Open your Bibles to the book of <u>Revelation</u>. The 20th chapter, open your Bibles to <u>Revelation</u> chapter 20 and for any who are here today for the Middle School and Junior High Class, you guys are dismissed. You guys can go ahead and go over with Jay for your class. There you go guys.

Hey what a crew, that's awesome. Wow, what an adventure we've been on. You know, I always say this but I really truly mean it. And it's always a privilege, obviously, to open God's Word and to study and to be in the Word of God.

And what an adventure it is to study. And truly, I say like the book of <u>Revelation</u> is really an adventure because of the dynamic of it. It's incredible. There's so much of it that we know is future.

So much of the stuff that we've been studying about about the 70th week of <u>Daniel</u>, this is called the Tribulation Hour, the time of Jacob's trouble, that 70 or that seven year period when God finishes his lands and purposes of the nation of Israel. All through that has been quite an adventure. And we worked our way up with the conclusion of chapter 19 with Jesus coming back to conclude that seven year period by defeating his enemies at the Battle of Armageddon. And remember, it's not much of a battle.

He speaks and his enemies are wiped out. The nations of the world come together in that battlefield and with all the modern technologies that will be at their disposal, in a standard chance. In fact, we know based on what Psalms 2 says, we study that out. They got literally just kind of, you'll ask.

But isn't that the arrogance and the pride in men that we think, either independently or together in unison that we have, the wherewithal to take God down. He should be subject to our whims and the way we think things should be. Well, you know what praise the Lord, he is in control. He is in control.

And this morning, before we actually jump in and read the verses, we're going to take a part today and study in depth. I want to remind you of how Jesus taught the disciples to pray in Matthew chapter 6, something that we refer to as the Lord's prayer. Interestingly enough, it probably shouldn't be tidal of the Lord's prayer because it's Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray. So that's the heart of it.

So it should be probably the disciples prayer because he's basically showing them what it is to pray, the focus that we should have. And what God wants to do is relate to prayer. But you know, there's an important element of that that people are so used to saying. The important part that says, Thy King, I'm going to King <u>James</u> on you, right?

Thy. By Kingdom come, Thy will be done where? On earth as it is in heaven. Now, at the moment you and I received Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we're born again.

There's something amazing, a miracle that occurs that we're born again by His Spirit, that the Holy Spirit takes a presence within us. Our spirits are made new. We have eternal life before us in His presence. There certainly is a sense of God's kingdom being lived out within us.

But the fruition of this, this being lived out in a, in the ultimate destination and the ultimate way that God intended to be fulfilled, is what we're seeing here. God establishing His kingdom on earth for a millennial reign, a thousand year reign of

Christ. That's what we're going to look at today. So, I know all of us have prayed that throughout our lifetimes.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done. A lot of people pray that in the now asking the Lord to do that. In fact, just coming through resurrection season, we know that a lot of people rejected Jesus as Messiah because Jesus didn't establish a kingdom and overthrow their enemies. They didn't understand why He had come as a suffering servant, but He will come back and establish His kingdom.

We're going to look at some familiar verses that connected this by the way. Today, they'll go, aha, wow, that's amazing. Especially if you didn't realize the scope of what they're speaking of. But before we entertain those verses, let's jump in to Revelation chapter 20 by the way only three more chapters to go and we'll conclude this adventure in the Book of Revelation.

So, we're going to focus our attention today on verses 1 through 10. We get a lot to cover in a quick period of time. And so, as I always say, hold on to your huggies because we're going to run through this quickly. First one, <u>Revelation</u> chapter 20 says this.

Of course, <u>John</u> speaking, <u>John</u> the Apostle, then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. He sees the dragon, that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan, and bound him in chains for a thousand years. The angel threw him in the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan did not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward, he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw Throne and the people sitting on them had been given me authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus proclaiming the Word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his statue nor accepted his Mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

This is the first resurrection. The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended and of course we'll expand on that. Then finally, for six years says this portion of this, blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

For seven years, when the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations called Gog and Megag is not interesting. In every corner of the earth, he will gather them together for battle, a mighty army, as numberless as the sands along the seashore. And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city.

But fire from heaven came down to attacking Armenians and consumed them. In verse 10, did the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Wow, that's powerful.

