**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 17, 2025**

***“Because the Time is Near,” “Part 3: Satan’s Capture” Revelation 20: 1-3***

**INTRODUCTION: *In studying Revelation 20, we see that “the first matter for the King’s attention as He sets up His kingdom is the confinement of the chief rebel. The removal of Satan will dramatically change the world. By this time, God will have destroyed all human rebels. Those who have survived the tribulation judgments will have been executed at Armageddon (19: 11-21)…The ringleaders of the worldwide rebellion, the beast (Antichrist) and the false prophet, will have been thrown into the lake of fire (19:20). The final step in preparation for the kingdom will be the removal of Satan and his demons.”* John MacArthur**

**1. divine delegate**

***“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.” Revelation 20:1***

* + - ***His Authority (Coming from heaven) – Luke 10: 17-20***
		- ***His Access (Having the key) – Hebrews 4:16***
		- ***His Ability (great chain) – 1 John 4:4***

**2. DEVIL’S DEMISE**

***“He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;...” Revelation 20:2***

 ***Seized – Sovereign Control***

 ***Secured – Completely Restricted***

 ***Slung – Forceful Expulsion***

 ***Separated - Closed Off Access***

 ***Sealed – Divine Guarantee***

* + - ***React with Authority – 1 Peter 5: 8-9***
		- ***Resist Satan’s Activity – James 4:4-10***
		- ***Rely on God’s Armor – Ephesians 6: 10-13***

**3. defined destiny**

***“and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while”. Revelation 20:3***

* + - ***The Restriction – 1 John 3:8***
		- ***The Residency – Revelation 12:10***
		- ***The Release – John 12: 31-33***

**CONCLUSION**

***The events of Revelation 20, the binding of Satan, Christ’s 1000 year earthly kingdom, Satan’s final rebellion, and the Great White Throne of Judgment- fit chronologically between the close of the Tribulation and the creation of the new heaven and the new earth described in chapters 21,22. As we study what John sees regarding Christ’s power, authority, and timing, how shall we live in obeying Him and standing against the evil one, anticipating an eternity with the Lord in heaven forever?***