

IMPRISONMENTS OF SATAN

Introduction

All believers are looking forward to the time when Satan, their archenemy, will be imprisoned and no longer able to attack them. This will happen in two stages; both are taught in this chapter. First, Satan will be bound for 1000 years (20:2) while Christ is ruling the nations of the world. Then he will be released for a time to give those born during the 1000 years a choice to follow him or Christ. Second, he and his army of men will attack Jerusalem, but will be defeated. Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever (20:10).

Aim of the Lesson: Follow Christ, the righteous Ruler, and flee from Satan, the deceitful dragon.

Jesus said, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Satan Bound for a Thousand Years (20:1-3)

A. Place of Satan's Binding – 20:1

1. What will be given to the angel that is assigned to put Satan, a powerful angel, into the pit?

B. Period of Satan's Binding – 20:2

2. How long will Satan be locked in the bottomless pit (abyss)?
3. What are the other three names given to Satan?

C. Purpose of Satan's Binding – 20:3

4. Why will Satan be bound in the pit?
5. What will happen to him after he has been in the pit for a thousand years?

II. Saints Resurrected for Christ's Kingdom (20:4-6)

A. Concerning the Judges (20:4a)

6. Who are the judges in verse 4? 2:26-27; 1 Cor 6:2;

B. Concerning the Martyrs (20:4b)

7. How will these believer-martyrs be killed?
8. Why will these believers be killed?
9. What privilege will they have in Christ's kingdom?

C. Concerning the Unbelievers – 20:5

10. When will the dead unbelievers be resurrected?

D. Concerning All Believers – 20:6

11. Name two reasons why believers of the first resurrection will be blessed.

III. Satan Loosed for a Short Time (20:7-10)

12. What will Satan do when he is released from the pit? 20:7-9
13. What will happen to his army when they attack "the beloved city" (Jerusalem)? 20:9
14. What will happen to Satan? 20:10

IV. Sinners Standing Before the White Throne (20:11-15)

15. When will the present heavens and earth be destroyed? 20:11
16. What will God use to judge unbelievers? 20:12-13
17. Who will be cast into the Lake of Fire, which is the second death? 20:14-15

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