# REVELATION SEMINARS



# THE DEVIL CHAINED IN THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

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, (1822)		

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 (1822). Who will be raised in it?

Ans.

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 be raised in it, John 5:28,29 (1555). When will the second resurrection take place? Revelation 20:5, first part, (1822)
	Ans: After the 1000are
	NOTE: We have now established three key points:
	<ol> <li>The resurrection of the righteous, the first resurrection, begins the great 1000 year period.</li> <li>The resurrection of the wicked, the second resurrection, ends the great 1000 period.</li> <li>The period between these two resurrections is the 1000 years of Revelation 20.</li> </ol>
	THE TWO REWARDS
4.	What great event occurs at the time of the first resurrection when the 1000 years begin? I Thessalonians 4:15,16 (1736)
	Ans: The secondof 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 (1688); b. Philippians 3:20,21 (1725); c. I Thessalonians 4:17 (1736)
	Ans: a. They will be changed from mortal to
	Ans: b. They will be given bodies likebody.
	Ans: c. The saints will then be caught up to meet the Lord in
	the
6.	What happens to the wicked who are living when Jesus returns? II Thessalonians 1:7-9 (1738); 2:8 (1739); Isaiah 11:4 (1037)
	Ans: They will beby the Spirit of His
	andwith the
	of His
7.	How will the second coming of Jesus affect the wicked who are in their graves when He appears? Revelation 20:5, first part, (1822)

Ans: They remain in their	until the
1000 years are	
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NOTE: The righteous dead (the "blessed and holy") are raised as the 1000 years begin, Revelation 20:6 (1822). The rest of the dead (the wicked) remain in their graves and are not raised till the 1000 years close, Revelation 20:5 (1822).

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 (1590); John 13:33,36 (1575); John 14:1-3 (1575)

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 (1590) says specifically that He went to heaven. In John 13:33,36 (1575) 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 vision	) the earth	just after	the coming o	f Jesus. How
	did he describe what	he saw? J	eremiah	25:33 (1147)	

Ans: "The	shall be fromen	d of the	earth
even to the	they shall not be_	MAN AL	
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 (1821) 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

10.	What happens to the earth at Jesus' appearing? Revelation 16:18,20, 21 (1818)					
	Ans: "And there was a greatand there fell					
	upon men a greatout of heaven".					
11.	What will conditions be like on the earth during the 1000 years? Isaiah 24:1,3,19,20 (1050); Jeremiah 4:23-26,28 (1112)					
	Five shocking conditions stand out:					
	Ans: a. "Heavenshad noHeavens					
	above will be " Jeremiah 4:23,28 (1112).					
	Ans: b. "And, lo, there was no"					
	Jeremiah 4:25 (1112).					
	Ans: c. "The earthwas withoutand void"					
	Jeremiah 4:23 (1112).  Ans: d. "The land shall be utterly emptied, and" Isaiah 24:3 (1050).					
	Ans: e. "The earth is utterly broken" Is. 24:19 (1051).					
12.	What is this "bottomless pit" that the devil is bound in for the 1000 years as outlined in Revelation 20:1-3 (1822)?					
	NOTE: BEFORE ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, PLEASE READ AND DIGEST THE MATERIAL ON EXHIBIT #2, ENTITLED "BOTTOMLESS PIT — A".					
	Ans: "Bottomless pit" means this earth "without"					
	with "the Heavens above" beingand					
	with "no" alive on the earth.					



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 bound during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:3 (1822)					
	Ans: "That he shouldthe 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 (1822)					

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 (1575), and that the Father is in Heaven, Matthew 6:9 (1404).

15. What purpose does this gigantic trial or judgment serve? After all, people at this time are either lost or saved. I Corinthians 6:2,3 (1674); Revelation 22:12 (1825); II Peter 2:9 (1787)

## 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 (1823). 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 (1825); I Corinthians 6:2, 3 (1674), 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.						
	Ans: a. This judgment decides the degree of punishment						
	for the						
	Ans: b. It also clarifies for the righteous why some they						
	love are shut out of						
	NOTE: AT THIS POINT, PLEASE TURN TO THE 1000 YEARS CHART (Exhibit #1) AND REVIEW THE EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE DURING THE 1000 YEARS.						
	EVENTS AT END OF 1000 YEARS						
16.	What great city comes down to earth at the close of the 1000 years? Revelation 21:2,10 (1823)						
	Ans:						
17.	What will happen when the feet of Jesus stand upon the mount of Olives? Zechariah 14:1,4,10 (1388)						
	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 (1388), last part. At the second coming, when the 1000 years begin, Jesus comes FOR His saints, Matthew 24:31 (1440).						
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 (1822). This resurrection looses Satan because he once again has people to deceive.						
19.	What does Satan do that shows he has not had a change of heart during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:8 (1823)						
	Ans: He goes out tothe nations.						

### DOOMSDAY FOR SATAN AND SINNERS

20.	When Satan and his followers go up to capture the Holy City, what happens to them? Revelation 20:9 (1823)
	Ans:comes down from God out
	ofandthem.
21.	What happens to the devil at this time? Revelation 20:10 (1823)
	Ans: "And the devil wasinto
	theof
	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 (1823)?
	Ans: "This is the
	NOTE: All are raised from the first death, Hebrews 9:27 (1766); John 5:28,29 (1555). From the second death, however, there is no resurrection.
	EDEN'S PARADISE RESTORED
23.	What does Jesus do after the earth is purified by fire? II Peter 3:10-13 (1789); Revelation 21:1,3 (1823)
	Ans: He willnewand a new
24.	Where will the Lord live after the new earth is created? Revelation

Ans:	He	will	live	on	the.	
Ans.	He	AAIII	1140	011		

NOTE: Jesus promised that the meek will inherit the earth, Matthew 5:5 (1402). 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. Where must my name be written if I am to escape the fire? Revelation 20:15 (1823).

Ans: In the	of
Ans: in the	01

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 (1826)

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:

