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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Lord, will our answer to You this morning be yes, Lord, yes that we are here for a reason, Lord, and that's to receive Your word, Lord, from Your word, You're living and active Word, Lord.

So would You speak through Pastor as he takes us to the Book of Revelation, Chapter 20, Lord? Would You give us clarification and understanding, Lord, that we may not leave here the same as we entered, Lord. So we praise Your name. We give You all the glory. We ask these things in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. And good morning and welcome. You can be seated. So glad you're here. Okay. Well, anyway, those of you online, we're glad you're online too.

So, hey, let's get right to it. We're getting down to business. No messing around. Revelation 20. I love God's timing. So you understand that we turned a very important corner, as it were, in completing Chapter 19, and in so doing, completing the seven year Tribulation.

Thank You, Jesus, for that alone, right there. And so we're turning a corner out from the seven year Tribulation and into the Millennium. So we're going to take it slow. Don't rush me.

Chapter 20 is about the Kingdom Age, the millennial reign, 1,000 years. And as I inquired of the Lord in preparation for today, it was very strongly — that's probably not proper sentence structure — impressed upon my heart that the first three verses were extremely important and foundational in order to understand what the rest of the chapter records.

So we're just going to do the first three verses. And if you're able, no worries if not, I'll ask you to stand for the reading of God's word. If not, where you're seated is fine. But John is continuing to write that which he was told to write about what he has seen.

And in verse 1 he continues. "And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He [Verse 2] seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He [Verse 3] threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving

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the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time." You're going to see why I only am taking three verses here in a moment. But let's pray first.

Father, thank You, thank You, thank You for Your word and this portion here in Your word. Lord, this is going to happen, and probably, most probably sooner than we think. So thank You for, for telling us, even forewarning us. Because that forewarning serves as an encouraging, especially for those who need encouraging.

So, Lord, we're going to ask You for the Holy Spirit to teach us, minister to us, show us all that You want us to see, all that You want us to know and all that You want us to take away from the text before us today. And, Lord, as only You can, I pray that when the Holy Spirit does, He will be met with hearts willing to receive, ears that are open to hear, minds that are not already made up. Because we need to know what You had John write here for a reason. So, Lord, we're asking You for this in Jesus' name, Amen and amen.

You can be seated. Thank you very much. So what I want to talk with You about today is how and why we can all be hopeful, knowing that Satan's day is coming to a swift end. I can't wait. You know, the seven year Tribulation is referred to in Scripture as the Day of the Lord, the inference being that we're living in the day of Satan. He's having a heyday, as they say. You know, it's, you know, the Lord — the Day of the Lord — that they have the man. Day of man, day of the devil. No, it's the Day of the Lord that has come to an end. And just knowing that, stand alone, is enough to just bring encouragement to my unsettled heart and settle my heart.

Now, we're going to do this, find this hope and be hopeful, by clearing up three misnomers about who Satan is and how it is that his days are numbered and just about to come to a very abrupt end. And here's the thing. He knows it.

Revelation 12, "He knows he has but a short time." Now, my prayer is that all of us, myself included, by the Holy Spirit, will take home with us renewed hope from the text before us. And if you'll just bear with me, I'll do my best by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, to point out some things here that I think are going to be kind of eye opening and game changing.

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The first one in verse 1. He's bound by one unnamed angel. Okay, now there are three details that I'd like to draw your attention to in just this one verse.

First, John saw an angel. Not an angelic host. Not even an archangel. We don't even know what his name was. What, is he an intern? Why is that important? Because. Oh, how we err greatly in picturing the devil as being an entity that he is absolutely not.

If it only takes one unnamed angel, man, that just completely changes the whole perspective on how I view the devil. And there's even Scripture — I don't want to take the time to necessarily get into it today. We've covered it in the past. But there is actually Scripture that tells us how our reaction is going to be when we see him.

