**Revelation 20:1-10 January 24, 2021**

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  + Satan which means adversary
  + Dragon which is used 12 times in Revelation
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  + The devil which means **slanderer**
* He will be relegated to the abyss for 1,000 years while Christ reigns
  + The abyss is the abode of the vilest of demons who are held imprisoned until the day of their judgment
* He is restricted so that Christ can reign unimpeded and fulfill many of the prophecies of Christ’s literal earthly reign
  + He will temporarily be unable to deceive the world with his **schemes**
* This does not mean that the earth will be **sinless**
  + Sin originates in the flesh of mankind and the sin nature of people will not be eradicated when Christ returns
* This is a reminder for us that Satan is under God’s authority and power
  + He is no match for even one of God’s mighty angels that is dispatched for this duty

Christ Reigns for 1,000 Years Revelation 20:4-6

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