

In our last podcast we studied the aftermath of the great war of God. The Beast and the False Prophet were cast, alive, into the Lake of Fire, many demonic entities were imprisoned, and the rest, men and angels alike, were slaughtered with the sword. Let's pick our study up in **Revelation 20**. A lot goes on in this chapter, but much of it is described in short pithy statements,

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### Revelation 20

#### *Overview: The Post War Wrap-Up.*

- *Satan is Bound in the Abyss for 1,000 Years.*
- *God's People Rule the Nations.*
- *Satan is Released to Deceive the Nations.*
- *Fire From Heaven Destroys Them All.*
- *Satan is Thrown into the Lake of Fire.*
- *The Great White Throne Judgment.*

Let's read the chapter and then we will dive into verses **1-3**.

#### **Revelation 20:1-15**

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Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was caused to be given to them. And I saw the souls of those who caused to being afflicted because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the Beast or his image and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were caused to be completed. This the resurrection the first.

Blessed and holy he who is **now** having a part in the resurrection the first; over these the second death **now** has no power, but they in the **future** choose to be priests of God and of Christ and in the **future** reign with Him for a thousand years.

And when the thousand years have been caused to be ended, the Satan will in the **future** go out from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and

Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

And they marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the city caused to being beloved, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who is **now** deceiving them was caused to be thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the Beast and the False Prophet were, and they will in the **future** be caused to be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Then I saw a great white throne and He who chooses to **now** be sitting on it. From his presence, earth and heaven fled away, and no place was caused to be found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, having been standing before the throne, and books were caused to be opened. Then another book was caused to be opened, which **now** is the book of life.

And the dead were caused to be judged by what was caused to being written in the books, according to what they had done.

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were caused to be judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were caused to be thrown into the lake of fire. This **now** is the second death, the lake of fire.

And if anyone's name was not caused to be found caused to being written in the book of life, he was caused to be thrown into the lake of fire.

## ***Satan is Found & Bound***

### ***Revelation 20:1-3***

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For the most part, the **Revelation** narrative has been focused on the Beast and the False Prophet and not so much the devil, the Satan, the dragon, the serpent of old. He appeared in four of the letters to the churches (to Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, and Philadelphia), then he appeared in **Revelation 12** where we were given an image of the dragon, also referred to as the serpent, who wages war against Israel and her offspring, the followers of Christ. **Revelation 13** contained four references to the dragon, as that is when he gave his power, throne, and great authority to the Beast. Then he shows up once in **Revelation 16** where we are told that frog like spirits of demons come out of his mouth (yes, the Satan is possessed by demons) to go convince the Kings of the Earth to war against the Lamb. But once he gave his power, throne, and great authority to the Beast, it seems that he has been hiding, taking a back seat, not wanting to be in the immediate vicinity when the war broke out.

From wherever the Satan had been hiding, he has now been found.

By the way, “*Satan*” is not a name, but a title, hence the Spirit’s use of the definite article “*the*” – the Satan – the adversary, the one who opposes, the angel of light who twists light into darkness and attempts to cloak darkness in light.

John saw an angel that is **now** coming down from heaven and this angel is even **now** holding the key to the abyss, and a great chain in his hand.<sup>1</sup> With the use of the *present* tense, we can understand that this angel has been ready and has been waiting for the right opportunity to secure the devil and drag him away. Finally, only after this war, can he accomplish his task. The angel laid hold of or seized the dragon, the serpent of old, who now is, without question, the devil and Satan, and dragged him away and bound him in the abyss.

The Spirit ensures that we have the association of the dragon and the serpent of old with the devil and Satan. One being expressed through many images. Let’s review an illustration so we remember why this angelic beast, whose original name meant the bearer of light, is imaged in so many different creatures.