You'll forgive the illustration and the demonstrative and dramatic way that I do this, but it's going to be kind of like this. We're going to look at him and go, (Flabbergasted look) That's him? First of all, we're going to be stunned because he's not wearing red tights. He doesn't have a pitchfork. And where the horns? No, no. We're going to be stunned by his beauty. We're going to be shocked.

Let's flip it over, because we're also going to react very differently when we see the Savior as the Lamb who was slain, bearing the scars for what He did for us. And that reaction, a little more sober and somber, will be something like this: A wincing. Oh! "Behold the Lamb." I just want to give you a heads up so that you're not blindsided when you see first, the devil.

Well, actually, first Jesus in the air. So that's just one detail. We've got two more to go. You okay? All right.

The second detail is this unnamed angel has one key. And the third detail is he holds one great chain with one hand. He doesn't even need both hands. Okay, now I'm starting to — are you painting a picture on the canvas of your mind of how this thing goes down? Because I'm going somewhere with it. So let me see if I got it straight. So okay.

Okay, I'm kind of starting to wrap my mind around one unnamed angel. When here, I'm thinking it would take the whole of the heavenly host, the army of angels in heaven. I mean, this is the devil we're talking about here. He ain't going to go down easy, you know.

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No. Just, what's your name? Go. Oh, take this great chain with you. You don't need two hands. Get it done. Okay. Where are you going with this, Pastor? I'm so glad you asked. I'm going to tell you.

Satan has been met with smashing success in getting us to be deceived where we believed that he is somehow God's equal. He is not. Let me just parenthetically, by way of an example, explain. We talk a lot about artificial intelligence in our Prophecy Updates, and for good reason. You have AI, artificial intelligence, which has really Satanic intelligence that was downloaded in exchange for their souls. "The tree of the knowledge [Gnosis] of good and evil."

AGI is artificial general intelligence. We talked about that, actually, First Service. ASI (Making a snake sound) effects added, is artificial super intelligence. Okay, so AI will — in fact, it just happened, incidentally, where they programmed the algorithms in the AI bot to have a kill switch if it got out of hand.

And the a AI bot overrode it and refused to shut down. Now, for those of you that have watched all of those predictive programming movies in Hollywood — out of Hollywood, it's down to a T, exactly as that. And when I say movies, I'm talking about the list is voluminous. And these are — if I mention the names which I won't — but 25, maybe, movies within the last maybe 10 years or 15 years, maybe 20 max that were programming mankind for the day, which is today, now. It's already ready.

And what artificial super intelligence will become is it's counterfeit because Satan is the master counterfeiter of God's omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience. Because, you see, Satan is not omniscient. He cannot be all places at one time.

This is why I get a kick — I've done it too. You know, you say, "Man, the devil been just tanning my hide last week." The devil was? Well, he can only be in one place at one time. Whoa! You must be a high value target.

No, it's not the devil. It's demonic entities in wickedness and the spiritual forces of darkness in high places, as Paul delineates in Ephesians 6. So again, his campaign was sadly successful, if I can say it like that, in getting people to somehow imagine that, you know, "In this corner

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(Speaking like an announcer) God Almighty, the creator of the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that in them is. And in this corner..."

And like they're on a level playing field. They are not. The devil is God's devil. The devil was created by God and he can't do anything unless God gives him the green light. Ask Job. Actually, I'm going to ask Job when we get there. I can't wait to ask Job. I'm like, dude, wow!

Peter in the New Testament. Remember the account? Jesus calls Peter over. "Hey, Peter. Come here. We need to talk." "What?" "Well, Satan asked for permission to sift you as wheat." Now, at that point — it's not in the text. But if I'm Peter, and I'm like Peter, I would have probably thought to myself or even said, "Lord, you told him no, right?" "Actually, that's the thing, I didn't. I gave him permission." "Why would You do that?" Because.

