**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 31, 2025**

***“Because the Time is Near,” “Part 5: Satan is Conquered” Revelation 20: 7-10***

**INTRODUCTION: *At the end of his thousand-year imprisonment, Satan ”will come out to deceive the nations.” He will find fertile soil in which to sow his seeds of rebellion, for many descendants of those who entered the millennial kingdom in their physical bodies (all of whom will be redeemed) will love their sin and reject Christ. When Satan is loosed, he will provide the supernatural leadership needed to bring to the surface all the sin and rebellion left in the universe. He will pull together all the rebels, revealing the true character and intent of those Christ-rejecting sinners, making it evident that God’s judgment of them is just.   
 John MacArthur***

**1. Release and deception**

***“Now when the thousand years have been expired, Satan will be released from his prison…”***

***Revelation 20:7***

* + - ***Satan’s Cunning/Continuing – John 8:44***
    - ***Sovereign Control – Job 1: 9-12***

**2. rebellion develops**

***“and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”***

***Revelation 20:8***

* + - ***Refusing God – Jeremiah 17:9***
    - ***Reflecting Gog - Ezekiel 38: 1-2***

**3. righteous destruction**

***“…and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” Revelation 20:9b-10***

* + - ***Intentional Extermination – 1 John 3:7-8***
    - ***Inflicted (tortured) Eternally – Revelation 21:8***

**CONCLUSION**

***Even after Christ Himself has reigned over men during the millennium, when the deceiver is set free from his prison, he finds the hearts of men still responsive to his seductions. This makes it plain that the ultimate root of sin is not poverty or inadequate social conditions or an unfortunate environment; it is the rebelliousness of the human heart. The millennium and the subsequent rebellion of men will prove that men cannot blame their sinfulness on their environment or unfortunate circumstances; in the final judgment, the decrees of God will be shown to be just and righteous.”***

***George Ladd***