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PART 29: LOCKING UP OF THE DEVIL & THE 1000 YEAR KINGDOM

CHAPTER TWENTY

This chapter describes four events, the locking up of the Devil, the 1000 years kingdom with Jesus reigning out of Jerusalem, the last war on this earth, and the final judgment for all people who did not make it to the Judgment Seat of Christ.

THE LOCKING UP OF THE DEVIL

VERSES 1-3

These verses tell us that the Devil does not have very much power. After the war in heaven before Adam and Eve were created, God limited Satan's power when he was sentenced to the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 12:7-12**

This time it only takes one holy angel to chain up the Devil and lock him up in the bottomless pit.

The bottomless pit (abyss) is not the same as hell. Here are the following references to it in the Bible: **Revelation 9:1-2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, and in chapter 20**. In the book of Enoch, this place is referred to as the "prison house for the fallen angels." Compare this with **Jude 6**

THE 1000 YEARS KINGDOM

VERSES 4-6

The earth will now be restored to its original beauty that it had before Adam and Eve sinned. The best description of this time is found in **Isaiah 11:1-16, 12:1-6, 65:25**. A covenant is promised in **Hosea 2:18**.

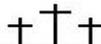
The Prophet Daniel was given a glimpse of this event. **Daniel 7:7-28**

Jesus also spoke about this time. **Matthew 19:27-30; Luke 22:29-30**

The Apostle Paul adds his insight. **1 Corinthians 6:1-3**

In order to understand the following teaching regarding the 1000 years kingdom, we must establish who the real Israel is:

1. God spoke to Abraham about his seed. It is important to note that Abraham was a Chaldean, born in Ur, situated south of Babylon (Iraq). **Genesis 12:1-3**
2. God repeated his promise in **Genesis 22:10-18**.
3. The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that believers in Christ are the seed of Abraham. **Romans 2:14-29, 9:1-8**



4. It is in **Galatians 3:1-29**, that Paul settles this issue once and for all.

Abraham was a Chaldean, who was selected to become a blessing to all nations. The twelve tribes of Israel were the core of the Church to be born, which is compassed of all humans who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Jews were created as a race by God! The word "Jew" originally referred to the offspring of the tribe of Judah. Judah was one of the twelve sons of Jacob. Genesis 29:21-35

Israel was divided after the death of King Solomon into two nations. Israel (Northern Kingdom) consisted of ten tribes and its capitol Samaria. Jeroboam became the first king of Israel, 970 B.C. **1 Kings 16:21-32**

Rehoboam, the son of King Solomon became the first king of Judah (Southern Kingdom) with Jerusalem as his capitol. Two tribes followed him, Judah and Benjamin.

1 Kings 12:1-33

By usage, the word "Jew" became the name for the people living in the Southern Kingdom, with the offspring of Benjamin also being called Jews since they lived in the province called Judah.

It is interesting that the Apostle Paul called himself a Jew, yet he made it clear that he was from the tribe of Benjamin. **Romans 11:1; Philippians 3:1-10**

The Northern kingdom of Israel was conquered in 721 B.C. by Assyria and the ten tribes were taken into captivity and scattered in the Assyrian empire. **2 Kings 18:9-12**

During the years 604-603 B.C. Jerusalem was besieged by the Babylonians, and when the city fell, some of the people in Jerusalem were carried into captivity. **Daniel 1:1-4**

The city was attacked a second time by Babylon, and the majority of the people were either killed or taken to Babylon. **2 Chronicles 36:5-21**

Some of the ten northern tribes came back to the land of Israel years later and as they intermingled with Gentiles, they became known as Samaritans.

Some people from Judah came back from the captivity in Babylon some 70 years after they were taken captive, and from that day they became known as "Jews." **Jeremiah 25:11; 29:10; Daniel 9:1-2**

Born again Jews and Gentiles are the Church of Jesus Christ!

The Prophet Isaiah says that the people of Israel (believers in Christ) will be the prominent people on the earth at this time and that they will assume leadership around the world. **Isaiah 49:10-26, 61:1-11**

Jerusalem will at this time be a praise in the earth. **Isaiah 62:1-12**

Sickness will be done away with **Isaiah 33:24**

No infants shall die, and if a person makes the choice to sin, he will die at the age of 100. **Isaiah 65:17-25**

No more sickness. **Isaiah 35:1-10**

Young men shall no longer train for war. **Isaiah 2:1-5**

Who will live during this time? If we add up all the Scriptures which speak on this matter, there will be the following groups of people:

- A) All the believers in Christ will come back with Christ from heaven and the Judgment Seat of Christ. We will have our resurrected bodies and will not be able to produce children.
- B) Those believers in Christ that were killed after the catching away will be resurrected and have resurrected bodies but will not be able to produce children.
- C) Believers in Christ that survived the tribulation period will be used by God to repopulate the earth again.

This will be the last resurrection of the dead of those who are going to be with God forever in heaven. There will be one more resurrection of the dead, but it shall be *the resurrection of the damned!* **Which resurrection will be yours?** **Daniel 12:1-2; Revelation 20:6**

Do you have an ear to hear with?