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The Last Purging

One of the most amazing things in the scriptures that could cause a great question is Rev 20:3,7-10. God the Father deliberately releases Satan to see who he can deceive and who he cannot deceive after 1000 years of perfect peace and righteousness with the sons of God governing the whole earth. In the same way, God the Creator deliberately allowed Satan to tempt Eve in the very beginning. Satan the seducer, with his serpentine nature, tests man in his reliance upon his Creator. God allowed Satan to tempt and test man to see who would and who would not fall victim to his ploy, devised and contrived to make man fall into his hands if he could. The only hope for man after the Fall was to know good from evil and make the right choices in order to not become Satan's slaves and servants to do evil to others (Gen 3:11-19,22; 9:1-7).

Isa 24:5-6 — As we see in these last days, few men are left who do not come under his power to conform them into his image and likeness, and away from their Creator's image and likeness. It was necessary for man's moral character, the likeness of God that remained in him after the Fall, to be tested by the arch-enemy of God and of man, His highest creature. So we see in Matthew 4 that Satan was even allowed to tempt the very Son of God to test Him (Heb 2:14-18).

So in the very last days of the 1000-year kingdom age on earth, after Satan had been bound for those thousand years (Rev 20:1-3), he was to be loosed from his prison to see whether he could seduce man again as he had done during his 6000-year reign on earth (1 Jn 5:19). Then he had deceived all who could be, as Rev 12:9 says, leading the whole world astray from the age-lasting covenant God made with man after the Fall in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3:16-19,22). Just before He expelled them from the place where the tree of life was, from which they never ate, the worst thing would have been that in his fallen state man would eat of the tree of life and live forever, but fallen from their righteousness and perfect likeness of God (Gen 3:24).

A thousand years of perfect happiness and absolutely just government (Lk 19:17-19; Rev 3:21), plus exemption from all forms of suffering, fail to win man's heart. For 1000 years we who will rule over the nations (Rev 2:27), over cities, will have proclaimed the day in Rev 20:7 when Satan will be set free and once again go out and bring ruin to people's lives and persuade them to do what Rev 20:7-10 says. Yet man will make his decision to do what even some of our youth in the tribes have done, and many others who chose not to be of "us" (1 Jn 2:19).

So at the end of the 1000-year peace, the Sabbath Age, many will be led astray even though they will have experienced the good government described in Isa 2:4-5, under the reign of our Master with all who overcame for Him in this age (Rev 3:21).

In Zec 14:16-17 it says that the Gentiles who lived until the end of this age, who did not take the Mark of the Beast, will have to choose whether or not to go up to Jerusalem to worship the King — they still have the capacity to do good or evil, even without the temptation and deception of the Serpent as Rev 20:1-3. But as it emphatically states, "so that he will not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were ended; after that he *must* be released for a short while" — about 50 years, I would say. And Rev 20:7-8 says it again, as Rev 12:9, "who deceived or led the whole world astray."

Astray — the word in Greek speaks of one who misleads the inhabitants of the whole world. The nations are led astray. *Mis-lead* means to lead in the wrong direction, or into mistaken action or belief. The nations are led astray by deceit, as in the Garden of Eden, where the Serpent led Eve astray. He misled her by deceit (1 Tim 2:14), as in 2 Cor 11:13-15. Preachers today are Satan's servants — after having been deceived, they are now deceiving others (2 Tim 3:13; 2 Cor 4:2; Mt 24:4,5,11,24; Rev 18:23). If it were possible, the very elect would be deceived (Mt 24:24). We see in Rev 12:9 and 20:3,8 that the nations are deceived, but the elect who cling to the anointing as 1 Jn 2:27 will be as verse 28, having unashamed confidence at His coming. But those who are not the "very elect" will be deceived (Mt 24:9-13,24).

Isa 24:5-6 — Few are left among the nations who were not deceived to the point of taking the Mark of the Beast. These few will be the scions of Zec 14:16. The Male Child, the 144,000 in Rev 14:3-11, carried out the message, and the nations will be judged (Mt 25:31-46) according to how they treated "these brothers of mine" (verses 40 and 45). The righteous of the nations (verse 34) will go into the eternal life of the nations (Rev 21:24, NKJ; 22:2; 20:12-15; Rom 2:6-16; Jn 5:28-29; Mt 25:46). The righteous saw the condition of the Male Child and offered help, even to their own hurt. They knew to do good, and did it. Otherwise it would have been a sin that they would have to answer for (Rev 20:12-15), and they would have ended up taking the Mark of the Beast, not heeding the message in Rev 14:9-11.