That's incredibly powerful, isn't it? Now, something that I want to point out to you is we read those ten verses. Did you notice how often the terminology or the phrase a thousand years was mentioned? A thousand years.

What do you think a thousand years means, guys? A thousand years? That's a good guess. A thousand years.

Now, here's a very important thing that I want to share with you. Because as we study this chapter out, if we do not interpret this correctly, it will lead us to various perspectives that really get Bible prophecy wrong. Now, I'm going to take an opportunity here to share with you the different perspectives that people have as a related Bible prophecy, specifically the Book of Revelation. And specifically this area here concerning the millennial reign of Christ.

Now, we make no bones as a Calvary Chapel. We let people know where we stand on doctrine issues. We let people know exactly what we believe. We don't beat around the bush.

You can go to our website. You come and talk to me or our elders or leadership will tell you exactly where we stand. Now, as part of the body of Christ, there are critical elements, essential elements that make us the body of Christ. But there are things on the periphery that aren't essentials.

That within the body of Christ some people have some disagreements on. Now, this is an example of that. Now, it relates to Bible prophecy. We believe as it relates to Jesus's return in a position called pre-millennialism.

Okay? The word pre means before, right? Millennium, by the way, where do we get that? Where do you think that word comes from?

It actually is a Latin word. Me today, it means 1000. And Anum, Aranus from that language, from Latin means year. So 1000 years.

That's why you see the phrase millennium in some studies. Some people say, well, you don't see that in English Bibles. No, because it's in the Latin vulgated. It's in translation.

But the whole point is, it's just their way of saying 1000 years. It's very plain. And the reality is, is if we approach the interpretation of God's word literally, we have the reality that we're going to arrive at a pre-millennial perspective. And what happens is there are some who as a interpret God's word, they come to it and they interpret it symbolically or spiritually.

And what they will say is, is that 1000 years are speaking symbolically, it's not a real 1000 year period. It's just speech of symbolic period of time. And that Jesus isn't really going to come back and establish a kingdom per se as the pre-millennial people believe. And that actually there's a group that believed that from the time Jesus died and was resurrected, that His kingdom has come.

And that He's established His kingdom on earth and He's raining even now. Well, I don't know about you, but wow. If Satan has been bound, because according to God's word here, Satan will be bound during the millennium, right? If even if it's a spiritual representation, if Satan has been bound, you probably heard scholars say, well, he's got an awfully long chain.

Because you see the effect of Satan at work and his minions, if you will, the demonic forces. And that is being poured out in these last days on a scope that we've never seen before. So the reality is to just spiritualize Bible prophecy and specifically this, it really doesn't put into the proper context what is being spoken of here. But again, the

reason we arrive at what is called a pre-millennial view is because we approach interpretation of Bible, of the Bible literally.

We believe that God said, we're meant, any meant what He said. Now, does that mean there's not metaphor in the Bible? Certainly there's metaphor. Is there symbology?

Certainly there's symbology and type. But as you study God's word from a literal interpretive model, you know that when you reach sections of scripture that are speaking symbolically, the context will communicate that clearly. So that's what we do is we interpret God's word literally and we know as we study the who, why, what, when, where, how? The when a symbolic it tells us that.

So we do not believe in a post-millennial perspective or nomalennial perspective. We believe in what's called a pre-millennial perspective of prophecy. Jesus will literally come back before the thousand year reign of Christ. That's at the end of the seven year tribulation period and He will establish His reign on earth.

Now, He promised that, folks, did you know there are well over 400 verses in God's word and the New Testament, and the Old Testament that speak of a literal reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. And there's nothing symbolic or spiritual about it. In fact, Isaiah, turn up me to the book of Isaiah chapter nine, you're going to see here some familiar, familiar territory, some familiar verses.

In fact, it wasn't very long ago during the Christmas season that we read these verses that is common obviously to visit these verses during that season because it says this. Isaaiah chapter nine beginning in verse six, for a child is born to us. A son is given to us. Now, to completely understand what is happening here, this is a panorama of history, folks, just being communicated to us here through God's word.

This is an outline of history. We know that this child who was born to us, a son is given to us, is Jesus Christ. When did that happen? Some 2000 years ago that this prophecy was fulfilled.