Once — because I'm allowing him to do this, I know what this is going to do in you and through you. And so I'm going to allow him, give him permission to do it. Because when you get through it, you are going to be stronger and you're going to strengthen the brothers."

"Can you pick somebody else?" "No, it's you, Peter. I picked you for this special assignment." Now watch this. Satan couldn't touch a hair — for me it's becoming less of a problem — on Job's head or Peter's head unless God permitted it. Now stay with me. We've talked about this before, but I think it is worthy of repeating.

God will only allow the devil to do that which is for His glory and our good. Because whether people realize it or not, the devil is doing God's bidding. I know that's crazy, paradoxical. But it's truth. Genesis 50:20. One more and then we'll move on to number two. Think about this. So Joseph, man, 17 years. Preparation process.

Because after all, you just don't make a man the most powerful man in the world, save Pharaoh, without preparing him first, lest you set him up for a fall. And God can't do that. It's not that He won't. He can't. It's inconsistent with His character. He'll never be party to our failure and fall and disobedience.

He will always create an environment in our life, in our Christian walk. He'll choreograph the steps and orchestrate the circumstances that are conducive to our obedience. In other words, He'll always make a way.

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This is the way. Walk ye in it. The Highway of Holiness, Isaiah calls it. It's good between me and the Holy Spirit. He's always going to move — you'll forgive the analogy — the chess pieces on the board of our Christian life in such a way that we make the right move. He can't do otherwise.

So now, if He has to enlist, allow the devil, the enemy of our soul to play a role, then so be it. As such was the case with the aforementioned man of God, Joseph. 17 years. I mean, from, as one aptly said, the pit to the pinnacle. But oh, along the way, you see, God allowed the enemy to possess his brothers. Not necessarily possess; strong word. Direct his brothers, perhaps better said, to sell him, leave him for dead, then sell him for pieces of silver into slavery.

And then take his coat of — they were so jealous of him because Jacob favored him. And so they took his coat of many colors. It's a really hard translation from the original. It had many compartments because he was very important. And, you know, this is before iPhones. So, you know, he had many responsibilities, so the coat of many colors meant that he was a man of great importance. So they took that coat that his dad gave him, and they dipped it in the blood of an animal and took it to their dad and lied to him and said he died.

And for 17 plus years, Jacob grieved the death of his beloved Joseph. You have to understand, he only had two sons biologically from Rachel. All the others that would make up the 12 sons that would become the 12 tribes of Israel — and by the way, like I mentioned at First Service, they're not lost. Don't go looking for them. There's no lost tribes.

But in fact, it's such a fascinating story, and time doesn't permit. But sometimes you'll read a variation of the 12 Tribes, Ephraim and Manasseh. And Manasseh in Hebrew is similar to the Arabic word “Insah,” which means forget about how you've been wronged.

You know how we say, “I forgive you, but I'll never forget.” Well, that means you're not, you know, you're holding on to this, you know, a grudge, you know? But no, he — he forgot and forgave. Manasseh. Ephraim: Fruitful and prosperous. You see the connection?

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I tell you, a barren Christian life is a life of one who has withheld forgiveness and replaced it with bitterness. Joseph is not bitter. Again, I'm going somewhere with this. I told you, we'll go to number two. We'll get there. I'm taking the scenic route. Just, hey, it's been 29 days since I've seen you. I missed you. I don't think — I'm not feeling that you missed me much, but... So watch this, watch this. That's just the start.

The account when we were studying verse-by-verse was painful. He's literally screaming and wailing from the pit that they threw him in. "Why are you doing this to me?" He's their kid brother. "Why are you doing this to me? What have I done to you?" And then Judah. Judah, interesting, says, "Hey, you know what? We can make some money off of this deal." So here come these Philistine traders, nomadic traders and they're on their way to Egypt.

And they're like, hey! And meanwhile, God is in heaven going, "Perfect. Everything is perfectly on schedule." Because see, had they not had — let me backup. Had God not allowed the enemy to direct his brothers, to cast him into that pit, and had those travelers not have traveled by at that time, and had he not gone to Egypt, sold as a slave, he would have never been able to save, not just his family, but multitudes.

