

LESSON 17



When Evil

RUNS OUT OF STORIES

INTRODUCTION

Evil always seems to have another chapter. Another tragedy, another headline, another wound that echoes through a thousand lives. It interrupts dreams, ruins families, shatters innocence, and convinces the world it has the final word.

But the Bible reveals a truth evil never wants you to know: evil has an expiration date. It wasn't born eternal, and it will not continue eternal. God is not planning to negotiate with evil, balance it with good, or slowly manage it over time.

He is going to end it. Completely. Irreversibly. Permanently. There will come a day when evil has no voice, no power, no memory, no future. A day when the darkness that tormented humanity runs out of pages...and runs out of story.

We will see that the millennium is not a mystery to fear, but a period of hope, where God gives definitive answers to the problem of evil and prepares the stage for an eternity without pain.

LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

A. The Beginning of the Millennium

The millennium begins with the most glorious event in history: the second coming of Christ. Revelation 19 paints the scene of Jesus coming with power and majesty, not in weakness like the first time, but as King of kings. At that moment, something extraordinary happens:

- The righteous who have died resurrect for eternal life and join the redeemed who are alive, reigning with Christ (Revelation 20:4-6, NKJV).
- The wicked, however, cannot withstand the glory of His coming and die. The earth remains desolate, as Jeremiah describes: “I looked on the earth, and behold, it was waste and empty” (Jeremiah 4:23-27, NKJV).

The beginning of the millennium, therefore, marks an absolute contrast: the righteous enjoying eternal life with Christ, and the earth empty, with no hope for those who rejected His grace.

B. What Happens During the Thousand Years?

Revelation 20 tells us that during this time, **Satan is bound**. It is not that he is tied with iron chains; his “binding” is that the earth is desolate, with no human beings to tempt.

Meanwhile, the redeemed have a surprising task: **to participate in the judgment of the wicked** (1 Corinthians 6:2-3, NKJV). They do not decide who is saved or lost, but review the divine records and confirm that God’s judgment was just and transparent.

This period shows that God not only destroys sin: **He exposes it, reviews it, and demonstrates His justice to all.**

C. The End of the Millennium

When the thousand years conclude, Revelation 20 says that the wicked are resurrected. Satan once again has someone to deceive and organizes a final attack against the holy city (Revelation 20:7-8, NKJV). This is the great final rebellion: millions of beings who, even after seeing the truth, choose falsehood.

But here the last page of the story of evil is written. The Bible declares that fire comes down from heaven and consumes them (Revelation 20:9, NKJV). Satan, sin, death, and every trace of evil disappear forever. And then the promise is fulfilled: “There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain” (Revelation 21:4, NKJV).



LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

1. What does it tell you about God that He shares His judgments with the redeemed?

2. How does your view of evil change, knowing that it will have a definite end?

3. What does it mean to you that evil will not be eternal, but eradicated?

PERSONAL DECISION

Today you can choose to trust that evil will not have the last word. History will not end in chaos but in Christ's victory. Judgment is not meant to frighten you, but to ensure that your life can rest in the hands of the Best Advocate and the Most Just Judge. The decision is in your hands: will you continue to live as if this world is all there is, or will you accept Jesus as your Savior and trust that in Him sin will be destroyed forever?

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THIS LESSON

Will there be a second chance after death?

No. Scripture is clear: "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27, NKJV). There will be no opportunity to repent in the grave or to change destiny after death.

Is hell eternal?

Many imagine unending fire where the wicked burn forever. But the Bible teaches another truth: punishment is eternal in its consequences, not in duration. The wicked will be destroyed forever, not tortured endlessly. "Behold, the day comes, burning like an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all who do wickedly, shall be stubble" (Malachi 4:1, NKJV).

What happens to Satan during the millennium?

Revelation says he will be "bound with a great chain" (Revelation 20:1-3, NKJV). This image is not literal: no material chains can restrain a spiritual being.

Why does God allow the redeemed to participate in judgment?

During the millennium, the saints will review the books and join Christ in judgment (Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3, NKJV). God does not hide or impose His justice without explanation. He shows His decisions, opens the records, and lets each redeemed person see with their own eyes the reason for each sentence.



DID YOU KNOW...?

Throughout Christian history, different interpretations have arisen regarding the Millennium mentioned in Revelation 20.

■ **Amillennialism:** holds that the Millennium is not a literal period, but a metaphor of the spiritual triumph of Christ in the hearts of believers during the church age. According to this view, there will be no literal thousand-year reign in the future.

■ **Postmillennialism:** teaches that the church will triumph on earth, establishing a time of peace and justice, and only afterward will Christ return. This view was very popular in the 18th and 19th centuries.

■ **Biblical Premillennialism:** teaches that Christ returns first, and His coming marks the beginning of the Millennium.

The redeemed will reign with Him, while Satan is bound. This is the model that harmonizes with the account of Revelation 19 and 20, where the second coming and the judgment precede the millennial reign.

IMPORTANT TIP

Do not let human opinions confuse you. The Millennium is not a myth nor a vague idea: it is the confirmation that God has an orderly plan to put an end to sin. If you are in Christ, you do not have to fear the future because what will come is justice, peace, and eternal life. What a wonderful lesson reminding us that the living hope is Christ.

KEY TEXT

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AUTHORITY
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AND THEY LIVED AND REIGNED
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(Revelation 20:4, NKJV)



FINAL TIP

In 1945, World War II came to an end, but peace did not immediately return. Although the armistice had been signed, many devastated cities still carried open wounds: concentration camps being liberated, the Nuremberg trials to condemn the guilty, and entire towns trying to understand how humanity had reached such suffering. The end of the war was not only the end of the battle but also the beginning of a time to review, to judge, and to ensure that evil would never rise again.

Something similar is presented in the Bible regarding the end of human history. After the second coming of Christ, everything does not end there: it begins a special period, a “review judgment,” a space of one thousand years where God will show the universe His justice, His love, and His transparency.

This time is known as the Millennium. It is not a human invention nor speculation, but a clear revelation in Revelation 20. There we see how God not only destroys sin, but exposes it, judges it, and eradicates it forever, so that it may never rise again.

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CONCLUSION

When God closes the book on evil, nothing it built will survive. No fear. No trauma. No scars. No echoes of the past. God doesn't save you only from the evil you committed. He saves you from the evil committed against you. He erases. He heals. He restores from the roots. And on that day, every wound will have a closure, every tear will have a purpose, and every injustice will face its final silence.

The end of evil isn't the end of the story; it's the beginning of freedom. A world where darkness has no chapters left to write, and your life finally begins in the fullness God always intended.

EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

1. Mark with a T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

- () According to the lesson, the millennium begins before the second coming of Christ.
- () During the millennium, Satan is bound because he has no one to deceive.
- () The end of the millennium marks the final destruction of sin and evil.

2. According to the lesson, what happens to the wicked at the beginning of the millennium?

- a) They are taken to heaven
- b) They remain alive during the thousand years
- c) They die when the glory of Christ is revealed
- d) They receive a second opportunity

3. What is one of the activities of the redeemed during the millennium?

- a) To rule the restored earth
- b) To decide who is saved
- c) To participate in the review of the judgment, confirming God's justice
- d) To preach to the wicked

4. According to the lesson, why is Satan "bound" during the millennium?

5. What does the fact that God allows the redeemed to review His judgments during the millennium reveal about His character?

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