But look at what it says on the heels of that. The government will rest on his shoulders. Has Jesus established a government that he's reigning on right now? If you want to spiritualize it, you would say, well, yeah, he's reigning over spiritual kingdom.

What you're going to see here today is we go through some of these verses that it means, of course, it's a spiritual kingdom. He reigns in the realm of a spiritual first and foremost, but there's a literal element aspect of this. When it says the government will rest on his shoulders, he will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace. Aren't those awesome titles?

Isn't that incredible? Look at it says in verse seven, his government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor, David, for all eternity. Is Jesus seated on the throne of his ancestor, David in Israel right now?

I don't know about you, but I know that those trips are going on to Israel. In fact, pray for Mozel, sweetie. She's going to Israel right now. Should be over there for a period of time.

There are many people who go over to Israel. It would be a wonderful trip to go on. I haven't been able to go if you ever have an opportunity. Then seize that opportunity.

But I'm pretty sure that there's no temple on the temple. Not right now that Jesus is made into the world for one, but there will be. That will literally happen, folks. Turn with me to Luke's gospel in the New Testament.

Again, at Christmas time, we spend time here. Chapter one. During the Christmas season, we reflect on the fact that Gabriel came to Mary to assure her that this pregnancy that she was experiencing was because the Holy Spirit had touched her. This was a miracle that occurred.

And that the child that she was carrying was no average normal child. He was the son of God, Mishyak Messiah, who would be born to what? Die for the sins of all mankind. Now, he was a little, you know, nervous about this whole thing as was Joseph.

When we find the verse 29 of <u>Luke</u>, Chapter one, this is communicated to us. Confused and disturbed. Ladies, you could probably relate to that, didn't you? Confused and disturbed.

Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. Don't be afraid, Mary, the angel told her. For you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son.

And you will call his name or call him Jesus. Now, look at this. He will be very great and will be called the son of the most tired. That's one of his Mishyak titles.

Speaking of his deity, the portion of his being is divine. The Lord will give him what? The throne of his ancestor David. See, Jesus in his humanity was descended from David's lineage.

So he in his humanity was a descendant of King David. So the Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel for how long? Forever.

You know what that means in the Greek? Forever. That means it doesn't end. It's forever.

It's forever. Folks, forever his kingdom will never end. Folks, that's not just a spiritual reality. It's a physical reality.

For when Jesus comes back, again, at the conclusion of that 70 or the seven year tribulation period, the 70th week of <u>Daniel</u>, he will establish a kingdom on earth for a thousand years. But then he will rule, of course, eternally. And what an amazing adventure that will be when that time comes. In fact, there are some amazing things that will happen.

So I want to communicate some truths about that millennial reign of Christ now. Let's go back again to the prophet <u>Isaiah</u>. Go all the way back to <u>Isaiah</u> again. And let's go to chapter 11.

And it's amazing because when you really understand in his context, a lot of these verses that we see here, by the way, we're going to turn our attention to verse 6 beginning there. Now let's start at the very beginning of that chapter because I want to see the scope of prophecy here. And how it is an outline for history sometimes, just like we saw in chapter 9 of <u>Isaiah</u>. But it's amazing when you begin to see

context here, how much are the Bible, almost every prophet, the Old Testament speaks of Jesus' earthly reign in a millennium.

And this does as well. We'll really see the scope of that in verse 6. But look at some of the prophecy relating to Jesus' Messiah. Verse 1 says, out of the stump of David's family, there's that connection again.

We'll grow a shoot. Yes, a new branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

He will delight in obeying the Lord. He will not judge by a parents or make a decision based on hearsay. He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

Wow, is that powerful? Who is that? Jesus, hello. Verse 5 says, he will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.

Now look what happens. When you see the scope of his reign because you see definitively how he comes on the scene fulfilled prophecy from David's ancestry. The Holy Spirit being upon him that sevenfold worked with the Holy Spirit and we can see that in a book of Revelation, those attributes as part of the Holy Spirit defining him. And we see then about him giving justice to the poor, making fair decisions.

The earth will shake at the force of his word and with that ability, with his breath, with the spoken word, the ability to destroy the wicked. And the fact that he wears righteousness as a belt and truth as an undergarment, then we see this on the heels of that because it's in that day as he's reigning this will be a reality. And the way I want you to think about this, do you see anything that's happening now during man's existence now? In that day, the wolf and the lamb will live together.