So fast forward. I'm skipping over a lot. I really do feel like a tour guide. Puka shell tour guide, Bible shell tour guide, better. You know, on the right, we have the betrayal by Joseph's brothers. On the left, we have him being sold as a slave. And over here on the right, we have him now in Egypt being sold as a slave. They made — I don't know how much they made off of him. And who bought him? Oh, a guy by the name of Potiphar. Perfect!

Everything's going perfectly on schedule. Because had the enemy not been allowed to do that, he would have not ended up in Potiphar's house, where Potiphar's wife would seduce him every single day. Read the text. And Joseph at the time is probably in his 20s. And you got to know Potiphar's wife is no Ma Kettle. He's a powerful, rich man and you gotta know — and the reason I — I'm sorry. Maybe this is too much. But the reason I know is because when Joseph grabs (leaves) his coat and runs that one day when she gives all the servants in the house the day off, and she's like, I got him now! Lie with me.

And she basically seduces him, probably very aggressively. The reason I know that she was seductive and attractive is because if she weren't, Joseph wouldn't have been tempted. No,

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I'm sorry again. I just — let me have it. If she's Ma Kettle, what are you doing? Can I have my coat back, please? And I'm not going anywhere. Why don't you take the rest of the day off? No. He grabbed (left) his coat and ran.

Why? Because she was very much a temptress and seductress. "Oh my goodness! Lord, what are you doing?" "Oh, you'll see." So now he's falsely accused of attempted rape. And it's so interesting. Potiphar knows his wife, and he also knows Joseph. Because how do we know that? Because he would have been killed on the spot. But he wasn't.

And God is just up there. Just everything is perfectly as planned and He's — you know what? This is for somebody, maybe more than one here today or online. So I'm going to go with what the Holy Spirit's prompting me to go with here. So had he not been cast into that dungeon, he wouldn't have been there to let the cupbearer and the baker, as they're affectionately referred to, that were also in the dungeon, know that he can interpret dreams.

So how does God do that? By them having dreams. They each have a dream. And Joseph says, I can interpret it. God has given me this gift of the interpreting of dreams. He's going, oh, dude, man, I had this dream. You know, the butler's like, yeah, you know, and in three days you're going to be before the king as the cupbearer again.

The baker goes, my turn! He comes up and says, this is my dream. And Joseph goes, No, it will not end well for you. And it didn't. And by the way, the bread and the cup? Typology. The sold for 30 pieces of silver? Typology. And I have over 120 types of Joseph being a type of Christ. (Mumbling sounds) Okay, so now, the butler gets released. He completely forgets about Joseph. There he sits and rot. A couple of years go by. Here's Joseph, okay? Not one hint, one time, do we read of Joseph ever questioned God. He trusts God.

That's why. Because, you know, he had a dream. Remember? And he was holding on to that by his fingernails for dear life, all his life, particularly those 17 years of his life. So God's like, okay, it's time. Give Pharaoh a dream. Joseph's been down there long enough. And you know the account, right, how it went down?

So, you know, the fattened cows for seven years And then seven years of famished cows, you know, just all bones. What does it mean? And then the wheat. So here's the butler. Boy,

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he's got some explaining to do. He's like, "Oh, Pharaoh, I completely spaced man. There's a guy I met in the dungeon that interprets dreams." Pharaoh's like, "Get him!" He comes. He says this is the interpretation of your dream. Had that butler not been there, had God not given Pharaoh that dream for Joseph to interpret — we're reaching the zenith here. So wait for it — there would have never been seven years of storing up plenty for the seven years of famine that was to come upon the land, a type of the seven year Tribulation and oh, by the way, and the pre-tribulation rapture.

