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LESSON 18

THE END OF SATAN

SCRIPTURE FOR TEACHER: Revelation 20.

MEMORY VERSE: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" Revelation 20:10.

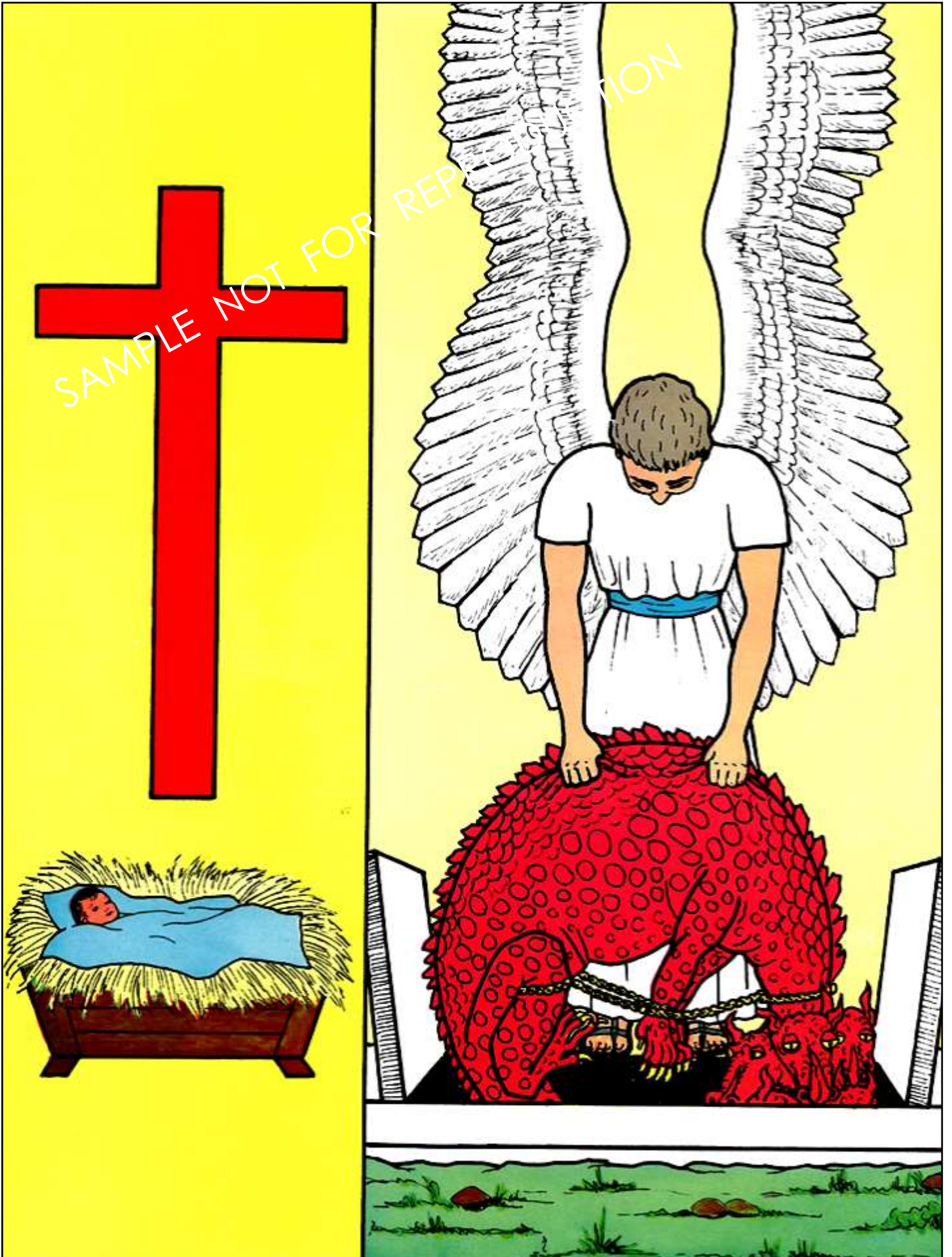
APPROACH: As our faith plane roars off today, it takes us to the past, to the very first promise of God, that He would send the Saviour: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). The "thee's" and "thou's" in this verse refer to Satan, and the Seed or Child of the woman refers to the Lord Jesus. The Man Child, the Seed of the woman, was born into the world in God's time. (*Show manger.*) And Satan did bruise His heel, for Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins. (*Point to cross.*)

This part of the promise was fulfilled in the past, but our faith plane must now roar into the future to see the rest of the verse fulfilled. The Lord Jesus, the "Smiting Stone" from heaven (Daniel 2:34, 35), will crush Satan's head and gain a total victory over him, for God always keeps His promises.