Some translations of them will say, we'll lie down together, right? It's basically the same as they were share life. In that day, the wolf and the lamb live together. You know, they live together now, right?

It's just the ones in the stomach of the other, right? And the one's not living anymore. But in that day, the wolf and the lamb will live together. The leopard will lie down with the baby goat.

The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion and a kid or a child will lead them all. Do you see that? Are you picturing that? I don't know.

If you would find that in nature now, a leopard with a baby goat, I don't think it'd be too long that baby goat would be lunch. What do you think? What about the wolf and the lamb? What about the calf and the yearlings with the lion?

I can do as I watch nature channel, honey, you see it? And you see what happens in the scope of that. The reality of a child being out in that dynamic and leading them, really playing them with these animals. You see a kid now going out playing with a wild animal like that?

Is that something that man-painted his experience? No, that's something that will be happening during this timeframe. Verse 7, The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together and the lion will eat hay like a cow.

Wow, that's interesting. Who will eat hay like a cow? The cub, I'm speaking of a bear, or the lion, right? It's interesting to note that before the fall occurred in the book of Genesis, that in the Bible, up until the flood, guess what mankind and all animals were vegetarians?

That's interesting. It doesn't mean I'm going to give up my states. Well, probably in this, it's a good chance that perhaps during the Malanguina Christ and then on, we would probably have that kind of a diet for the people who will be living in that need their sustenance. But there's something about the fall that brought that dynamic on and God said it was okay to eat meat.

We can do that. Now it's fine. Now the reality is, eat stuff in balance, of course. But that's what it says here.

I mean, do lions eat grass now? No, this is what's going to be happening during this dynamic. Now like a verse 8, the baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Boy, as a parent, you'd be awfully afraid of that.

In that day and age, a parent won't give a second thought to it. They wouldn't even think that that cobra would harm their child. What is going on? There's something about God's power in his kingdom on earth that brings about that influence and that dynamic where man and animal lived together in harmony like this.

That's the way God intended at the beginning of creation. It was thin. The mess it all up. And the reality is that God during the thousand year reign of Christ is going to have an environment for people to live in that as much like it was during the creation at the beginning before Adam and Eve fell.

Remember that time frame when people lived to be almost a thousand years old and it got shorter and shorter and shorter. That was the dynamic and the influence and the effective sin in the world. But because Jesus is established as kingdom is dealing with sin because Satan is bound that dynamic will once again be in place. We're living in environment.

Now you and I as Christians, it'll be a totally different ballgame for us. I'll talk about that. But people who live through or survive the tribulation hour and repopulate the world will be human beings just like you and I. They won't have a glorified body like you and I will have at that time because we'll be like Jesus.

We know that <u>John</u> first <u>John</u> says that when we see Jesus as Christians, we will see him and we will be like him. You and I will have glorified bodies that will be unique that will be able to do what Jesus was able to do when he appeared to the disciples without going through a door. It's pretty amazing. It's going to be incredible what that's going to be like.

But for those who are living and have made it through the tribulation hour, this will be their experience. Now live long life. God's word tells us that in that day during the thousand year reign of Christ, if somebody dies when they're a hundred years old, it will be like today, us thinking, wow, it's a tragedy when a child that's five or six years old passes away. They will say they died like a child being a hundred years old.

Isn't that amazing? Because they will live for hundreds of years during that time frame. And by the way, there will be a lot of people who die, obviously, during the tribulation hour, but there will be quite a few that survived through that. And as they

survived through that as they repopulate the world, now ladies, you might not want to think of this.

But can you imagine living for hundreds of years and having childbearing years through that? You're going to have a lot of kids. What's that? That family on TV that's got like 19 and counting.

And I guess they have to change the count every year for their show, huh? 19 and counting. Is that what it is? Wow.

That's amazing. I'm as a man. I can't imagine that. But the world will be repopulated and people will live to this ripe old age.

And the animal kingdom will be tamed because of the dynamic of Jesus' reign on the earth. Again, when in a scope of history besides creation at the beginning has this been an environment that the world has experienced? No, it hasn't been. And it's not now, but it will be again.

