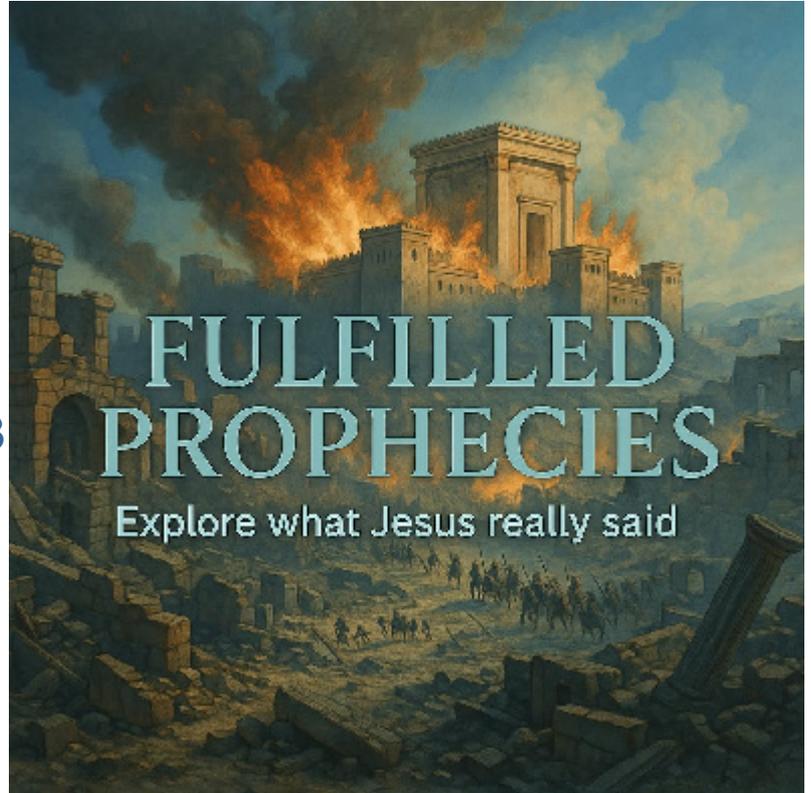


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Let's aim for that **"ah ha" moment** by walking step-by-step through the timeline Scripture gives. The key is to **connect Revelation 12 and 20**, since they are describing the **same sequence** from different angles. Most miss this because they separate them by thousands of years, but Revelation doesn't.

Step 1: Satan is cast out of heaven

Revelation 12:9-10 "And the great dragon was thrown down... the one who accuses them before our God day and night has

been thrown down." → This is a clear moment in history: **Satan lost his place in heaven**. He could no longer accuse the brethren. That happened **at the cross**, where Jesus disarmed spiritual powers (Colossians 2:15). At that point, the **Kingdom began** (Rev 12:10), not later.

Step 2: Satan is angry, active, and dangerous on earth

Revelation 12:12 "Woe to the earth... the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." → Here's the key: Satan isn't bound yet, **he's furious**. This is the **same "little season"** mentioned later in Revelation 20. People expect Satan's release to happen *after* a millennium of peace, but Revelation shows **he was already active** in a short, violent burst **right after being cast down**. There's no gap.

Step 3: Satan persecutes the saints and the Church

Revelation 12:13-17 He goes after the woman (Israel), then her offspring (the Church). → This is exactly what happened in Acts and the epistles. He stirred up Jewish leaders and Roman authorities to kill Jesus and then persecute believers. Jesus warned of this in **Matthew 24:9**, saying, "Then they will hand you over to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name." → That is **Satan's little season**. The persecution, deception, and attempted destruction of the early Church, **not** some distant future rebellion.

Step 4: Satan is bound during the spread of the Gospel

Revelation 20:1-3 "...so that he would not deceive the nations any longer..." → This is symbolic of the **gospel age**, starting in the first century. The nations were no longer locked in darkness. Paul says in **Colossians 1:6**, "...the gospel... is bearing fruit and increasing in all the world..." → Satan was bound from stopping the gospel mission. That didn't mean he wasn't doing *anything*, but his power to blind and control the nations was

broken.

Step 5: Satan is released for a short time

Revelation 20:3 "...after these things he must be released for a short time." → That "short time" is **not future**. It's the same "short time" as Revelation 12:12. That's the "ah ha" moment: **Revelation 12's short wrath = Revelation 20's little season.** They are the **same event**, just told twice, once from heaven's viewpoint, once from the symbolic "millennium" timeline.

Step 6: Satan's final defeat

Revelation 20:9-10 "And fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil... was thrown into the lake of fire..." → This happened when Jerusalem, his symbolic throne (Revelation 11:8), was judged in **AD 70**. Jesus described this judgment as **coming in fire** in **Matthew 22:7**: "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire." → That's the **end** of Satan's influence in covenant history. He's never mentioned again after that.

The Ah Ha Moment:

Revelation **doesn't have two different "short times"** for Satan.

Revelation 12's **"short time"** is the **same** as Revelation 20's **"little season."**

That period already happened, in the first century, between the cross and the fall of Jerusalem.

After that, Satan is gone. No more accusation, no more deception, no more role.

This ties the whole picture together and completely removes the need for a future satanic rebellion.

Recap:

Revelation 20:1-3 (Satan bound): This is not something that happens *after* the fall of Jerusalem, but rather *before it*, beginning with Christ's first coming. Jesus said in Matthew 12:28-29:

"But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Christ *already* bound Satan to launch the kingdom. That is the beginning of the symbolic 1000 years, a complete period of gospel expansion before judgment fell in AD 70.

Revelation 20:7-9 (Satan released): The "little season" is the same as Revelation 12:12 where Satan, cast out of heaven, has "a short time." It's the final push of persecution just before the judgment falls on Jerusalem. That short season leads directly to:

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."

This is not a second, future war. It's the same war described all throughout Revelation:

Revelation 11:2 – the holy city is trampled.

Revelation 13:7 – the beast makes war with the saints.

Revelation 17:14 – they wage war against the Lamb.

Luke 21:20 – Jerusalem surrounded by armies.

It's all the same. Revelation 20:9 *is* AD 70. The "beloved city" is *not* physical Jerusalem, it is the Bride, the people of God. Satan rallied Rome and apostate Israel to crush the saints, but instead, fire came down, God judged the persecutors.

The aha moment is this: Satan's little season already happened. It was the tribulation period leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem. Revelation 20 *recaps* what we already saw in Revelation 11, 13, and 17. It's not a future release or final global rebellion. That false assumption is what leads people into futurism. **Part 1 of 4**

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