

Revelation, chapter 20, states that a mighty angel is going to bind the devil with a great chain and cast him into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Satan resents the fact that this damaging information about his future has been made public information in the Scripture. He spreads the falsehood that Revelation is a closed book which none can comprehend, or else he distorts its meaning.

Unfortunately, much that is said today about the 1000 years is not factual. Some of it sounds suspiciously like something Satan might invent to trap people. He does this to strengthen his own position as the leader of those who choose to rebel against God. The devil is NOT playing games. He has one aim in mind: the destruction of you and your family and all other people on this earth. Where he has distorted the information regarding the 1000 years, he has done so with the sinister and hateful thought in mind of destroying you and me. Our only safety is in staying strictly with God's Word. As we do this, we will expose the devil's snares. The Lord is anxious to assist us.

### THE TWO RESURRECTIONS

1. What takes place as the great 1000 year period begins? Revelation 20:4, last part

Ans.

NOTE: The New English Bible makes it plainer, "These came to life again and reigned with Christ for a thousand years". So a resurrection marks the beginning of the great 1000-year period of Revelation 20.

2. This resurrection is called the FIRST resurrection, revelation 20:5, 6. Who will be raised in It?

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NOTE: The righteous, "blessed and holy", will be raised in the first resurrection.

3. We have noticed that the FIRST resurrection, the resurrection of the righteous, BEGINS the 1000-year period of Revelation 20. Jesus speaks of the SECOND resurrection as the resurrection of damnation. The wicked will he raised in it. John 5:28, 29. When will the second resurrection take place? Revelation 20:5, first part,

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Ans: After the 1000 \_\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: We have now established three key points:

- **1. The resurrection of the righteous,** the first resurrection, begins the great 1000 year period.
- **2. The resurrection of the wicked,** the second resurrection, ends the great 1000 period.
- **3.** The period between these two resurrections is the 1000 years of Revelation 20.

### THE TWO REWARDS

4. What great event occurs at the time of the first resurrection when the 1000 pears begin? 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 16

Ans: The second \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The purpose of the second coming is for Jesus to receive the people who have served Him in all ages.

5. At the Second Coming, what happens to the saints who have been raised from the grave and to the saints who live to see Jesus return?
a. I Corinthians 15:51-54; b. Philippians 3:20, 21; c. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Ans: a. They will be changed from mortal to \_\_\_\_\_\_

Ans: b. They will be given bodies like \_\_\_\_\_ body.

Ans: c. The saints will then be caught up to meet the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What happens to the wicked who are living when Jesus returns? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2:8; Isaiah 11:4

Ans: They will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of His \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_ of His

## **BINDING OF SATAN** — **B**:

- 1. The binding of the devil is to stop him from deceiving and tempting people. Literally chaining him in a pit would not prevent that. He does not need to move off the spot to tempt us. Besides, he has many evil angels to do his bidding.
- 2. What would stop the devil from tempting and deceiving? Two things: if there were no people or if there was no devil. Do either of these two things take place as the 1000 years begin? Yes, all the people are suddenly gone. The wicked are dead and the righteous are in Heaven, so Satan has no one to tempt.
- **3.** The chain that binds him is a chain of circumstances. The Lord forces Satan to remain here on earth for 1000 years without access to people. We commonly use the expression, "I'm tied up", when we mean circumstances will not permit us to be free. The same is true of Satan's chain.



# BOTTOMLESS PIT AND THE THE BINDING OF SATAN

# **BOTTOMLESS PIT** — A:

- **1.** Before proceeding further, read Revelation 20:1-3 and Genesis 1:1, 2.
- The root word translated "bottomless pit" in Revelation 20:1-3 is "abyss". It is the very same word that was translated "deep" in the creation report of Genesis 1:1, 2 in the King James version. The Smith-Goodspeed translation correctly uses the original word "abyss" in both Genesis 1:1, 2 and Revelation 20:1-3.
- **3.** What is this saying to us? It is saying that "deep", "abyss" and "bottomless pit" all mean the same thing.

They refer to the earth:

- **1.** "without form" (torn up);
- **b.** "void" (no people); and c. in total darkness.
- **4.** This is why Jeremiah, when he saw the earth after the second coming. Jeremiah 4:23-26, 28, said, "Lo", or "sure enough":
  - **a.** It was "without form" or torn up.
  - **b.** There was "no man".
  - **c.** There was "no light". The heavens were "black". He said this because that is what "bottomless pit" or "abyss" means. It refers to the earth torn up, without people and in total darkness.

7. How will the second coming of Jesus affect the wicked who are in their graves when He appears? Revelation 20:5, first part.

Ans: They remain in their \_\_\_\_\_ until the

1000 years are \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: The righteous dead (the "blessed and holy") are raised as the 1000 years begin, Revelation 20:6. The rest of the dead (the wicked) remain in their graves and are not raised till the 1000 years close, Revelation 20:5.