We have learned that the head of Satan has not been crushed yet, for he still exercises power on the earth. And some day he will rule through a dictator, called "the beast," who reigns over seven united kingdoms. His power will also be displayed through the false prophet, who will work many counterfeit miracles. But today we find the end of Satan, the evil one who will give power to, and do the planning for, that beastly rule of the Anti-Christ. Here are some of Satan's names: Dragon, Devil, Serpent, Roaring Lion, Prince of the power of the air. They show us that he is very powerful. But it is wonderful to know that his power is not as great as God's.

PRESENTATION: Although Satan is strong, he will not have the power to keep an angel from binding him with a great chain, when God's time for this comes. Of course it will not be a chain as we know it, for Satan is a spirit being. After he is chained, he is thrown into a bottomless pit, and sealed in. He cannot deceive or fool the nations for 1000 years. What a happy time that will be!

John tells us what will happen on the earth during those 1000 years. Thrones are set up. There are judges of God's choice out of Israel to sit on them, to rule under Him, for He will be King over all.



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Those believers who are raised from the dead when the Lord Jesus comes for His own (I Thessalonians 4:16-18) and those who refuse to worship the beast and his image, are made high priests of God and of Christ, to rule with Him for the thousand years. The priests are happy and clean (blessed and holy). But all who have died in their sins, without Christ, must wait for a final day, at the end of the 1000 years, when they will be raised from the dead and judged for their sins.

Since the Lord Jesus is King, there is peace (*spear and pruning shears*) and plenty (*fruit, etc.*). There is also justice for all (*scales*). People are honest, fair and upright. Even the animals are different. The wolf and the lamb live together. The leopard and kids, calves and lions, roam over the hills together, all tame and gentle. People have long lives again as they did in the beginning, when they lived to be nearly 1000 years old (Isaiah 65:20, 22; Zechariah 8:4).

The nation of Israel is now the ruling nation of the world, with Jerusalem as its capital (Isaiah 2:2-4; Hosea 3:5; Micah 4:1-5). For the first time, the twelve tribes of Israel have all the land God promised to Abraham, for God always keeps His promises. The promised land reaches from the Euphrates River to the river in Egypt (Genesis 15:8; Ezekiel 48:1-35). Now Israel is truly a blessing to all nations.