Side note: Joseph took a Gentile bride pre seven year famine. We know this because his older brother and sister Miriam and Aaron, they took him to task and had to answer before God for taking a Gentile bride pre seven year famine. And she's never heard of or from again. I'm just saying. Just saying. Okay, back to our — the ending. Seven years of plenty.

Joseph is made the most powerful man in the world by Pharaoh, save Pharaoh. All of the affairs, like Potiphar, he worried about nothing. He was on the golf course every day, all day because he trusted Joseph. So Pharaoh now hands him, basically, the keys of the castle, if you will. And he says, we're going to store it up so we have it for seven years. And then in the seven years we can sell the grain during the famine. And that's exactly what happened.

So now the famine is getting so bad, it reaches a land where his family lives, forcing them to go to Egypt to get grain. Oh! I just — again, you'll forgive me. I just picture God with a big smile on His face going, perfect! Right on time. And here's two brothers of Joseph going to Joseph, unbeknownst that it is Joseph.

But he recognizes them. And that whole account in and of itself is just, it's powerful. Because it ends up with — he wanted — the first question he asks is, is your father alive? That's my dad. Oh, how many brothers do you have? Is the youngest brother still alive? That was his only biological brother, Benjamin, Benyamin.

There's one account where he gets so emotional and starts weeping aloud, and he has to remove himself. What's the bottom line? Please get to the point, Pastor. Here's the bottom line. God will allow the devil to do what the devil does, because He is in complete and absolute and total control.

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Genesis 50:20. This is the ending. Jacob dies. They thought for sure Joseph's waiting for dad to die before he kills us. They present themselves before Joseph and say, "Joseph, we didn't mean it!" That's a very loose paraphrase. "Sorry! Don't kill us." Joseph's response, Genesis 50:20.

This is where "But God" comes from, you know. "Hey, you know bro, (Chuckle) bros, what you what you did to me, you meant it for evil. But God meant it for good for the salvation of many this day." Mic drop. Mic drop. You're sitting here today.

You're going through the trial of your life. Don't ask God: Why? Ask God: What? "Okay, God, I trust you. But this is gnarly." I know that's an 80s word. Just let me have it. "Oh, if you only knew. It's a surprise." "What's the surprise?" "Well, it wouldn't be surprise if I told you." If you — remember, Thursday night?

This was in, Hosea, I think, when, God, through the prophet says, "If I told you what I was going to do, you would believe it." Oh, I want to encourage you. Man, you're — the spiritual warfare is off the charts in your life? Just wait. You'll see. You won't even believe it, what God's going to do in and through it. Number 2. I'll go quicker. I have to. Verse 2. He's seized for 1,000 years. That's a millennium.

Here John sees this unnamed angel seize the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil or Satan binding him for 1,000 years. No mention of a struggle. No mention of a call for backup. And notice, you've had your day and that day has come to an end. And now notice the specificity of 1000 years. Don't do the math right now. You can do it later.

I'm still preaching. How many days is 1,000 years? And this is probably as good of a time as any, by way of a reminder to say that, like in the opening prayer, this is literally going to happen. And by the looks of things, with the way things are going, it might be sooner than any of us can even begin to imagine.

See, I think the problem is, is that when we read a text like this, we tend to kind of just kind of put it into a category of, you know, yeah, that's kind of... No, this is going down, man. This is for real. And I can't wait. I mean, I've actually put in my purchase order for reserved seating, front row. [Laughter]

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Okay, what's the point? What's the lesson? What's the takeaway? Well, I think the takeaway, the lesson, should become quite clear in that God makes it abundantly clear, so clear that a fool could not err thereof, that He alone over rules all and rules over all. God is all powerful, all present, all knowing.

He knows the end from the beginning. He knows what He's doing. You don't know what He's doing. And then, by the way, He wants — it's not that He doesn't want you to know what He's doing. It's that He can't let you know what He's doing. Why? Because He's infinite and we're finite. How is it possible for the finite to fathom the infinite?

