

# **NOW** is the day of salvation

Revelation 20:1-3

## **Big Idea:**

**Share the Gospel, because now is the day of salvation!**

### **1.) The millennium is **NOW** (v. 2, 7-8).**

-- The millennium is the period of time that directly precedes Christ's return.

-- The battle scene in v. 7-8, which takes place at the end of the 1,000 years, is the same battle that we have already seen three times in Revelation (v. 9:13-16, v. 16:12-14, v. 19:19-20, v. 20:7-8).

-- Ch. 20 must describe a time **BEFORE** the battle in ch. 19, because the binding of Satan (v. 20:2) makes no sense after the total defeat of Satan revealed there.

-- **One thousand years is a **SYMBOLIC** number.**

-- The Millennium is symbolic of this present church age that began with Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension and will end with His triumphant return.

### **2.) Satan is bound **NOW** (v. 1-3).**

-- The first coming of Christ brought about the binding of Satan (Mark 3:23-27, Luke 10:17-20, John 12:31-32).

-- In His work in the Gospel, Christ handed Satan a monumentally devastating defeat.

-- **What does the binding of Satan mean?**

**a.) It means that he cannot gather the nations to ELIMINATE the church (v. 3, 7-8).**

-- In the last days, when Satan is released from his current bondage, he will deceive the nations to gather for battle against the church

**b.) It means that the nations will be RESPONSIVE to the gospel.**

-- Acts 14:16, Acts 17:30, Eph. 2:13, John 12:32

-- Even though Satan is leading the **WORLD** astray, at the same time, the **NATIONS** are coming to Christ (v. 12:9).

-- Revelation 20 is missionary text. It reminds us that Satan's deceptive dominance over the nations has ended and Christ is winning the nations through the Gospel.

**3.) NOW is the day of salvation.**

-- 2 Corinthians 6:2, Matthew 24:14

-- Even while Revelation tells us that evil will grow on earth, it also emphasizes that we live in an age when the forward advance of the Gospel cannot be stopped.

**Application: Share the Gospel!**

-- **GIVE** to missions.

-- Go to the **NATIONS**

-- Be **CONFIDANT** as ambassador of Christ.

-- This day of salvation is short, so don't wait to witness!