

REVELATION Lesson 186

Chapter 20:7-10, Satan Loosed to Deceive the Nations

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Vs. 7-10 When Satan is loosed at the end of the thousand-year millennial reign of Jesus Christ, he will deceive the nations of the Earth to go to battle against Jerusalem. This alliance of enemy nations is referred to as Gog and Magog.

Tonight, we will talk about “**the devil that deceived them**” (vs 10).

SEVEN REASONS WHY SATAN IS LOOSED AT THE END OF ONE THOUSAND YEARS

1. Satan is loosed to prove to mankind that peace and security cannot save the human race.
 - a. One thousand years of peace and security will not make mankind invulnerable to Satan’s deception.
2. Satan is loosed so man can learn that a righteous environment cannot save. Obedience to a set of rules and regulations will not change the human heart. Only Jesus Christ can change the heart.
3. Satan is loosed to prove that good government can’t save. Jesus Christ will be the best leader this world has ever seen, but His GOVERNMENT won’t change your heart concerning the things of God.
4. Satan being loosed will prove that mankind is not “*basically good*,” as many people imagine.
 - a. The heart of man is desperately wicked and deceitful (Jer 17:9), the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth (Gen 6:5, 8:21).
 - b. Unregenerate man must repent and turn his heart and life over to the Lord Jesus Christ, or the natural tendency will be to follow the leadership of the devil.
5. It will prove that man does not naturally seek God (Romans 3:11). Men will have easy access to God but will follow Satan the first chance they get.
6. It will prove the ineffectiveness of purgatory. A thousand years in hell won’t change the devil, and it would never change the heart of a man either.
7. It proves that hell does not change anyone. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ and faith in Him can change the human heart. Faith cometh by hearing... Nobody in hell will hear the gospel.

THE WAYS OF THE DEVIL

Jn 8:44 There is something common between the devil and the heart of mankind. Our lusts are the same as his lusts.

Satan has been around from the beginning. He is a murderer, though the bible doesn’t record a single incident where he laid a hand on anybody to kill them.

He knows the truth, but the truth is not in him.

Lies are his primary weapon of destruction, convincing men to follow the ways of death.

Rom 6:23 The bible clearly teaches that sin leads to death. Satan tries to convince you otherwise.

Gen 3:1-6 Satan is subtle in his approach to deceiving people. He begins by undermining the things that you know and replacing the truth with lies.

Eve revealed a desire to rebel against the word of God when she changed His words (Gen 2:16-17). That was something the devil could work with. He knew Eve would welcome his lie: “**Ye shall not surely die.**” He saw that she was just like him. He knew he could replace what God said with a lie, usurping God’s authority.

He offered something “*better:*” freedom from God’s authority, and the ability to do whatever they wanted.

1 Tim 3:6 The devil was condemned for his pride. Our pride can make us imagine that we are as good as God. That’s what happened to Satan.

Ezek 28:12-17 People often blame their lack of advantages in life for why they sin. Satan had more advantages than anybody, but it didn’t prevent him from sinning. His advantages led him to exalt himself above God. Iniquity was found IN him (vs 15) until it was found OUT. Be sure your sin will find you out! (Num 32:23).

Is there some prideful sin in you—waiting to come out, encouraged by a little flattery or appreciation or success?

Isa 14:12-15 Here is the record of the fall of Satan that resulted from the pride in his heart which made him exalt himself above God. A desire to exalt yourself will result in a fall (Lk 14:11).

HOW THE DEVIL SPEAKS TO YOU FACE TO FACE

Mat 4:3-10 He showed concern for Jesus’ hunger (vs 3).

He showed Jesus an easy way to fulfil the prophecy about coming down out of heaven, miraculously entering Jerusalem, causing all the people to turn to Him. No cross, no pain, no death (vs 5-6).

He offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world for free, and he can do it without tribulation or war. Satan always seems like he’s on your side while he’s trying to deceive you.

HOW THE DEVIL SPEAKS ABOUT YOU BEHIND YOUR BACK

Job 1:9-11 He speaks of a desire to bring harm to men. (**Job 2:4-5**).

Thankfully, the iniquity that was found in Satan was not found in Jesus Christ (1 Jn 3:5, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pet 2:22). You can place your faith in Him to save you from the iniquity that is in you.