8. Jesus promised that, at His return, He would take His people to the same place He went at His ascension. What is this place? Acts 1:9-11; John 13:33, 36; John 14:1-3

Ans:

NOTE: Jesus promised that He would go and prepare a place for His people, and then come and take them to that kingdom. Acts 1:9-11 says specifically that He went to heaven. In John 13:33, 36 He promised that His disciples could one day join Him where He was going—in heaven.

### AT THIS POINT, PLEASE TURN TO THE 1000 YEARS CHART (Exhibit #1) AND REVIEW THE EVENTS WHICH BEGIN THE 1000 YEARS.



# **EVENTS DURING THE 1000 YEARS**

9. Jeremiah saw in his vision the earth just after the coming at Jesus. How did he describe what he saw? Jeremiah 25:33

Ans: "The		end of the
earth even to the	they shall not be	
neither	nor".	

NOTE: He saw dead bodies covering the earth. None were being buried and no one was crying. The reason is simple: there was no one left to conduct a funeral, because during the 1000 years, the righteous are all in heaven and the

wicked are all dead. Revelation 19:11-21 is another word picture of the second coming of Jesus. Jesus is the man on the white horse (verse 11). He smites the nations at His coming (verse 15) and dead bodies are left lying everywhere as the 1000 years begin, (verses 17,18,21).

### **WORLD-WIDE DEVASTATION**

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10. What happens to the earth at Jesus	appearing? Revelation 16:18, 20, 21			
Ans: "And there was a great	and there fell			
upon men a great	out of heaven".			
11. What will conditions be like on the Isaiah 24:1, 3, 19, 20; Jeremiah 4:2.				
Five shocking conditions stand out				
Ans: a. "Heavenshad no	Heavens			
above will be	" Jeremiah 4:23, 28			
Ans: b. "And, lo, there was no				
Jeremiah 4:25				
Ans: c. "The earthwas without and void				
Jeremiah 4:23				
Ans: d. "The land shall be utterly emp	ptied, and			
	" Isaiah 24:3			
Ans: e. "The earth is utterly broken _	"Isaiah 24:19.			
12. What is this "bottomless pit" that t year's as outlined in Revelation 20:	1-3?			
NOTE: BEFORE ANSWERING THI AND DIGEST THE MATERIAL ON "BOTTOMLESS PIT — A".				
Ans: "Bottomless pit" means this eart	h "without"			
with "the Heavens above" being and				
with "no" alive on the earth.				



EVENTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE 1000 YEARS	<ol> <li>3rd coming of Jesus WITH His saints</li> <li>Holy City descends on Mt. of Olives</li> <li>Wicked raised</li> <li>Satan loosed (unbound)</li> <li>Satan alks world into trying to capture the Holy City</li> <li>The City is attacked</li> <li>The City is attacked</li> <li>Fire from Heaven destroys attackers</li> <li>Fire purifies earth then goes out</li> <li>God creates New Heaven and New Earth on this earth</li> <li>God sets up His New Kingdom</li> </ol>	NEW EARTH STATE		AND REPENT AT HIS FUNERAL AND FOR THE SAME REASON: THEY ARE BOTH DEAD.	THIS SECOND CHANCE TEACHING DELIGHTS SATAN WHO HOPES PEOPLE WILL PUT OFF DECIDING TODAY, BELIEVING THEY WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY DURING THE 1000	TEATO. THE INDIT IS THAT JESOS WILL NOT RETORN TO THIS EARTH TILL ALL HAVE HEARD HIS WONDERFUL MESSAGE OF LIFE AND SALVATION AND HAVE DECIDED FOR OR AGAINST IT, Matthew 24:14 (1439); Mark 16:15 (1486); Revelation 14:6,7 (1815).
THE 1000 YEAR CHART	<ul> <li>CONDITIONS AND EVENTS DURING THE 1000 YEARS</li> <li>a. Saints participate in judg- ment of wicked in Heaven</li> <li>b. Earth in devastation and total darkness</li> <li>c. No people on earth</li> <li>d. Satan and his angels forced to remain on earth (bound)</li> </ul>	THE 1000 YEARS OF REVELATION 20	A SECOND CHANCE?			
EVENTS WHICH BEGIN THE 1000 YEARS	<ol> <li>2nd coming of Jesus FOR His saints</li> <li>Devastating earthquake and hail</li> <li>Righteous dead resurrected</li> <li>Living righteous changed</li> <li>Fighteous caught up into cloud to meet Lord in air</li> <li>Wicked dead remain dead</li> <li>Wicked dead remain dead</li> <li>Satan bound</li> <li>Cloud takes righteous to Heaven</li> </ol>	OUR WORLD TODAY		MANY TEACH THAT THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT DURING THE 1000 YEARS, SOME CALL IT A SECOND	CHANCE OF OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO THOSE WHICH BE A FINAL CHANCE OR OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAD NEVER HEARD THE PLAN OF SALVATION. BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.	DURING THE 1000 YEARS THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE SAFE IN HEAVEN AND THE WICKED WILL ALL BE DEAD. AN UNSAVED PERSON CAN NO MORE REPENT DURING THE 1000 YEARS THAN A CORPSE COULD SUDDENLY SIT UP IN HIS CASKET

