



When Evil is in Chains

- I. The Bible describes a thousand year time period that the Devil is bound by circumstances he cannot control. Revelation 20:1,2
 - A. The one thousand years begins at the first resurrection. Revelation 20:5,6
 - B. The one thousand years ends at the second resurrection. Revelation 20:5
 - C. The one thousand years is separated by two resurrections.
 - i. The resurrection of life is called the first resurrection. John 5:24, 28,29; I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 20:5
 - ii. The resurrection of damnation is called the second resurrection. John 5:28,29; Revelation 20:6
- II. Five events mark the beginning of the one thousand years.
 - A. The second coming of Christ takes place. I Thessalonians 4:16,17; I Corinthians 15:51,52
 - B. The righteous dead are resurrected. I Thessalonians 4:16,17
 - C. The righteous living are translated and taken to heaven along with those who are resurrected. Revelation 20:4,6; Revelation 15:1-8; John 14:1-3; John 13:36
 - D. The wicked are slain. II Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 6:14-17; Revelation 20:5; Revelation 19:11-18; Jeremiah 25:33
 - E. Satan is bound. Revelation 20:1-3 Satan is bound by his circumstances. He is bound from tempting anyone. There is no one left here on earth for him to tempt and he is confined to this earth.
- III. What happens during the one thousand years?
 - A. The earth is desolate. Jeremiah 4:23-27; Isaiah 24:1-3

- B. The devil is here all by himself. Revelation 20:1-3
- C. The righteous are up in heaven. Revelation 20:4,6
 - i. Judgment is given to the righteous. Revelation 20:4,6
 - ii. The righteous will judge angels. Unfallen angels do not need to be judged. This is most likely then, the angels that fell from heaven. I Corinthians 6:1-3
 - iii. The righteous will judge the world. I Corinthians 6:1-3 All the wicked will be judged by the righteous.

IV. Five events mark the close of the one thousand years.

- A. The wicked are resurrected. Revelation 20:3,5
- B. Satan is loosed out of his prison. Revelation 20:7
- C. The New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven. Revelation 21:2,10; Revelation 20:9
- D. Satan and the wicked surround the city to take it. Revelation 20:9 Satan knows that the tree of life is inside the city. Just think what could happen if Satan and his evil angels could get to that tree and eat from it. What would happen next if Satan could somehow take control of the New Jerusalem? Revelation 22:2; Genesis 3:22-24
- E. Fire comes down from heaven and destroys the wicked. Revelation 20:9
 - i. This fire becomes the lake which burns up the wicked and burns up this earth. II Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 20:14,15
 - ii. After the fire, God creates a new heaven and a new earth which becomes the home of the righteous saved. II Peter 3:13; Matthew 5