## Illustration

The Dragon	The Serpent of old	The Devil	Satan
			
<p>Intimidation, Power, Might, Brutality, Force, Violence, Aggression, War and Murder</p>	<p>Cunning Deceit, Seduction, Temptation, Manipulation</p>	<p>Slanders us to God Slanders God to us Slanders us to others Slanders others to us Slanders us to ourselves</p>	<p>The Adversary, Deceiver of the world, the Angel of Light that twists evil into good</p>

Throughout the **Codex**, this angel is described using many titles and descriptions. He is known as the dragon, the devil, the Satan, the Leviathan, the serpent, the twisted serpent, the prince of the authority of the air, the ruler of this world, the God of this world, the evil one, and colloquially, Lucifer.<sup>2</sup> Except for “Lucifer,” the rest of these monikers are not proper names; rather, they are titles or descriptions of certain traits or characteristics of this fallen angel. Yet, he has only one name, and it has been translated from the Hebrew (“*heylel*”) as Lucifer (a Latin word meaning “to Shine”). And this Latin rendition of his name has stuck throughout the centuries.

<sup>1</sup> “coming” is rendered in the *present active participle*; “holding” is rendered in the *present active participle*

<sup>2</sup> See **Genesis 3:1-7; Job 1,2, 41; John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2, 1 John 5:19; Isaiah 14:12**

Roman folklore ascribed the name Lucifer to the planet Venus, as the evil one is often presented in ancient poetry as heralding the dawn. Accordingly, the original Hebrew (“*heylel*”) can be translated into English as “Shining One” or “Morning Star.” “*How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn!*”<sup>3</sup> The Latin translators just chose to use “Lucifer,” which means “light-bearer,” and that has stuck as a proper name and has been used ever since.

This name “Shining One” in effect describes his original purpose, how God created him as a bearer of light, as a firm promise of a new day, which is why it is so ironic that when we are first introduced to matters regarding the cosmos, this fallen angel, this twisted serpent, coiled himself around the earth and covered the earth in darkness.<sup>4</sup> Today, we know that even the Satan now chooses to transfigure himself as an angel of light, as do his servants. They **now** choose to transfigure themselves as servants of righteousness.<sup>5</sup> This false light that they possess is a tool of deception, a guise of the serpent. This is why Jesus said, “*if then the light that is in you is darkness, how great **now** is the darkness!*”

This one creature who has been found all throughout the **Codex** is finally captured. This serpent was in the Garden of Eden and was the impetus behind the **Eve Imprint**, whereby mankind became convinced that they can be good like God. This devil/Satan is the enemy of the people of God, for he even now accuses them day and night and opposes them in all they do; and this dragon is the one who viciously crushes and destroys anyone in his way.<sup>6</sup>

This powerful foe who has dominated the world and seemed so invincible is now himself dominated and subdued. And by his capture, the lies of this serpent are finally exposed before all. He is not God and will never be God, much less like God, and no one who follows him will ever be like God. He will not ascend to the heights of heaven, rather, he will be dominated and subdued, and descend into the bowls of the Abyss, and ultimately forever destroyed in the **Lake of Fire**.

## Why an Angel and Not Jesus

It seems a bit odd that Jesus did not Himself dispatch the devil to the Abyss but called on an angel to do it. Jesus comes back to earth in this epic scene, and with a word subdues and slaughters all those who gathered against Him. It seems that it would have added to the epic narrative if He would have taken this dragon by the neck, shook him around a bit, and tossed him into the Abyss, or even just flicked him with his finger and sent him rolling down the hole into the blackness of the Abyss. But Jesus stays out of it.

As far as statements go, Jesus manhandling the devil would have been a powerful reminder to everyone that He is unassailable, that though He has come in the flesh, He is God. But perhaps Jesus staying out of it is an even more powerful statement. He is communicating to all those in the unseen realm that manhandling Satan is not worth His time or effort, it is beneath Him. He has already arranged for a servant to take care of this task.

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<sup>3</sup> **Isaiah 14:12**

<sup>4</sup> **Genesis 1:2**

<sup>5</sup> **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**. Note: what is translated most often as “disguise” or “disguises” is the Greek word “*metaschematizo*” meaning to transform or transfigure as used in **1 Corinthians 15:43-53**, and **Philippians 3:21**.