#### 24. Where will the Lord live after the new earth Is created? Revelation 21:14; 20. 9.

Ans: He will live on the

NOTE: Jesus promised that the meek will inherit the earth, Matthew 5:5. In harmony with this promise, God will set up His Kingdom here on the new earth, and live with His people. This earth will become the center of the universe. Please notice, however, that He does not move His Kingdom here to convert the lost His Kingdom is established here only after the lost have been cast into the fire.

#### 25. Why must my name be written in the book of life? Revelation 20:15.

**Ans:** In the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

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HERE, REVIEW BRIEFLY ALL EVENTS ON THE 1000 YEARS CHART, Exhibit #1. READ CAREFULLY THE NOTE ON THE EXHIBIT ENTITLED, "A SECOND CHANCE".

26. Whom does Jesus invite to become citizens of His great new Kingdom? **Revelation 22:17** 

Ans: And "\_\_\_\_\_\_ let him

take the water of life freely'.

27. Will you tell Jesus now that you are accepting His magnificent, loving invitation?

\_\_\_\_\_

Ans:





For one thousand years Satan will remember his deeds (left) and view the results (right).



# **THE DEVIL BOUND**

13. Why Is the devil to be hound during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:3

Ans: "That he should the nations ."

NOTE: Read carefully the material on Exhibit #2, entitled "Binding of Satan — B".

#### 14. What will the righteous be doing while In Heaven during the 1000 years? **Revelation 20:4, 12, 13**

Ans: Participating in the

NOTE: This judgment, in which the saints participate, takes place in Heaven. Jesus said that the place He is preparing for His people is in His Father's house, John 14:2, 3 and that the Father is in Heaven, Matthew 6:9.

15. What purpose does this gigantic trial or judgment serve? After all, people at this time are either lost or saved. 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3; Revelation 22:12; 2 Peter 2:9

NOTE: PLEASE ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION BEFORE WRITING YOUR ANSWER.

- a. This judgment does not involve the righteous. Judgment for all the saved takes place prior to Christ's second coming. Future Seminar lessons will consider the judgment of the righteous.
- **b.** The judgment involves only the dead, Revelation 20:12. Only the wicked are dead at this time so this judgment involves only the wicked.
- **c.** This judgment accomplishes two very important things:
  - 1. It decides the degree of punishment for all the lost, including Satan and his angels. Revelation 22:12; 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3 and ...
  - 2. It clarifies for the righteous why some they love were shut out of Heaven.

**d.** The terrible problem of sin will be settled only when all who have ever been involved (both men and angels) understand and openly confess that God has been loving, fair, and honest in everything. The judgment, in its many phases, clarifies this for both men and angels. God already understands fully. The judgment is not for His benefit.

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Ans: b. It also clarifies for the righteous why some they love are shut out of

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### **EVENTS AT END OF 1000 YEARS**

16. What great city awes down to earth at the due of the 1000 years? Revelation 21:2, 10

Ans:

17. What will happen when the feet of Jesus stand open the Meant of Olives? Zechariah 14:1, 4, 10

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: As the Lord stands on the Mount of Olives, the mountain will cleave and spread out to make a great plain as a base for the Holy City. Notice that Jesus' third coming at the close of the 1000 years is WITH His saints, Zechariah 14:5, last part At the second coming, when the 1000 years begin, Jesus comes FOR His saints, Matthew 24:31.

#### 18. What happens to Satan after the thousand years? Revelation 20:7 (1823)

Ans: He is " " out of His prison.

NOTE: Remember that the resurrection of the wicked takes place at the close of the 1000 years, Revelation 20:5. This resurrection looses Satan because he once again has people to deceive.

# 19. What does Satan do that shows he has net had a change of during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:8

Ans: He goes out to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the nations.

### **DOOMSDAY FOR SATAN AND SINNERS**

20. When Satan and his followers so op to capture the Holy City, what happens to them? Revelation 20:9

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_ comes down from God out of \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ them.

#### 21. What happens to the devil at this time? Revelation 20:10

Ans	: "And the devil Was	into the
of	".	

NOTE: The devil will be IN the fire not OUTSIDE tending the fire or torturing the wicked who are in the flames.

#### 22. What does Jesus call this fire in Revelation 20:14?

Ans: `This is the \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All are raised from the first death, Hebrews 9:27; John 5:28, 29. From the second death, however, there is no resurrection.



### **EDEN'S PARADISE RESTORED**

23. What does Jesus do alter the earth Is purified by tire? 11 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1, 3

 Ans: He will \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_

 and a new \_\_\_\_\_