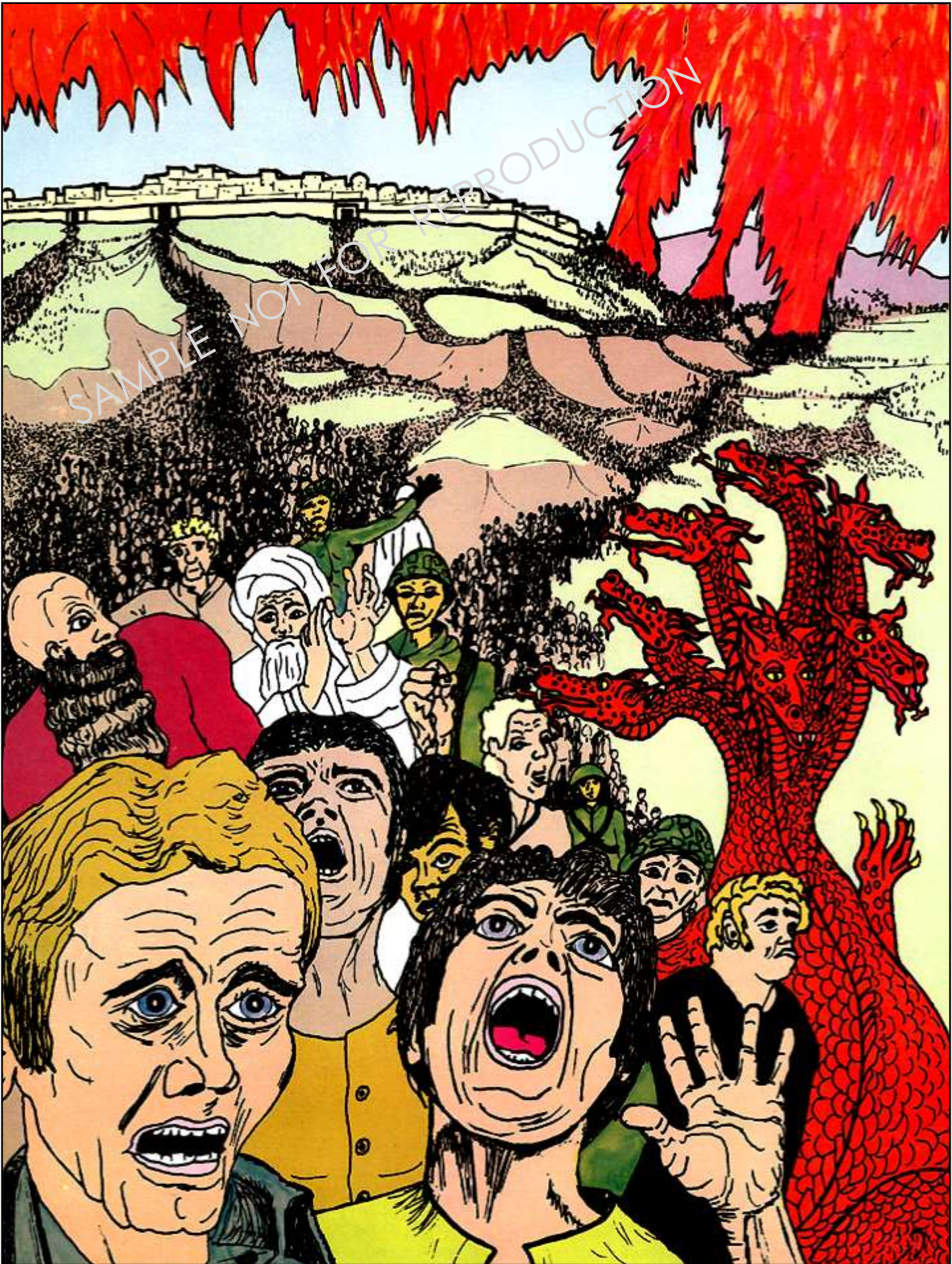


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When the Lord Jesus is sitting on the throne in person, on the earth, and there is plenty of everything, will everyone love and want Him? No, they will not. Outwardly it looks as though they do, but in their hearts (compare Jeremiah 17:9), not all receive Him. So the Lord Jesus tests them to prove their hearts. Satan is turned loose from the bottomless pit at the end of the thousand years. He goes over the earth and gathers a great army of people. Although they have seen the Lord Jesus, and lived under His government of peace and plenty, they follow Satan. As he again deceives the nations, they prepare to attack the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. But God does not permit this war. He has already proved, in the last war, that He is victor over Satan. So God sends fire down from heaven. It devours the rebellious army (Revelation 20:9; II Peter 3:7-13).

But God makes a place of safety for His people (Hebrews 12:26-28) above the destruction of the world, just as He did for Noah and his family during the flood. God will keep His promise to redeem the nations and to restore the earth and return it to its former beauty, that it had before it was cursed because of the sin of Adam and Eve. (Compare Genesis 3:17, 18 and the "groaning" of Romans 8:19-23.) We will see more of this glorious restoration next time.

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Out in space, after the earth and its heavens are destroyed, a great white throne of judgment will appear (Revelation 20:11). The Lord Jesus Christ will be the Judge. The wicked dead, those who refused the Lord Jesus through all the ages, will be raised. From the earth, from the sea, and from the graveyards of all countries, their bodies will be raised in this final day of judgment. This is the second resurrection; no believers will be here.

Now John says, "The books were opened." (*Show books at left.*) These contain the records of the words and deeds of the unsaved. All through their lives here on earth, an account of these was kept. Now they are brought before the great Judge who is just and upright. He decides how much they must be punished for their actions and words.

John then sees another book opened. (*Show book at right.*) It is the Book of Life. Here the names of believers, God's people, are written. Now all those who are being judged are shown that their names are not in this Book. It is because of this that they are to be punished. For the Bible says we are not saved by works, but by the grace of God through faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Christ has judged righteously, and now death, hell and all the sentenced wicked are imprisoned forever in the lake of fire (*point this picture out*). This is called the "second death" — separation from God forever.

APPLICATION: This is a sad story to think about, but it is true because it is in the Bible. God made the lake of fire for Satan and his angels, but He made the way to heaven for you. (*Point out cross.*) The Lord Jesus was already judged for your sins, so that you would not have to be judged (II Corinthians 5:21). Will you receive Him, and take part in the first resurrection, or will you refuse Him, and have to take part in the second resurrection? The door of salvation is still open (*point out*). Will you enter it?