<sup>6</sup> See **Genesis 3; Job 41; Jude 9; Ezekiel 28:13**

## Why Now, Why Not Before

If this angel is **now** holding the key to the Abyss and is **now** coming down, then why did he not do this earlier? If he is capable of dominating and subduing the devil, why did he wait so long? The answer just might give us some insight into the functioning of the spiritual realms.

We already learned in **Jude 10** that taking down Satan is not an easy task. Michael, a Spiritual Prince and arch angel, when he disputed with Satan about the body of Moses, he did not dare cast a railing judgment against Satan, but said, *“The Lord rebuke you.”* Though an arch angel, Michael did not have the power or authority to take on this Prince who, in terms of power and authority, seems to be at the top of God’s created beings. That is why, in **Job 41**, he is imaged as the mighty Leviathan, the great fire breathing dragon, the one who is king over all the sons of pride.

But the spiritual world of darkness seems to operate on cooperative power, which is why Satan himself is possessed by miracle working frog like spirits of demons. Satan needs the help of other entities to pull off his deceptions and his battle plans. Even though there is a clear hierarchy of authority with Lucifer being at the top, these demonic beings cannot, like Michael, call on the name of the Lord for power; they gave up that privilege, so they rely on their cooperative power.

Keep in mind, the dragon gave up his power, throne and great authority to the Beast, and the Beast, at this point in the narrative, has been tossed into the **Lake of Fire**. Opps, I guess the dragon did not see that one coming. And as for the rest of the hosts of heaven on high and the Kings of the Earth on the earth, upon whom Lucifer relied, they are confined in prison waiting to be punished.<sup>7</sup> So, if there was ever a time when Lucifer was at his most vulnerable, it would be now. This is the time; he is alone and exposed.

This angel has his assignment, even **now** he is coming, he **now** has the key to Abyss in hand, and he is waiting for this time of vulnerability when he can lay hold of and seize the dragon and bind him.

## 1,000 Years

*“And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who **now** is the devil and the Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he may not deceive the nations any longer, until ...”*

Though unseen, the spiritual realm is extremely tangible and shares the same space as the physical world. When the Beast was first released from the Abyss and he entered the unseen realm of our physical world, an angel with a key had to literally open it up, in the sense that there is a lid or a door of some sorts that was shut and which held the Beast and his scorpion-like demonic hoards captive.<sup>8</sup> In like manner, the abyss is once again shut and sealed over the devil, preventing his escape.

The seal, which is some sort of mark or emblem, is a sort of **DO-NO-TOUCH** indicator, and it serves as a warning to anyone who would try to break into this place. We can liken it to the seal which the Romans placed on Jesus’ tomb, indicating that there would be death to anyone who would even try to break the seal.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> **Isaiah 24:21-22**

<sup>8</sup> See **Revelation 9:1-2**

<sup>9</sup> See **Matthew 27:66**

The purpose of this internment is so that the dragon will not be free to deceive the nations during the time when Christ rules upon this earth and His emissaries (His wife) rule along with Him as the Lord's Royal Princes and Priests. However, unlike the internment of the Beast which still allowed the Beast to have influence in the realms of humanity, there is a complete lockdown on the devil; hence, the seal operates both to shut him in and keeps others out. He may not deceive the nations any longer.

### ***Life Without the Devil***

Finally! After all this time, there will be a temporary reprieve on the earth from the terrible haunting of fear, doubt, lies, hate, accusation, deception, slander, manipulation, and evil which Lucifer has incessantly inflicted upon humanity.

The **Codex** told us that this would happen. The Spirit of prophecy revealed that this serpent would be punished. This is a truth that is intended to give all God's people **HOPE**. **Yahweh** declared it in advance and predicted not just his punishment but ultimately his demolition, which will come at the end of the 1,000 years when he too, like the Beast and the False Prophet, is thrown into the **Lake of Fire**.

### ***Isaiah 27:1***

In that day **Yahweh** will punish Leviathan the **fleeing** serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan the twisted **serpent**; and He will kill the **dragon** who lives in the sea.

Let's quickly break this passage down so we understand all the references.