So at the end of the 1000 years of the Isa 2:4 prophecy, after we, the very elect, will have ruled over the nations, all the while continually warning them about Rev 20:7-10, Satan will still be able to deceive the willing, as Eve was. Although they will be just as innocent of his deceptions, still they will have been warned over and over again. Rev 20:10 — The evil one will deceive them, though they had the knowledge of the truth, just as also Eve knew not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but even in her sinless innocence she more than likely went to that tree more than once to use her reasoning against the Word of God (Gen 2:9,17). The choice was there. The desire was there. It now would only take a little enticement (Jms 1:14). Adam, her husband, loved Eve and surely told her, warned her about the consequences or the fruit (Jms 1:12-15).

But God allowed the test and the temptation so that man could be thoroughly tested, even as God's Son was allowed to be tempted and tested (Heb 2:18). *God* cannot be tempted, but His Son could before He was glorified, as we also are tempted and tested. Once we receive our glorified bodies, we also will no longer be vulnerable to temptation, which we are now. But if we have not prayed as we were commanded (Mt 6:13), let us pray now that we would not have to be led into temptation to show us where we're really at. 1 Cor 10:12-13 — This proves who are the *very elect* (Mt 24:24).

The very counsel of God as revealed in the scriptures decrees an exhaustive test of man as a moral creature in order to demonstrate his ability to choose the good over the evil, as this was and is the only way man could ever maintain and retain his likeness of his Creator (Gen 3:22). All men sin, but not all sin so as to hurt, harm, and ruin other people's lives and reputation. All have fallen short of His likeness, but not all have fallen to the extent of becoming like Satan. All who just "fall short" retain their likeness of their Creator, but still must pay for their sins in death — the first death — and then be raised to be judged worthy of a second life (Rev 20:12-15), which is an eternal life (Mt 25:46; Jn 5:28-29; Rom 2:14-16).

So after the 1000 years of what we would term paradise, men will choose Satan and the depthless miseries of his insurgency rather than the peace of their Creator, in spite of the endeavors of His sons' continual warnings. *Insurgency* is a revolt against a government, an insurrection. An *insurgent* is a rebel who is so deceitful that he is not recognized as an enemy at all, as he was not in the least belligerent against authority or the good government of the saints who rule the nations and cities of the millennial period on earth.

Rev 20:7 is the very greatest deception in the whole of humanity, even before the Fall when Eve was deceived by her good, intelligent conversation and encounter with the prince of deception, the deceiving spirit.

As Rev 20:3 says, Satan *must* be released — *must, must be*, for a short time — enough time to do his job, to expose all who are not worthy to fill the universe with themselves and their offspring. At the end of the 1000 years, when Satan is released from his prison, the insurgence of necessity will begin with people becoming unsatisfied; complaints will arise, accusations, slandering the leaders, finding fault with them — all that we experience in the communities now, while Satan is alive and well on planet Earth, as a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. There are those now who are as Mt 24:9-12, while the elect are as verse 13, who endure to the end, just there will be those

in the millennial age of the nations who will endure to the end of the trials and testings of the people who are saved. There will be those who feign obedience, who pretend to be happy and peaceful, working behind the scenes. So man at the end of the millennial age will have his final trial. Fire will devour the insurgence of those who surround the City to destroy those who are in the land of Israel.

Rev 20:8 — This "Gog and Magog" is not the same as in Ezekiel 38 and 39, because Eze 39:25 is speaking of the end of this present age, but Rev 20:8 happens at the end of the next age. Mt 19:28 is fulfilled at the culmination of this age (Eze 39:25-29; Acts 3:21), restoring the twelve tribes in the land of Israel in the next age (Rom 11:15; Isa 49:8; Acts 26:8). Since Isa 2:4, speaking of the millennial age, has announced that war will be no more, fire comes down from heaven and consumes the insurgence, and Satan their leader is cast into the lake of fire where the Beast and the False Prophet will have been for the 1000 years. Rev 19:20 is endless torment.

When Satan is released, once more as a lion seeking someone to devour, he will deceive, injecting with accusations and complaint and dissatisfaction, and all kinds of deceptive reasoning. People will never have witnessed anything like it before, or the resulting disunity, but it will take many years for it to develop.

