

# The King Is Coming - 8

## The Devil in Chains and the Millennial Reign of Christ

**Introduction** - In the last lesson, we examined what the Scriptures call the battle of Armageddon (**Revelation 16:16**). This final battle is a culmination of the rebellion of the wicked against God (**Revelation 19:19**). The Bible tells us that the Lord will return with the saints and the armies of heaven (**Revelation 19:14**). He will defeat the kings and armies of the earth by the sword of His mouth (**Revelation 19:15, 21**).

“The Beast, which is the Antichrist, and the False Prophet, who will be gathered together with the armies of the earth, will be captured and cast alive into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone.” (Robertson) (**Revelation 19:20**)

After that consummating battle, the Bible describes the “...supper of the Great God...” The fowls of the air are called together by one of God’s angels, and they shall devour the slain. (**Revelation 19:17-18, 21**) But what about Satan, our great Adversary? The Bible also tells us his end as well.

Let’s read **Revelation 20:1–3**. Satan must be bound for several reasons. First, consider:

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan

Satan is \_\_\_\_\_

Paul speaks of Satan's pride in a letter to Timothy when he writes these words concerning the qualifications for a pastor.

**1 Timothy 3:6** “6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into **the [same] condemnation of the devil.**”

In the book of Isaiah, we find the very statements of his pride. (**Isaiah 14:12–14**)

Satan is \_\_\_\_\_

In the book of Job, we have one of a handful of passages in the Bible that show events taking place in the presence of God in heaven. In **Job chapter 1** and **verse 6**, the Bible tells us **Job 1:6** “6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.”

And we would understand **this is his present operation.**

**Revelation 12:10** “10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, **which accused them before our God day and night.**”

Satan is \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:2** calls him the prince of the power of the air. *“2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”*

Of what little we know concerning God’s angels, it should be no surprise to us that Satan is described as possessing great power. Consider that just one angel was able to slay 185,000 men of war. Peter describes Satan’s power in **1 Peter 5:8** *“8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, **as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan

Never allow anyone to tell you that Satan is your friend. Satan is a liar. The Bible tells us that he is always a liar and the father of it. (**John 8:44**) Everything that comes from his mouth is a lie. Not only is he a liar, but he is a murderer. His career can be summed up in three points.

### To Damn Souls

Dr. Robertson said, “A saved soul is a testimony to God’s power. A Christian is a reflector of God’s glory; therefore, Satan hates Christians and desires to keep men from accepting Christ.” The Bible tells us that Satan is active in blinding the minds of those who are lost.

**2 Corinthians 4:3–4** states, *“3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”*

### To Destroy Lives

It is folly to believe that if someone receives Christ, Satan will leave them alone. On the contrary, if Satan cannot keep you blinded from the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, he aims **to destroy your testimony and ability to serve the Lord.**

### To Disrupt Every Work of God

Throughout the Bible, we see **God’s work** and **Satan’s opposition.**

“When souls were being saved... [Satan] had Peter and the other apostles cast into prison. When this failed to stop the work, then he caused trouble by the deception of Ananias and Sapphira. Every disruption of the work of God is Satan’s program; therefore, let us be on our guard and allow him no place in our lives.” (Robertson)

At the close of the tribulation, Satan will deceive the world, the kings of this earth, and use the Antichrist and False Prophet to bring about a final bloody battle called Armageddon. So, what will happen to Satan? This prophecy, given by God to John in Revelation, tells us. Notice the chains of Satan.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan

He Is \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible says the Devil is bound by a great chain. Indeed, Satan is not immediately cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, for in the Lord's perfect will, Satan will have one more act of defiance and work to do.

He Is \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible tells us he will be **shut up** in the abyss, the bottomless pit, for 1000 years.

He Can \_\_\_\_\_ (For a time)

Satan will not have the opportunity for 1,000 years to influence any man towards sin through deception.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Age

Many may wonder, if there is to be a new heaven and a new earth, what is the purpose of the millennial reign of Christ? The millennial reign of Christ will take place for **many reasons**, but let me give you a few:

1. It is a fulfillment of God's promises to Israel and Christ. (**Psalm 2, Luke 1:30-33**)
2. It was promised to the apostles. (**Luke 22:29-30**)
3. It is promised to all creation. (**Romans 8:19-22**)
4. It is the answer to the prayers of the Saints. (**Matthew 6:10**)
5. It will be the final demonstration **of the sinfulness of sin and the wickedness of the human heart apart from God's grace.** (**Revelation 20:7-10**)

What will be the character of this coming age? What will it be like? As we already stated, first, it will be a time when Satan is not just restrained but:

Satan Is \_\_\_\_\_

At the close of tribulation, after the battle of Armageddon, Satan will be chained and shut up in the bottomless pit, unable to deceive and influence man.

Wild Beasts Will Be \_\_\_\_\_

In his book Understanding the Times, Dr. Chappell stated, "... the animal kingdom will know perfect peace. Isaiah prophesied that the wolf and the lamb will feed together (**Isaiah 65:25**), and children will be able to safely play by the hole of the asp (**Isaiah 11:8**)."

**Read Isaiah 11:6-10**

War Will \_\_\_\_\_

Peace is a relative term in our day. In our present time, we do not know what a world would look like without the possibility of war.

“Peace conferences may be held. Many good-sounding resolutions may be passed, but war will never cease until the Prince of Peace shall come. The United Nations, the alliance of nations, can never stop war. Jesus said that war is a characteristic of this age.” (Roberston)

But notice what we find concerning the Lord’s reign in the prophetic books.

**Isaiah 2:4** states, *“And he shall judge among the nations, And shall rebuke many people: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: **Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.**”*

**Micah 4:3–4** states the same.

### Knowledge Of The Lord Will Be \_\_\_\_\_

When the Lord returns and reigns, all will know Him. Again, it is hard to imagine a world that knows the Lord and submits to his rule. In our day, we are the thorn in the flesh of the world. Christianity is mocked.

**Isaiah 11:9** tells us, *“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: **For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.**”*

Those who enter the Millennial Reign of Christ will enter into a **Theocracy**--- meaning God will rule and reign. As such, knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ **will be the norm**. When we think about life as it is today, we think in terms of **60-80 years**. A thousand years is a long time. In addition, **Isaiah 65:20** indicates that men will experience longer lifespans again because of the pristine conditions. **Zephaniah 3:9** also speaks of removing the curse of Babel or some form of enabling communication among all. Zephaniah states, *“For then will I turn to the people a pure language, That they may all call upon the name of the Lord, To serve him with one consent.”*

### The Saints Will Rule And Reign With \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord Jesus Christ will reign over all. **Matthew 25:31** tells us, *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:”*

As He rules and reigns, we shall rule under His authority. Paul stated this in **1 Corinthians 6:2** *“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”* “Church-age and Tribulation saints will represent Christ ruling over the Gentiles.”

The Lord will sit on his throne— and the apostles will rule and reign **over the twelve tribes of Israel**.

**Matthew 19:28** *“And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”* (See also **Luke 22:30**)

I want you to remember this will be a taste of what will come. At the end of this age, there is a final judgment of Satan and the lost (The Great White Throne Judgement). Once that judgment takes place and this present earth is dissolved, God will bring in a New Heaven and a New Earth.