



THE LITTLE SEASON OF REVELATION 20

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The “Little Season” in the KJV, also translated as a “little while” in the RSV. Although the Little Season is of brief duration, it has enormous significance for Christians living in the days immediately before the Second Coming of Christ.

Three things to know about the Little Season in Revelation 20:

- (1) the “thousand years and the “little while” contrasted
- (2) the Devil (i.e., dragon, ancient serpent) **bound**, thereby unable to deceive the nations
- (3) the Devil **let out, released, loosed**, thereby able to deceive the nations worldwide

Revelation 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain. **2** And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and **bound** him for a thousand years, **3** and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, that he should **deceive the nations no more**, till the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a **little while**.

7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be **released** from his prison **8** and will come out **to deceive the nations** which are at the four corners of the earth...

A-MIL (Amillennialism, or **Present-Day Millennialism**) - The “millennium” is the Messianic Kingdom present from the time of Christ’s ascension to the time of his second coming. The period spoken of in Revelation 20 is the Kingdom of God during the church age.

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St. John described the Kingdom reign of Christ during this age as lasting a long time, figuratively symbolizing the sixfold repetition of a thousand years in Revelation 20.

The reason the Kingdom spreads worldwide after the ascension is that Satan is prevented from casting a strong dark spell over the nations. This doesn't mean that Satan can't tempt and deceive individuals during the church age. He certainly does. What is "bound" is his deceiving power over the nations.

Matthew 4:16 "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." **17** From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Towards the very end of this long period, Satan will be released from the abyss and allowed to again plunge the nations of the world into darkness and deception. This brief reversal will be a time of unparalleled wickedness and persecution. The Little Season will be a combination of all the worst aspects of pre-Christian paganism.

Both the Pre-Mil and Post-Mil viewpoints frequently underemphasize the Little Season.

***The Little Season in Revelation 20 and the great apostasy in 2 Thessalonians 2 are describing the same event. These two passages are critical for a complete perspective on end-time prophetic events.**

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him [2nd Coming] ... **3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come, unless the rebellion [apostasy] comes first, and the man of lawlessness [the Antichrist] is revealed, the son of perdition, 4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Additional resources, including *The First & Second Resurrections (Revelation 20)* and *Three Views of the Millennium*, are available at Luke21.com.



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