The insurgence is a deceptive ploy to deceive the government; the underground takes off and Satan begins gathering his army; after about 50 years they go up against the City. When Satan is released, thoughts start coming to the people's minds, asking good, honest questions. Those being deceived gain recognition and begin coming up into the government, teaching, gaining prominence among the people. Those loyal to the anointing begin to wonder about things that are being spoken. Never before had they experienced a beginning surge of a different air. But men begin putting on airs — a mixture of invisible, odorless, tasteless gases, which in the end grows to be deadly — the insurgence of those who put on airs, the artificial or affected manner, outward appearance, a surrounding or pervading influence.

Then comes on the scene subtle ways of justifying what would have been considered abnormal behavior during the time Satan was imprisoned. But then in his release those scions of Zec 14:16 who are still alive will remember the familiar feelings — feelings they had given in to themselves in the previous age, but never to the extent of becoming perverted. Certain cases of sexual behavior start to be heard of — child molestation, sodomy, and lesbianism start to make their way into society as if it were just the person's sexual orientation — "born that way" — while during the times of Rev 20:3 there were no such thoughts as to even imagine that one was born that way.

Exhibitionism — men and women begin to wear immodest clothing, never before hinted of. But some of the scions remembered the past — TV, music, all that caused Isa 24:5-6, and how they had escaped from Rev 16:8-9 and praised their Father, since they were now among the holy ones. That is, if they were truly saved during the millennial period, for we who are now the Holy are just the "first fruits," and during the millennial age the whole host of the Redeemed will be added to us. Those who are truly saved will be sealed with the Holy Spirit, and the final testing will prove who they are. Only those who were not truly saved during the 1000 years will be led astray when Satan is released, just as now in this age among us there will be those who are as Mt 24:9-12, while verse 13 are the saved ones, the very elect (Mt 24:24).

The time is coming as Eph 6:10-18 predicts — the final testings of the very elect who would be deceived if they did not stand against the tactics, schemes, wiles, strategies, and the deceits of Satan. But the elect, or as I call them the "very elect" (Mt 24:24), will be the ones who release their Master Yahshua, who is now kept in heaven (Acts 3:21), by overcoming all of Satan's ploys to deceive the elect, even the very elect if it were possible. But those "very elect" are not deceived by his maneuvers no matter how

¹ However, they will not receive their immortal bodies until the end of that age, so it will not be outwardly unmistakable who is truly saved and who is pretending, which is why there must be a final testing.

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sly he gets (Mt 6:13; Jn 8:51; 14:15,21; etc.), so that Heb 10:13 is accomplished, and Heb 9:28 is fulfilled for those who are eagerly, constantly, and patiently waiting and expecting Him (Col 1:22,23,28).

The "very elect" certainly would be deceived if it were possible (Mt 24:24). Can you imagine what the false messiah and false prophet will be like, the charisma they will have to put even Billy Graham to shame, even in his prime days? Their false prophet and messiah who will appear in the last days will show great signs and wonders to deceive all who are not the "very elect." Mt 24:9-12 — The love of many of the elect will grow cold, as Rev 2:4, but even though some fall, the majority I hope will stand as Eph 6:10-18 says we must, for the love of our Master Yahshua's sake. Rev 3:21 — As He stood the test (Heb 2:14-18), He is more than able to support the faith we were given to stand the test, if we cry out to Him day and night (Lk 18:7-8; 1 Tim 5:5; 2 Ths 3:8; 1 Sam 7:8; 9:16; Job 27:9; Ps 9:12; 145:19).

Lk 18:7-8 poses a question which our Master Himself asks us today: will we be dressed and ready? (Rev 19:7-8) Are we being adjusted down, since we are prepared by our works of love in the Body? We are prepared for our Master by the works prepared for us to do to build up the Body (Eph 2:10; 4:11-16), which is His bride and wife-to-be, the fullness of habitation of the Godhead eternally (Eph 1:22-23; 2:21-22).

Eph 4:12 is the apprenticeship of the holy ones — training, equipping, adjusting them into their proper ministry according to the works prepared for them to spend their lives in doing. It requires "adjusting down" — adjusting and re-adjusting by the council of Eph 4:11-12 to make verses 13-16 happen, which also makes Eph 1:22-23 and 2:21-22 happen. Rev 21:3 can never happen without Eph 4:16, since Rev 21:3 is Eph 2:22, and Eph 2:22 is Rev 21:3, which is the twelve tribes, the wife of the Lamb (Rev 21:9,12), who will be the Body of the Godhead (1 Cor 15:24-28), the Son of God and His many brothers (Heb 2:10-18).