

The Dragon is Overthrown, Part V- Released and Defeated

Scripture: Revelation 20:1-10

Introduction:

Having fixed our attention on the destruction of the whore of Babylon and the two beasts, we have been considering the destruction of Christ's greatest foe, namely, the dragon (satan, the devil, that serpent of old).

And at the beginning of the chapter, we have begun to see how satan has been bound, by the victory of Christ's ministry and sacrifice, for a thousand years, that is, for the duration of the entire church age. And throughout this entire time period, there is great success with the Gospel, which makes its way to the whole world, delivering a people from every tribe, tongue and nation, from the power of sin and darkness, and bringing them into the Kingdom and light of Christ. And throughout this period, the regenerate, in total, reign with Christ, as His Kingdom continues to expand unto its final consummation.

This morning, we move on to see, how, at the end of this figurative, "thousand year period," satan is again released, given the ability to deceive the unelect throughout the whole world, to gather them together to war against Christ and His people, but all of this, ultimately is to their own utter downfall, and judgment. For, even as the saints are surrounded, Christ returns and destroys all of His enemies, casting the beasts and the dragon into eternal hell fire. And all who die outside of Christ; all who have not experienced the first resurrection of the spirit (regeneration), following the final judgment (Rev. 20:11-15), are likewise cast into hell forever. And the people of God enter the New Heavens and the New Earth (chapters 21-22).

I. An Analysis of Verses 7-10 (Read Rev. 20:7-10)

1) Read Rev. 16:12-21 (Compare)

2) Read Ezekiel 38-39 (Compare--also with Rev. 19:17-21)

Conclusion

1) All of the enemies of God are defeated. History is ushered into the final judgment, and then all things are made new.

AMEN!!!