Here we are, a child of God. “Why is the sky blue?” “Well, because that's God's favorite color.” “Why is blue God's favorite color?” “Because it's the best color out of all the colors.” “Why is it the...” “It just is, okay? Go play.” I mean, even if God wanted to, He couldn't. We wouldn't be able to contain it, let alone believed.

Real quick point and then we'll go to the third and last one. And this is important. Please don't miss this. Because this again, is where we can get ourselves into a lot of trouble unnecessarily and suffer the consequences needlessly. I'm speaking about when we're not sure what God is doing, or even why God is doing what God is doing, we try to take matters into our own hands and help Him out. I won't look at anybody right now.

You know who you are. (Raising hand) That's me. And it's that old adage, “You want to help me? Don't help me.” When our boys were very little and adorable, you know? “Hey, Baba, can I help you?” I'm like, “Uhh!” I'm like, I can't say no. “You're so adorable. Okay.” Now I know I just signed up for a project that will take eight hours, when if they didn't help me, I could have got it done in like 20 minutes. And we're like that with the Lord. And here's what — here's what happens. Don't miss the the adorable side of it.

Because if our children are adorable to us, how much more are we adorable to our Heavenly Father? He adores us. He loves us. But we need to talk about the elephant in the room.

What's the elephant in the room? See, what I say by trying to help God is I don't trust God. I don't trust God. God, this seems going off the rails. You might have pulled the wrong file. I don't know what's going on here, but, you know, I need to step in.

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Ask Abraham and Sarah how that worked out for them. Can you say Ishmael? You know, here's God's promise. I'm 90. You're 100. The ship has sailed. The dock has sunk. Meet Hagar. They tried to help God out. Here's God: "No! I don't need your help. You're going to mess it all up, man. You're going to make it worse." How about Peter? I love this last example.

In the garden on the night that they're going to arrest the Savior after Judas betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver, Peter's like, "Uh-uh. No way this is happening on my watch." He takes his sword out and he slices off the ear of Malchus. We even know his name. We don't know the angel's name.

We know Malchus' name. I think we're going to see Malchus in heaven. You know why? Because after Peter fighting a spiritual battle with carnal warfare and weaponry, Jesus takes the ear and heals it. And Malchus is like, "Whoa, what just happened?" Man, if I'm Malchus, I'm getting saved, right? You are the savior of the world. Now let me take My homie over here, Peter. What's up? What are you doing? I don't need your help. You're trying to defend Me? You're trying to help Me? Now you gotta hand it to him.

In all fairness, to his credit, he takes on the entire Roman army. But that's not God's will. That's not God's way. I happened in Caesarea Philippi too. But I won't. Time does a permit. But that's another one that's just, wow. Okay, before I go to number three, don't help God out. He knows what He's doing. Let Him do it. And not only that, stay out of His way.

No, I'm real talk here. Take it from one who is experienced in the art of getting in God's way and having the scars to prove it. Real talk.

What comes to mind is that priceless, timeless hymn, classic hymn, "Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. You're the potter. I'm just the clay." Jeremiah alludes to it. Is the clay going to go, Hey! to the potter? "What are you doing?" "No, you're clay, you're dirt. I'm the potter. You're the clay. Let's make sure we got this straight between us. I know what I'm doing.

I know it's painful when I put you on the potter's wheel and I'm shaping you and making you more into the image of Jesus Christ." And boom! (Pain sounds) "I'm not done yet." I'm — you're "poema" in the Greek. Were we get "poem." We're His workmanship, His work of art.

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And, you know, the artist always puts their name on their work. And God's going to put His name on us. That's in Revelation.

I think we're getting there pretty soon. I can't wait for my new name. I don't like my name. Anyway... So now He's, you know, He's shaping, fashioning, molding His work of art. And then finally the the wheel stops.

