

Hanukkah and the War Between Light and Darkness Part Three 12.19.20 | Weekly Study

START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

Revelation 20:7-10

OVERVIEW

Genesis 3:15 gives the prophecy and promise that the Messiah, who is the Light of God, will come and crush the head of the serpent, who later is identified as the great red dragon, the devil and Satan. From that time on, until the serpent's head is crushed, both heaven and earth are in an intense and relentless struggle between good and evil. In His death, and descent into realm of the dead he triumphed over Satan and his angels. He took the keys of death away from Satan. He bound him rendering him powerless over the nations. However, at the end of the millennium, the dragon will be released and empowered for a short time to deceive the nations one last time. Yeshua will then destroy the serpent (Satan) as symbolized in the crushing of his head. Today, we will conclude this teaching with the prophecy concerning the fate of the Serpent as found in Revelation 20:1–10.

CONTENT

Read Revelation 20:7-8

What does it mean that Satan will be released from his prison and come out to deceive the nations?

At one time, Satan held all the nations under his authority, power, and influence. You can see this evidenced in world history. All the nations were deceived and seduced by the Serpent. They were all trapped in darkness. When Messiah came, died, plundered hell, and bound Satan and took away his authority, we see for the first time in world history, nations coming into the light of God's Kingdom. Christianity then sweeps the west and fundamentally changes western civilization for the good (not perfect, but

good). This is evidence that Satan had been bound and stripped of his authority to deceive the nations. However, at the end of the millennium, the Serpent will be released for a short time with the authority to deceive the nations once again. The evidence should be seen in the nations that once were in the light, now falling back into darkness comparable to the pre-Christian era.

Read Revelation 20:9

Where is the camp of the saints and what city is referred to as the beloved city?

The camp of the saints refers to where they dwell. This would include all believers in all the places they dwell, especially their congregations/communities. This assault comes to them every where they are dwelling. The city referred to as the beloved city is none other than Jerusalem, the city of David and the City of God. The wicked will organize an attack against all believers and congregations, as well as a focused attack on Jerusalem itself. However, before the attack is launched, fire comes down from heaven and devours the enemies of God and His people!

Read Revelation 20:10

What happens to the tri-unity of evil (the devil, the beast, and the false prophet)?

They are thrown into the lake of fire where they suffer torment forever and ever. This is in fulfillment of the prophecy in Genesis 3:15 about the Messiah coming to crush the head of the Serpent. It is in the lake of fire that he will experience an irreversible destruction. A crushed head is symbolic of an irreversible death.

TAKE ACTION

Go back and re-read Genesis 3:15 as well as Revelation 20. Journal what you have learned as well as questions you still have.