### **In that Day**

In the **Codex**, this phrase "*In that day*" is used to speak of the day of **Yahweh's** glory, the day of His judgment. This is the day when the loftiness of man will be denigrated, and **Yahweh** alone will be exalted. At the same time, it also speaks of the day when Jesus ushers in peace on the earth, a peace that will last for 1,000 years.<sup>10</sup> So, "*In that day*" is a catch all phrase dealing with the events surrounding Jesus' Second Coming and the establishment of His kingdom on the earth.

### **Leviathan**

In **Job 41** we are given a picture of an indomitable creature, a fire breathing dragon, who is called the Leviathan. In **Psalms 104:26** we are told that God formed or created the Leviathan to sport (literally, to play) in the sea, **Code** for the great restless sea of humanity.<sup>11</sup>

In **Job 41** we are told that Leviathan is so fierce that no one dares to rouse him and that anyone who attempts to fight the Leviathan will be laid low even at the sight of him. "*Nothing on earth is like him, one made without fear.*" "*He is the king over all the sons of pride.*" This is the great red **dragon** who sports in the sea of humanity and functions through intimidation, power, might, force, violence, aggression, murder, and war. This is one of the ways Lucifer manifests himself to the spiritual world.

<sup>10</sup> **Isaiah 2:11, 17, 20, 4:1, 2; 19:16, 18, 19 21, 23, 24, 24:21-23, 25:9; 27:1, 12, 13, 28:5**

<sup>11</sup> **Psalms 65:7; Isaiah 17:12-14, 57:20**

## The Fleeing Serpent

There is one other reference in the **Codex** to the “*fleeing serpent*,” again in the book of **Job**.

### **Job 26:13-14**

By His breath the heavens are cleared (or glisten); His hand has pierced the *fleeing serpent*. Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; and how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

What event is the Spirit speaking about? Well, it all ties to the other description of Lucifer being the twisted serpent.

## The Twisted Serpent

Lucifer, like a serpent, twisted himself around the world, squeezing and squeezing cloaking it in darkness causing the earth to be formless and void (in Hebrew, “*tohuw wa bohuw*”). Yet we are told in **Isaiah 45:18**, “*For thus says Yahweh, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place (“tohuw”), but formed it to be inhabited) ...*” When God first created the earth, it was not “*tohuw*” it was not formless or a waste place. But when the “*anointed cherub who covers*” Lucifer, whose job was to provide a covering over the earth, rebelled, he was bent on destroying what God had created to be inhabited.<sup>12</sup> So, he twisted himself around the earth, like a serpent, such that when we are first introduced to the earth in **Genesis 1:2**, it is covered in darkness and it is formless and void.

But when God spoke, “*Let there be light*,” the light pierced the darkness, or as the Spirit said in **Isaiah 51:9**, “*Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon?*” and in **Job 26:13** “*His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.*” Once pierced, Lucifer uncoiled his grip over the earth and he fled the light; hence, he is called the “*fleeing serpent.*”

The point of all of this is that the Spirit gave us a roadmap to follow, a revelation of what was and what is to come. In this one passage the Spirit tells us of Lucifer’s future punishment, “**Yahweh will punish Leviathan**,” and then He tells us that when it is all said and done, **Yahweh “will kill the dragon who lives in the sea”** (that restless mass of humanity). And yes, this angelic entity, the covering cherub, that twisted serpent, the fleeing serpent will get his full comeuppance.

In using these identifying features, it’s as if the Spirit pokes a stick in Lucifer’s eye and declares to Lucifer that he lost and all that he tried to do in his petty rebellion was in vain. Darkness was never going to stand against the LIGHT (against Jesus), “*The light now shines in darkness and the darkness did not seize or possess it.*”

## The Mystery of a Spiritual Day: 1,000 Years

“... and bound him for a thousand years ...” Why is the dragon bound for 1,000 years? Why not more? Why not less? If his ultimate doom in the **Lake of Fire** is on the horizon, why not expedite the process?

<sup>12</sup> For the “anointed cherub who covers” see **Ezekiel 28:14**

As always, the answer is found in various prophetic texts in the **Codex** revealing that **Yahweh** always does what He promises, it is just a matter of time.