Also <u>Isaiah</u> 35. Let's continue in <u>Isaiah</u>. I think it's important that we focus some on the millennium because we don't see a lot about the millennium spoken of here in <u>Revelation</u>. We see the verse that say it's a thousand years.

But again, most people are blown away as they look back and the Old Testament to see how the prophets spoke about what it would be like. Were you aware of that? Or this price of you here today that didn't realize how much of the Old Testament speaks about that dynamic? Look at what the environment will be like.

I've spoken a little bit about this, but look what the word says about it. Verse 1, 35, chapter 35 says, even the wilderness in desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring, crocuses. By the way, as we're reading through this, did you know that in the chapter 8, the book of Romans, it says that even creation groans in anticipation or Jesus returning?

Because the earth, the earth is not living being, by the way, guys. We just came through earth day where people, wow, I can't believe how many people are really buying into this new age, philosophy and thought of the earth being alive. It's called ananism. The earth is not alive.

Trees do not have spirits. Rocks do not have spirits. They're in anthomens objects. Even though plant life is alive, it's not a life like you and I have.

It doesn't have a soul. Animals don't have spirits like we do. That's a deception from the enemy, but you know, there are a lot of people who believe that. In fact, I was amazed to find out that within the so-called church that there are denominations who have invited the whole earth they think into their churches and highlighted and have special services for it and even have kids and people come up and give offerings to mother earth and seeing songs appraise to mother earth.

Boy, if that's not a apostasy, I don't know what it is, but that's the day the age of living in. Do you ever hear that on the weather forecast or people just say, well, mother nature. I mean, people just kind of throw that out because they've heard for so long. Stop and think about what that means.

People who really mean that attribute their existence to their mother, they call our mother. Have you seen the bumper sticks? Stickers say, be kind, respect our mother.

Folks, do and I may be made of dust and the components that make us up, yes, scientists, no are from compounds of the earth, but it was God who brought it to life, who breathed life into it, who gave us spirit because he's God.

The earth is not my mother and never will be and my heart goes out to people who have been deceived and think that it's tragedy, but there's a lot of people. There are a lot of people who bought into that. But God even said that even creation will cry out in worship to its creator. Moments chapter one warns about the fact that people turn away from the creation, the creator to worship the creation.

We're seeing that read Romans chapter one and you'll see in terms of lifestyles in a way that people are living in the dynamic of sin in the world today. That's happening before our very eyes. The people are turning away from God's truth and are doing all these things we see here in the world. But when Jesus again establishes his kingdom, so much what we see is going to be like we see here.

Verse two <u>Isaiah</u> 35 yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing with joy that dead is will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God. With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, encourage those who have weak knees, say to those with fearful hearts be strong and do not fear for your God is coming to destroy your enemies, just coming to save you because it's communicating the dynamic of Jesus coming to rest with people. To rest with people and to establish his kingdom.

And again, you can read down through that chapter and see again the restoration of what is called the biosphere. We say that song this morning Lord of all create God of wonders God of wonders and you know, I can't help but preface that song usually when we do it by talking about the creation because there are some incredibly beautiful places in this world that you just go to and you look at and you go, wow, that's just really wonderful. That's amazingly beautiful. But again, it pales in comparison to what the world looked like before sin affected it before the fall.

The world was an incredibly beautiful environment that we can't even comprehend. But again, think about it. It's nothing compared to the one who created it. It all speaks of his glory and the reality of that glory.

I say a 35 earth is five to six continuing their sets. And when he comes, he will do what, open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the death. That's not only speaking of the fulfillment of his Messianic ministry on earth because the Messiah did that. The speaking about the dynamic of his reign too because there will be no people sick.

There will be no ill health folks. Even for those who are living during the linear reign of Christ, there will be no need to go to a doctor. He should be healthy. Isn't that cool?

But again, when I say us are those, speaking of those who are human beings who've lived through the tribulation hour and repopulate here. Verse 6 says, the lame will leap like deer so those who were affected physically cannot walk on those who cannot speak will sing for joy and springs will gush forth in the wilderness and streams will water the wasteland. You can continue to read actually the remainder of that chapter and see again that dynamic. I'm going to jump down to verse 10.

