



The Dragon is Defeated

Revelation 20:1-10

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Big Idea: When it looks like evil will control the world, remember that Satan is both defeated and destined for judgment.

Event One: Satan is Bound.

Revelation 20:1-3 ESV 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Background: Who is the Dragon?

Read about the fall of Satan in Ezekiel 28:12-17

Event Two: The 1,000 Year Reign

Event Three: Satan's Final Defeat and Judgment

7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, 10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

APPLICATION:

Don't despair because of the evil in the world. Judgment is coming.

Even in the millennial reign of Christ on earth, some inhabitants will only pretend to worship him. When Satan is unleashed, they will quickly turn to follow him. A perfect reign and a perfect environment cannot change the human heart. Only Jesus can. Has he changed your heart?

LifeGroup Study Guide

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Review

What is the origin of the devil? Isa. 14:12-17; Ezek 28:12-19

What kind of freedom, activity, and authority has the devil had in this world? 1 John 5:19 Give some examples of his influence today.

What do you think the devil and his angels know and are anticipating regarding judgment Lk 4:34; Matt 8:28-29?

What future event will happen to the devil and his angels during the tribulation period? What will he conclude about his time on earth? Rev 12:7-12

Jesus' coming had many purposes. What is the reason for His coming and work according to 1 John 3:7-8?

Prison Read Rev 20:1-3 What does the angel do to the devil? What impact will this have on the kingdom of God for 1,000 years?

Release Read Rev 20:7-9 After the devil is released for a short time, what will be his main activity? How does this compare to what he has always done? See John 8:44 How do you see him doing this today? What effect is he having on the church?

Punishment Read Rev 20:10 What will happen to the devil and his angels? See also Matt 25:41 Describe what this will be like? Who will he join?

How does it make you feel that the devil will meet his final doom?

Daily Victory

What strategies can we put in place to secure personal victory in our lives even while he is still prowling like a lion to devour?

1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 2:13

James 4:7; Jude 9

Matthew 4:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Ephesians 4:25-28; 6:10-18