First as to these 1,000 years, the **Codex** uses 1,000 years interchangeable with a day, a spiritual day, as **Yahweh** sees it.

***Psalms 90:4***

For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by, or as a watch in the night.

**2 Peter 3:8**

But you are commanded to **now** not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, *beloved*, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

The Spirit equates one day with a thousand years. But why? Why is this significant? Why does He want this little fact to not escape our notice, such that He commands us to not ignore this truth? Perhaps this is one of His clues challenging us to search across the **Codex** for more understanding.

There is a prophetic mystery in the book of **Hosea** that, like a puzzle box, requires a special code to open, specifically that understanding about a spiritual day equating to one thousand years. This mystery in **Hosea**, once opened and revealed, should give us great **HOPE** that all of this will soon be taking place.

***Hosea 6:1-4, 10-11***

Come, let us return to **Yahweh**. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after **two days**; He will raise us up on the **third day**, that we may live before Him.

So let us know, let us press on to know **Yahweh**. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth.

What shall I do with you, O *Ephraim*? What shall I do with you, O *Judah*? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud and like the dew which goes away early. In the house of Israel, I have seen a horrible thing; *Ephraim's harlotry* is there, Israel has defiled itself.

Also, O *Judah*, there is a harvest appointed for you, when I restore the fortunes of My people.

This passage is rich in meaning. Hopefully, you will have picked up on the **Code** and the use of *Ephraim's* harlotry to speak of the Gentile's who were called into the household of God and yet remained bound to the harlot, as well as the defilement of *Israel*, the Jewish people who refused to believe in their Messiah. But *Judah*, the remnant of Jews, the Elect, that one third who are not destroyed, and who do not give themselves to the Beast, will be blessed when **Yahweh** restores the fortunes of His people.



**Zechariah 13:8-9**

Two-thirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die," says **Yahweh**. But one-third will be left in the land. I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, **Yahweh** is our God.'"

Now, let's return to **Hosea**, "*He will revive us after **two days**; He will raise us up on the **third day**, that we may live before Him.*" Equating 1,000 years to a spiritual day, it prophetically reads, "*He will revive us after 2,000 years; He will raise us up on the third one thousand years.*"

This implies that sometime after 2,000 years (2 days) Jesus will return. It is estimated that as of 2024 it has been 1,991 years since Jesus' crucifixion and 2,024 years since His birth. That means that this third one thousand years is soon upon us (of course, it all depends on how much time is connected to the phrase "*after*" which is probably like the word "*soon*," and we all know how precise that word is in terms of matching our expectations of God and time).

The point is that back in the book of **Hosea**, which was written likely between 752 to 715 BC, **Yahweh** gave us a prophetic clock for the coming of His kingdom, the time when the Elect of Judah and the Righteous of Ephraim will be raised up and live before Him as He rules and reigns on this earth for that third day. Jesus was resurrected to new life on the third day, and so will His people. And to secure the "*harvest*" that has been appointed for Judah, the dragon must be locked away for this third day "*so that he may not deceive the nations any longer*," and can do no more destruction to the earth or to those who dwell therein.

**Fiction Alert**

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**Could This Be Happening Now?**

It might surprise you to know that there is a large group of people who believe that Satan has already been bound in the Abyss and that we are symbolically living in this 1,000-year period. In short, they believe that Christ is ruling from heaven, and his rule is visibly and practically manifest on earth through the church. They say that though Satan is exiled into the Abyss, he still exerts influence over the world, however, he is powerless to obstruct the spreading of the gospel to the nations. This, they say, is the evidence that Satan is bound in the Abyss and cannot deceive the nations any longer.

Sadly, the teachers of this belief system ignore what the Spirit said in terms of the impact of Satan's internment and replaces the Spirit's words and His explanation for their words and their explanation.

**The Evidence**

When Satan, the devil, the serpent, the dragon is bound in the Abyss, the Spirit said nothing about the spreading of the gospel and Satan's power to obstruct it or not. He specifically said that **Satan** "*may not*

*deceive the nations any longer.*" In the Greek, this word translated "*deceive*" means to roam or to go astray. Thus, during his internment, Satan may no longer influence the nations of the world to go astray from following God. There is, however, nothing in the text about "spreading the gospel to the nations."

