

Satan's Last Revolt **Revelation 20:7-10**

Right now we are living in an era of Satanic domination. The Scripture informs us that as the age draws to a close he will be much more vicious in his attacks. He will attempt to accomplish his demonic purpose through all kinds of means. Satan has his plan for world take-over. Demonic activity is on the rise. There is no question about that. His strategy is to counterfeit every plan of God that he can anticipate. He plans on world rulership and world worship.

During the thousand years of his jail sentence mankind will experience relief from his deception. But those living then must be given the opportunity to choose to serve the Lord. And that's where our text comes in.

Revelation 20:7-10, SATAN'S LAST REVOLT, closes Satan's history.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

From these verses we can construct the DETAILS of SATAN'S LAST REVOLT.

The first Detail; His Determination

Certainly if you can consider nothing else about him, you must consider in some fashion his zeal. He doesn't know when he is defeated.

We are informed in Revelation 19 that the beast and the false prophet were defeated by the very appearance of the Lord of glory, the Lamb, King of kings and Lord of lords. But that does not hold back the devil. In fact, that one thousand year jail sentence in chains in the bottomless pit did not make him change his mind. We are informed in our text that as soon as he was released he took up where he left off. He went out to deceive the nations. That was what he had been doing all along until he was sealed in the bottomless pit with chains. He has no sense of defeat. He hangs in there like no mortal could.

So, after a one-thousand-year jail sentence in chains, the devil will go out and collect nations from all the earth, Gog and Magog. After one thousand years of the greatest joy and peace on earth, the nations of the world are deceived. He brings them together, a great multitude, so many as the sand of the sea, the Scripture informs us. Surely this shows us that the depraved human spirit will join the devil in revolt. His determination is amazing.

The second Detail; His Defeat

Notice the object of this massing of great forces, demonic forces, "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city." The saints and the beloved city are the object of this last revolt of the devil. I believe that means the redeemed and Jerusalem. The saints may well be the resurrected saints as well as the living saints.

He somehow feels that he is going to be able to overcome these who had been gathered out of corruption and mortality and given incorruption and immortality.

There had been several other times in the world's history when the devil made a special effort against God's chosen earthly people. In the days of Pharaoh he tried to kill them off by killing the boy babies. In Haman's day he tried to kill them off by the decree from the king. In the days of Hitler he killed 6 million Jews. The devil slandered God and His people all through history. In this case his effort is directed toward the activities of Satan coming to a close. Praise the Lord! He will not carry on in the world to come. His area of operation has to do with mortal man and mortal history. So when mortal history closes, that closes Satan's liberty. The Bible tells us he was taken and cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, there to share the eternal doom of the beast and the false prophet. Praise God! His last revolt will be put down summarily by the hand of God with eternal sentence. This time it is not a thousand years. This time it is forever and ever. Satan's last revolt must end in his final doom.

As I see it, his determination became his trap. His defeat left him absolutely alone. All his cohorts were destroyed by fire from God out of heaven. His doom is forever and ever.

Surely, surely, my friend, any sober thinking person will turn away from the service of Satan and serve God. Friend, it is important for you to take an account right now of where you are between these two opponents. Have you cast your lot with God through Jesus Christ our Lord? If not, do so now!