of Israel promoted idols and thus demonism. Manasseh was one of the worst.

2Ki 20:21 Hezekiah rested with his fathers. And Manasseh his son succeeded him as king.

2Ki 21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah.

2Ki 21:2 He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.

2Ki 21:3 He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down and worshiped the stars.

2Ki 21:4 He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name."

2Ki 21:5 In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts.

2Ki 21:6 He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

22. Familiar spirits and wizards were much consulted in Israel, especially when the Jews lost their faith in the Scriptures and their prophets.

Isa 8:19 When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

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24. Jesus speaks to the crowd and asserts they know who He is and from where he comes.

Joh 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."

25. The best way to study this verse is to review the *Doctrine of Judgments*.

## **The Doctrine of Judgments**

### **Introduction**

1. The Scriptures anticipate a coming judgment by God on all men. Such was the expectation of the Psalmist as he wrote Psa 96:13.

Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

Psa 96:12 let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

Psa 96:13 they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

2. Paul confirms the same in Acts 17:31. All judgment has been committed to Christ Jesus. (Joh 5:22-24)

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Joh 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

### **The Subject of Judgment**

1. The subject of judgment is a large one and encompasses several specific actions on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- There is a judgment of the cross.

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

Rom 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Rom 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Gal 3:14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Heb 9:26 Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Heb 9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- There is a judgment of the believer in time.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

1Co 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

Heb 12:6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Heb 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

Heb 12:8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Heb 12:9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

Heb 12:10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Heb 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psa 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psa 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Psa 32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah

Psa 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" -- and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Psa 32:6 Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

Psa 32:7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Psa 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psa 32:9 Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Psa 32:10 Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.



Psa 32:11 Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psa 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psa 51:2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psa 51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Psa 51:4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psa 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psa 51:6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Psa 51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Psa 51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Psa 51:9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psa 51:11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psa 51:13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

- There is a judgment of the believer's production at the Bema.

Rom 14:10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1Co 3:11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

1Co 3:13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

1Co 3:14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

1Co 3:15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

2. With the exception of the judgment at the Bema, which has been thoroughly taught in our *Doctrine of the Bema*, all of the above judgments are non-eschatological judgments.

3. It will behoove us to consider the four judgments which have eschatological implications under a single heading.

### **End Lesson**

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