Conclusion of chapter says, those who have been ransom by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing crowned with everlasting joy. So morning will disappear and they will be filled with joy and gladness because guess what Jesus will be ruling the earth from his throne in the temple in Jerusalem. You know what we've seen in those verses that refer to him being David's ancestor and sitting on his throne.

You know that David is going to have a role during the millennium. You know what he's going to do? He's going to rule over Israel. David will rule over the Jewish people.

Jesus will rule over the entire earth. And you will be seated on the throne in Jerusalem in the temple, but David will be given the privilege of ruling over the nation of Israel. That's pretty wild. That is some of the dynamic that will occur.

It's here to <u>Isaiah</u> 65. I want you to take for a grander or at my word any man's word what we say. You need to see what God's word has said. <u>Isaiah</u> 65 speaking of judgment that he brings in a final salvation that he brings to mankind.

He says this in the scope of what is happening here is relates to the length of life. In fact, let's begin in verse 17 to build up to it says look I am creating new heavens and a new earth. And no one will even think about the old ones anymore. Be glad rejoice forever in my creation.

And look I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people and the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more. Now look at verse 20 no longer will babies die with only a few days old.

No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at 100. Remember I referenced this only the curse will die that young. That's powerful.

Now here's the reality I want to share this because as we turn our attention now back to the book of Revelation I think that probably give us a reality of some of the dynamic that will be occurring during the tribulation hour and we can see again there will be what the world wants really world peace. You see those beauty pageants and they always in their interview portion what would you like. We're all peace. If what they want right.

Well guess what there will be world peace because he who is Yahweh Shalom the Lord is our peace will bring peace to the world. But guess what there's something is going to happen that blows my mind. We read in <u>Revelation</u> chapter 20 in fact let's revisit again verse one <u>Revelation</u> 20. We see this occurring at the end of the tribulation period that Jesus has come he defeated his enemies and now after he has cast the beast who is the anti Christ by the way that man who is anti Christ who is possessed by Satan himself and the false prophet who was another man who was possessed as those men have been thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur back in chapter 19.

And as Jesus deals with the enemies then his transition begins again in verse one of chapter 20 what says then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottom of his pit and heavy chain in his hand. First who he sees the dragon that old serpent who is the devil Satan and bound him in chains for a thousand years the angel threw him into the bottom of his pit then shut and locked and locked door or

visit what it says and he start over again. I lost my place my apologies. Verse 3 again the angel threw him into the bottom of his pit which he then shut and locked there we go so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished after where he must be released for a little while.

Now during that thousand year reign of Christ is Satan going to be effectively applying his trade as the deceiver as one who leads people into sin as the one who fuels the fire. No not at all in fact what do we see here there's an angel by the way check this out verse one that says that an angel comes down from heaven with the key to the bottom of his pit that's the abyss the abus of the abus of the abus of sin and Revelation nine. He comes down with the key that ball is put in heavy chains and he seals this one called the dragon by the way notice the uniqueness of that there's a reason the Holy Spirit inspired John to call him the dragon what does that mean well the dragon remember when we were studying Revelation chapter 12 it spoke of him as being the red dragon Satan is the red dragon it speaks of his ferocity his spiritness his hatred his passion to kill and steal and destroy and the red element. We saw in Revelation chapter 12 spoke of the blood shed his desire to destroy the kill that Satan's heart we know in God 10 10 that the enemy has come to steal and kill and destroy that's his desire so to find him as the dragon then it says that he's the old serpent what does it mean out the old serpent remember back in Genesis when he to see Adam and Eve.

Did he do it with cunning and subtlety he didn't come you know displaying himself for who he really is by the way he's beautiful folks in his appearance he's beautiful he's not spitting pea soup and his head spin around the rock those that Hollywood folks he's beautiful that's why he appeals to people and can deceive people okay but this is his heart this speaks of the property of his heart he's subtle he's cunning he knows what he's doing that's what he's doing. That's how he deceives people that's what the old serpent is referring to when it's the devil the Abel or the Abel in the Spanish and the Abel us in the Greek you know what that means that he is the accuser the word of God tells us he's the accuser of the brethren that means doesn't he always come to you and go you're who you couldn't God knows your dirty no good so and so he saw what you just did he knows what you're doing you think you think God will let you get away with that God's grace is sufficient but that's what he is.