The Millennium
Part 1
Revelation 20:1-3
Lesson #18

Introduction

1. Our current world.
   A. God has permitted Satan freedom to deceive and mislead.
2. It comes down to everyone and what we chose to believe.
   A. We can reject Christ.
   B. We can accept Christ.
3. Satan's plan is to attempt to mislead & deceive, especially believers.

Ephesians 2:1-6

4. God is allowing permission to Satan to deceive the people of earth.
   A. This is the understanding of free will.
   B. Man was not created as a robot to follow God.
   C. Man is God's most intelligent design.
      1) God has given us free chose.
      2) God has showed us His favor and grace
         a. Cross, creation, provision, etc.
   D. Some in their free will choose to reject the ways of God.
5. Those who follow God – we are being pursued by the enemy.

1 Peter 5:8–9
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may <u>devour</u>: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

   A. Devour – swallow up with his demonic influence

A reminder of how God has vindicated His people.

1. Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16).
   A. Rev. 16 – snapshot of the final destruction.
   B. Rev. 17-19 – gives us the details of;
      1) The beast – Woman – Babylon.
      2) Those who followed.
      3) How she gained her power.
      4) That final battle – that power quickly ends.
      5) Those who followed left with nothing.
      6) Jesus riding a white horse with His army came.
      7) Jesus spoke the word and the battle was over (it is finished).
   C. The antichrist & false prophet and all those who followed them.
      1) Cast into the lake of fire.
      2) This is not the final hell.
      3) It is their dwelling until this Millennial period ends.

Who is going to remove Satan from earth? – Vs. 1

This angel is Jesus Christ Himself (I believe)
Some reason why.

1. Rev. 1:18 – Jesus has the keys.

A. Why would Jesus give up these keys?

2. ***This angel has a great chain.***
3. ***He lays hold on that old serpent.***

Why Jesus wants Satan to see His face as he is going into that pit – Vs. 2

These names of Satan describe how he has deceived the people on earth.

- ***Dragon – Spiritual power that has stirred up cruelty in people.***
- ***Old serpent – Spiritual power that deceives and seduces people.***
- ***Devil – Spiritual power that leads people to lie, slander, murder.***
- ***Satan – Spiritual power that accuses, opposes, and stands as an enemy of God.***

Jesus wants Satan to stare him in the eyes as he is entering his 1,000-year dungeon.

Why is Satan being bound in this pit?

1. "That he should deceive the nations no more.
2. All the evil we experience in our world today will end.

Ephesians 2:2
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

- We know the end of the story.
- We know who wins.

<u>How do we live in Christ's victory?</u>

- ***First – Stay spiritually alert.***
- ***Second – Rest in Christ's authority.***
- ***Third – Choose obedience today.***
- ***Fourth – Live with hope.***

May we live each day by resisting the devil, standing faithful, and living victoriously in Jesus.