We can safely conclude that this event is still slated for the *future* and has yet to take place because the nations are still deceived. Despite the spreading of the gospel to an unprecedented scale, the nations are still being influenced, at an alarming rate, to go astray from **Yahweh**. Nation after nation is being labeled as "post Christian" (including America), as the gods of this world take a tighter control of the nations' hearts, minds, souls, and strength, discarding truth and replacing it for all manner of delusion.

Besides, based on what we learned about the ways of the Harlot, Satan does not seem to be focused on obstructing the spread of the gospel, such efforts are more of a ruse which tends to reinforce the narrative of the Harlot and the tricks she uses to ensnare her victims. Think about it, if those spreading the gospel face resistance, it reinforces in their minds that they must be doing the Will of God, and so often they double down on their efforts and they plan, strategize, organize, recruit, and so on, to ensure that they continue to do what they believe God wants them to do. It is a brilliant form of deception of which Christians never see coming.

It seems that Satan does not seem to care if the gospel goes forth if he can subsequently deceive the peoples to adopt the beliefs of the "*great city*," ***Babylon the Great***, and seduce the peoples into voluntary servitude binding them to unclean spirits, unclean birds and beasts, such that they live in a state of apostasy through religious delusion. From the perspective of Satan, this state of religious delusion is by far more powerful than the first state of blanket rejection of the gospel, because in this religious delusion people are convinced that they "love" God and are "good" with God because of all the amazing things that they do for God.

**ONCE AGAIN, JUDE AND REVELATION TARGETS THOSE WITHIN THE VISIBLE CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE WHICH SEPARATES THOSE WHO STAND ONLY ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD FROM THOSE WHO ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE GOOD FOR GOD.**

We must never forget that the Spirit has revealed that **ALL** the nations have drunk of the Harlot's religious apostasy, none have escaped the intoxicating influence of ***Babylon the Great***.

### ***Revelation 18:3***

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the power of her sensuality {strenuousness}."

The masses within Christianity have been drinking this wine of the wrath of her immorality. They have let the Harlot deceive them into replacing the grace of God (what He does for us, in us, and through us)

with what they can do for God. Grace is exchanged for the **works of their hands**. As such, they continue to bow before idols, serve other gods, honor themselves, and it is all done in the name of Jesus. They even come against the true people of God (the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**) with great hostility, all of which is evidence that Satan continues to deceive the nations, despite the spreading of the gospel.

Lastly, if we were now living in the 1,000-year period (with the time reference being a figurative and not a literal 1,000 years), then nothing we have studied is relevant. It would all be history and nothing more than an entertaining story. All the **WARNINGS** and all the instruction would be meaningless, for the Beast and the False Prophet, and their cohort of demonic infrastructure, would have been destroyed, Jesus would have physically come in a body back to earth, His bride would have been raptured and walking around in their new eternal bodies that are like His, and so on.

This idea that we are now living in the millennial kingdom is nonsense, a modern *fiction* derived by the “experts” who ignore the **Code** and flat out ignore or modify what the Spirit said by substituting their own ideas for those that conflict with the **Codex**.

It is important that we come to understand how religious apostasy works. It begins when religious “experts” substitute the words of the Spirit for their own words and ideas to accommodate their own bias. For example, there was nothing in the passage that even remotely addresses the power of Satan to obstruct the church from “spreading the gospel.” In fact, there is nothing in the entire **Codex** that ties the freedom of the gospel to Satan being bound in the Abyss. They just infused their ideas and their beliefs into the text and then they preached it as truth, and even today they continue to spread the *fiction*. And since they are the “experts,” the people in God’s Household, who are not now worshipping in the Sanctuary, just follow, like lambs to a slaughter.

### **STICKING TO THE CODE & THE CODEX, THIS POINTS TO A FUTURE EVENT!**

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast we will pick back up with the release of Satan from the Abyss.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”