

## So Shall Be the Days of My People

In the last Brief we witnessed the defeat of Satan and his forces as they attempted to thwart Christ's return to this planet. In this article we will examine what happens to the Devil following this loss,

*Then I (John) saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.<sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;<sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years (of Christ's rule on earth) were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while (Revelation 20:1-3; cf. Isa. 51:14; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).*

Following Satan's restraint, those who survive through the great tribulation (cf. Mt. 24:21), will be relocated and reeducated over a period of one thousand years,

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain (symbol of gov't power) of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains (major gov'ts previously run by people), and shall be exalted above the hills (smaller gov'ts*



### Bound Him for a Thousand Years

*"For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

During this same period, the nature of the animals will be changed and people's lifespans will be extended, both resembling pre-Flood conditions on earth,

*"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," says the Lord (Isaiah 65:25).*

*No more will be found the infant living a few days only, or the old man not living to the end of his days. To die at the age of a hundred will be dying young; not to live to be a hundred will be the sign of a curse (for willfully sinning) (Isaiah 65:20; The Jerusalem Bible; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

*For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people (Isaiah 65:22b; cf. Psa. 92:12; emphasis added).*

At the end of this one thousand year period, Satan will be loosed for a short period of time and those who have lived in peace and prosperity will be tested to see whether they will continue to trust and obey God's word,

*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison<sup>8</sup> and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and*

run by people); *and all nations shall flow to it.*<sup>3</sup>

*Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob (God's delegated priesthood); He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths* (of righteous behavior; cf. Psa. 23:3; 119:172).

*Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.*<sup>9</sup> *They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them* (Revelation 20:7-9; cf. 2Sam. 23:6-7).

As Satan is organizing these forces of resistance, those who are living at this future time will be warned about the things that will soon come to pass. And, as we will see in The Brief # 116, many will fail because they refuse to trust and obey God's word.

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