

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 33 (19:19-20:2)
The Devil is Chained for 1,000 Years

Introduction: Everyday we face the devil and even though he deals us so much misery, he is failing. Jesus Christ is going to return and rule as this world should be ruled. The devil just cannot succeed in ruling this world. He can make our lives miserable but he can't rule this world right. In the Roman days, the conquering generals would ride through town with a banner or plaquard displaying all their victories, trailing along behind would be the captives in chains. In this 19th chapter, Jesus uses some of this language. Jesus Christ comes riding a white horse, what is He going to do now that He has arrived back? Revelation, chapter 19:

v19 - "beast" - the dictator of the revived Roman Empire (was, is not, will be)

- "kings" - four areas: North (Gog and Magog), Russia today, East (the Orient), South (Arab nations), wealthy, West (10 league nation and the revived Roman Empire).
- "armies" all will start marching on little Palestine. When they all get there, then will happen the battle of Armageddon. The greatest battle this world will ever see.
- "gathered together" - why there?
- "make war" - the devil will inspire these nations and armies to try to drive Jesus out of His own universe.
- "his army" - The army of Jesus Christ - US, His Church, believers but we won't have to fight. All Jesus will have to do is raise His arms. Remember Moses and the Red Sea? When all these armies get to Palestine, Jesus will get up and meet them in the Battle of Armageddon.

v20 - "beast" - the revived Roman Empire dictator.

- "false prophet" - the leader of the Jews who betrayed them. He allowed the golden statue of the Roman Empire dictator to be erected in the temple in Jerusalem.
- "miracles" - Turn back to 2 Thessalonians 2 - what kind of men will these two be?
 - v7 - The "mystery of iniquity" is already working. Evil is rampant, you already know this. Satan is working, but is being restrained by the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit removed, Satan is given free reign for the Holy Spirit will be removed with the rapture.
 - v8 - The wicked one (dictator) will fool the world and the whole world will bow to him. When Jesus Christ comes back, He will "consume" the dictator.
 - v9 - "working of Satan" - does everything Satan wants him to do.
 - "great power" - can perform miracles
 - "signs" - miraculous powers
 - v10 - "believe a lie" - didn't know their Bible and were deceived. When the devil comes to you and promises this and that and you listen to him, what happens? Chaos, distress, etc. The whole earth will be deceived but God will win.
- "cast into a lake of fire" -

v21 - "remnant" - those at the battle of Armageddon. Jesus Christ will defeat Satan and all the armies of the earth at the battle of Armageddon by the breath of His mouth.

(THERE SHOULD NOT BE A DIVISION HERE)

Chapter 20 - A description of the devil

v1 - "angel" - power to arrest the devil

v2 - THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE ON SATAN

- "dragon" - personality of great power. The devil of great power
- "old serpent" - always refers to the activity of Satan in the garden of Eden. The serpent was beautiful and attracted the woman (Eve). Satan used the beauty to fool the woman and began "talking"...

- Discuss the conversation between the serpent (Satan) and the woman. The woman (Eve) deliberately disobeyed God and then so did Adam. The devil started there trying to lead people away from God and has been doing it ever since.
- "devil" - diabolos - tricker
- "Satan" - shatan - deceiver

NOW, EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS OF THAT 1,000 YEARS: What will it be like?

- No religion - Christianity is not a religion, no Mohammed, no Confucius, etc. "Religion" blinds people to God.
- The greatest period of spirituality of all times because Jesus Christ will be present.
- Israel will be restored as a Nation in its own land
- Universal Peace, no war, etc.
 - Universal Prosperity, the curse of the earth is gone.
 - Universal Knowledge of God. All people will know the Lord Jesus.
 - Perfect World Government as Jesus will be King and will rule perfectly
- Radical change in nature. Evil nature will be removed among animals, plants, insects, etc.
- Justice for all. Righteousness will be the manner of judgment
- Devil chained. Perfect environment in Eden until Satan came in. Now with the devil out, all is perfect again.
- Life will be extended during the Millennium.

ALL THIS IS OFFERED TO ALL MANKIND through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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