You're like, (Trying to catch breath) You think it's over. It's not over yet. "Faithful is He who begun the work to complete it." You're going into the kiln, appropriately named. "You're killing me." The furnace of affliction.

Remember that in high school art class? No? I do, and I'm still scarred. Turns the heat up. Isaiah: "I've chosen the furnace of affliction to refine you." Do I have another choice? How about the beaches of Oahu to refine me? No, the furnace of affliction.

Because as we would come to learn from Peter, our faith more valuable and precious than gold, the goldsmith heats up the gold to bring all the impurities to the surface, the dross, and then scrapes it off. And he knows he's got pure gold, when? When the goldsmith can see his image reflected in the gold. Well, that's what the furnace is for. And your my work of art.

So He turns the heat up. "God!" "Oh, just wait, you'll see. I'm not done yet." And then finally He takes you out of the kiln. Now comes the fun part. The artistry, the decor, the finishing touches. And then the displaying of this work of art. You wouldn't believe it. If you only knew.

Number 3 in verse 3. He's unable to deceive in the abyss. So now an angel — I mean, this is the best for last. An unnamed angel, an unnamed angel, one, throws him into the abyss, one handed with one chain, locks and seals him and keeps him from deceiving for 1,000 years. Now, I hope that the end of verse 3 didn't mess you up. I'll confess, you know. I'll take one for the team. Early in my walk, it did mess me up. I'm like, why release him? Torch him.

[Laughter]

No, I'll tell you why I'm not going to torch him. Because I still need him to do my bidding at the end of the 1,000 years. I'm not done with the devil yet. That right there. I mean,

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remember Chapter 19 when the false prophet and the Antichrist are cast alive into the lake of fire forever and ever? Which begs the question of why don't You put the devil in there with them too? This is the unholy trinity: Satan, the devil; the false prophet; and the Antichrist. Father, Son, Holy Spirit — Christ, Holy Spirit.

Again, master counterfeiter. Which again, back to the AI illustration, is why Satan, who's not omnipresent or omnipotent or omniscient, all-knowing, he has to have everything in one location because he can be in only one location at a time.

And all the AI data collection, he doesn't know everything. So AI will be all-knowing and governing. And so we've got omniscience counterfeited. We've got omnipresence counterfeited. How about omnipotence? That's a tall order. Well, AI governance will, for lack of a better word, execute power, all power over everyone and everything.

That's counterfeit omnipotence. Because he's not created anything, he's counterfeited everything. You're with me? So okay. He's incarcerated in this place, which, believe you me, you would not want to be there. For a thousand years. That's tormenting in and of itself. And then set free but — this is the last part of verse three — only for a short time. Now, this is why I chose only the first three verses as being so foundational.

Because once we can get this understood, then the rest of the chapter is all going to fit into place perfectly. It's going to help us understand more about this 1,000 year period of time. The seven thousandth completed year. Seven, the number of completion. And we're going to also understand why God didn't just torch him like we would have, but releases him at the end.

So this is really foundational for us. Now, where's that renewed hope you talked about the beginning? Oh, I'm glad you asked. The renewed hope we can take home with us is this: Satan though evil through and through, only and always serves God's purpose for His glory and our good. Just trust God.

I'm done. I'm done. Come on up, Kapono. Stand up. Back to the really seamless, smooth closings, you notice?

Revelation 20
Be Hopeful Satan's Day Is Coming To A Swift End
Pastor JD Farag

Thank You, Lord. This is a — man, this is intense. But it's good. Thank You for inspiring John to write this for us. It really helps us, Lord, to better understand Your “whys” and Your “ways”, which are so much higher than ours.

Lord, we surrender and submit and commit to You anew in our trust in You because You know what You're doing, and You got it all under control. And everything is perfectly on schedule for every single person in this church and watching online. And maybe they're going through some really hard days.

Please, Lord, would You, as only You can remind them that Satan's day has an expiration date on it and that expiration date is very, very, very soon?

Thank You Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.