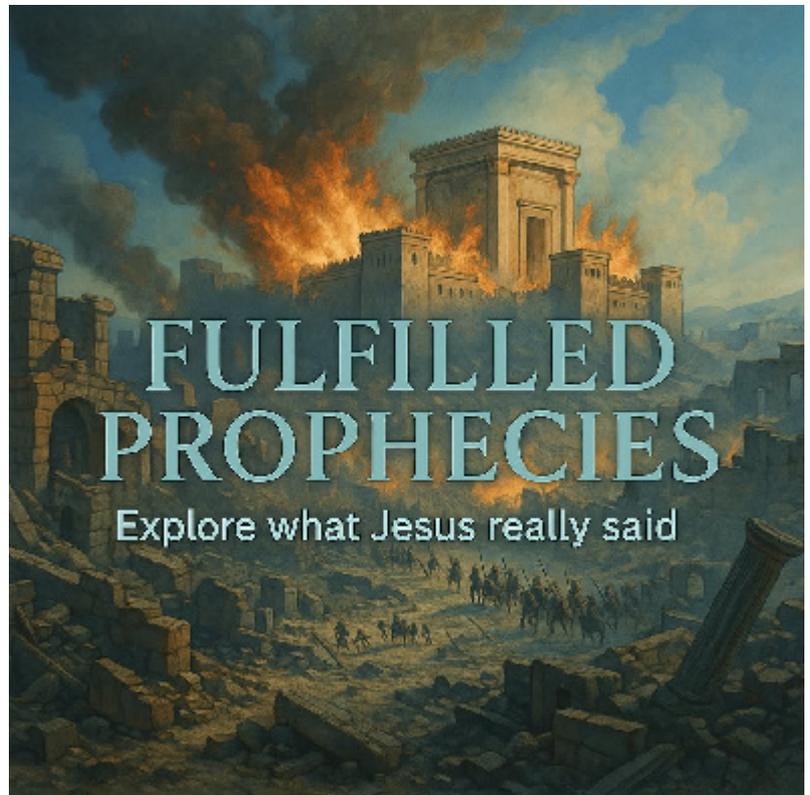


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As a preterist, I reject the idea that we are still waiting for Satan's so-called "little season" in the future. Revelation already provides the timing, purpose, and end of Satan's role, all of which were fulfilled in the first century. Let's walk through the biblical case.

1. Revelation 12 shows Satan was already cast down

Revelation 12:9-10 says, "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who

deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth... Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come." This happened in the first century, during the time of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. The Kingdom came *then*, not at some future point.

He was cast out of heaven and could no longer accuse the brethren (verse 10). That means the cross removed his legal power to condemn. But he was still active on earth.

2. The "short time" of wrath already happened

Revelation 12:12 says, "Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." This "short time" is not thousands of years. It refers to the generation leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. There is no mention of a "long gap" followed by a "little season." The short time *was already underway* after he was cast out.

3. Revelation 20's binding is symbolic and already fulfilled

Revelation 20:1-3 describes Satan being bound so he would "not deceive the nations any longer." That's exactly what the gospel did, break the power of deception over the Gentiles. Paul writes in Colossians 2:15, "When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him." Satan was defeated and restrained from preventing the nations from receiving the truth. The gospel went out to all nations (Colossians 1:23).

4. The "little season" already occurred before AD 70

Revelation 20:3 says, "...after these things he must be released for a short time." This matches Revelation 12:12's "short time" of great wrath. That short season began when Satan was cast down to earth and ended when Jerusalem, his base of

operation, was destroyed. This is confirmed in Revelation 20:9, "And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them." The "beloved city" is Jerusalem, which was judged in AD 70. The rebellion and destruction both happened in that first century context. There's no room for a future "little season."

5. Satan's final judgment has already happened

Revelation 20:10 says, "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone..." This is the final end of Satan, not a future threat. He was cast down, bound, released for a short time, and then destroyed. Paul affirms this in Romans 16:20, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." Paul wrote that in the first century. "Soon" means soon, not 2,000 years later.

Summary:

Satan's "short time" began after he was cast out of heaven

The gospel bound him from deceiving the nations

He was released to stir up persecution and rebellion

That rebellion centered on Jerusalem and ended in AD 70

He was judged and cast into the lake of fire

The idea of a future "little season" is not supported by the text. It's based on **futurist** assumptions, not the timing Revelation actually gives. **Part 1 of 4**

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