



SATAN BOUND 1000 YEARS

Many times as we read through the Bible we run across key verses that help to unlock the mysteries of its truth. One such key verse is found in Genesis chapter 3 which covers the fall of man.

In this third chapter of Genesis, we find in verse fifteen a statement that has puzzled many people. Although it is recognized by many Bible students as the first prophesy of Jesus Christ recorded in the Bible, I don't believe they have come to realize the full impact of this verse. I don't believe I have come to realize the full impact of this verse either. For as I continue to research God's Word, by His mercy, and His willingness to bless, He allows me to discover yet another tidbit of truth.

I. SATAN RECEIVES A DEATH BLOW TO THE HEAD

After the fall of man God is speaking to the serpent who has deceived Eve into eating fruit of the forbidden tree, He says to the serpent:

Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

For our study some key words we want to look at are: "woman" "her seed" (the seed of the woman). "it {he} shall bruise thy head" (a death blow to the head in the form of a wound).

When we look to Revelation chapter twelve we find within this chapter that it brings the reader back to Genesis chapter 3. I realize many people have already come up with their own interpretations, or hold to interpretations that they have been taught by others from Revelation, and within these interpretations it would not allow these truths to be seen.

But I would ask that you compare (Revelation 12:1-5) with (Genesis 3:15), and compare the language.

Revelation 12:1-5

1. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; **a woman** clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
{wonder: or, sign}

2 And **she being with child cried**, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
{wonder: or, sign}

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And **she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.

Notice the comparison of Genesis 3:15, with Revelation 12.

(v. 1) "a woman" (v. 2) "she being with child . . ." (v. 5) "she brought forth a man child" (the seed of the woman of Gen 3:15).

II. THE DEATH BLOW TO THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT TOOK PLACE AT THE CROSS.

Revelation 12:7-11

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Note first of all in (v. 9) it uses the phrase, "that old serpent," a statement which brings you back to the Garden of Eden, in (Genesis 3) where Eve had the encounter with the serpent, and nestled in this chapter is that (15th verse) were God speaking to the serpent says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

We read also in (Rev 12:9) the serpent which deceiveth the whole world: was cast out. Therefore he is no longer able to hold the whole world in deception. After he was cast out the announcement comes in (v. 10) "Now is come salvation."

Prior to the cross, all through the Old Testament we never read of any significant number of people being saved at any time in Old Testament history.

During the time of the flood in Noah's day, out of the population of the entire world of that day there were only eight people saved, Noah and his wife, Noah's three sons and their wives. Of course prior to the flood there was Enoch, and a small sprinkle of other individuals who were saved. But in all there were no large number of people being saved.

We look to Sodom and Gomorrah. Out of the population of the entire city only three people were saved, Lot, and his two daughters. Lot's wife perished by being turned to a pillar of salt.

After Israel was delivered from Egypt as they came to the Promised Land. Out of the entire nation only two entered the Promised Land that were of that number of people, Joshua, and Caleb. Even after Israel entered the Promised Land, they never, on any consistent bases worshiped God. In fact they ended up being destroyed by the Assyrians, and the Babylonians.

This is because Satan has been given the power to deceive the world on a fairly wide scale.

As we come to the New Testament, after Christ was crucified on the cross, and raised from the dead, and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit, Peter preaches one sermon and three thousand people are saved, on another occasion five thousand are saved, and we read that daily people were being saved.

No time in the history of the world has this vast number of people ever come to be saved on a daily bases. And why is this we may ask? Because the strong man {Satan} has been bound.

Jesus spoke of the strong man being bound in the Gospel of Luke, and in Matthew where we read:

Luke 11:21-22

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Matthew 12:29

29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

God speaks of the angels which sinned being kept in chains reserved for judgment, in the Book of Jude, and 2 Peter. You might keep in mind that Satan himself is an angel, the chief fallen angel. It does not refer to the angels as going to be bound in the future, but as presently being held in chains:

Jude 6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. {first estate: or, principality}

2 Peter 2:4

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

III. SATAN IS BOUND TO THE COMPLETION OF GOD'S SALVATION PROGRAM

Satan is bound to the completion of God's salvation program as seen in the number 1000 (one thousand).

The day of salvation began at the cross:

Hebrews 4:4-7

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: {it was: or, the gospel was}

7 Again, **he limiteth a certain day**, saying in David, **To day**, after so long a time; as it is said, **To day** if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Notice the word "to day." How long does the day of salvation last? No matter if it is one thousand years or two thousand years, or however long it is, it is seen as one day. The day in which we live is the day of salvation.

Peter uses the day of salvation figuratively as a thousand years. Speaking in reference to salvation as one day he says:

2 Peter 3:8-9

8. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years**, and **a thousand years as one day**.

9. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

It almost appears as though Peter puts his hand in a hat and pulls out the number one thousand to use as an illustration. But what is in view in this text is the time table of God for the completeness of His salvation program, and the number one thousand in this setting is seen not as a literal one thousand years, but figuratively to represent the completeness of God's salvation program.

In Revelation 20 when Satan is bound for a thousand years. He is bound until the completion of God's salvation program.

Revelation 20:2

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, **that old serpent**, {a reference to the serpent of Genesis 3} which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

After this duration of time is complete Satan is released as seen in Revelation 13:3, where the deadly wound to the head was healed.

Revelation 13:3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Recap:

Revelation 12 brings you up to the cross, and the defeat of Satan at the cross. This is when he received the bruise to the head prophesied of in Genesis 3:15.

Revelation 13 picks up toward the end of God's salvation program when Satan is released for his final battle with God as seen in the deadly wound to the head being healed. Next he goes to make war with the saints by bringing false doctrines into the churches, causing the church to depart from the truth of God's Word just prior to Christ's return, and the rapture. This is described in 2 Thessalonians where we read:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

1. Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3. Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

The falling away it speaks of here in this passage is not referring to people losing their salvation, but a falling away of the churches from the truth. Where Satan will be taking away the daily sacrifice (the true gospel of salvation out of the church), and placing the abomination of desolation in the Temple (a false gospel).

This is a time of great tribulation for the church.