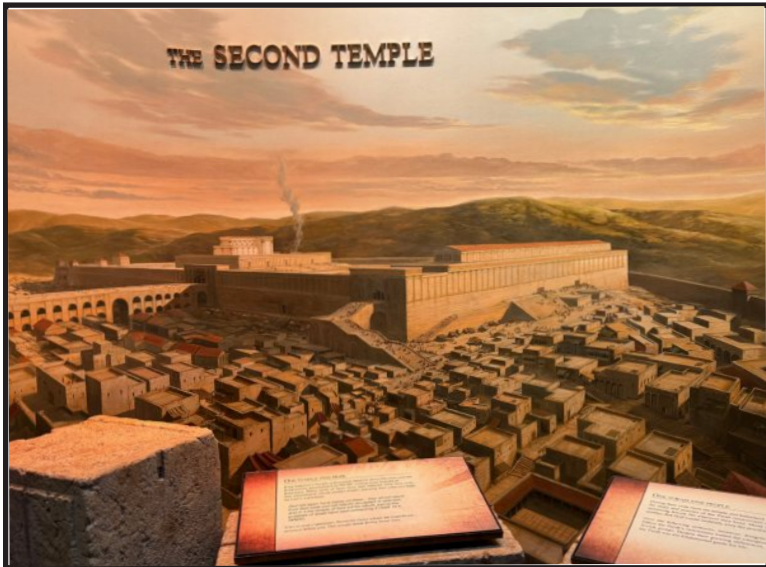


THE LORD SPOKE FURTHER TO MOSES, SAYING, “MAKE YOURSELF TWO TRUMPETS OF SILVER, OF HAMMERED WORK YOU SHALL MAKE THEM; AND YOU SHALL USE THEM FOR SUMMONING THE CONGREGATION AND FOR HAVING THE CAMPS SET OUT.

-- NUMBERS 10:1,2



A depiction of the temple in Jerusalem of Jesus' time
Bible Museum
Washington, D.C.

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

I Corinthians 15:3,4

Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30

December 8, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Brayden Miller

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Jacobs

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Jon Odell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Ryan Compton

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

DEC. 22 - POTLUCK FOLLOWING EVENING ASSEMBLY. DESSERTS SOCIAL AND BRING GAMES TO PLAY

Beginning Jan. 12 evening assembly

- Phil Sutton marriage series

Butte

Dec. 15 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30

pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Study on Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - March 15, 2025

College Camp - March 21-23, at Camp Utmost

Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

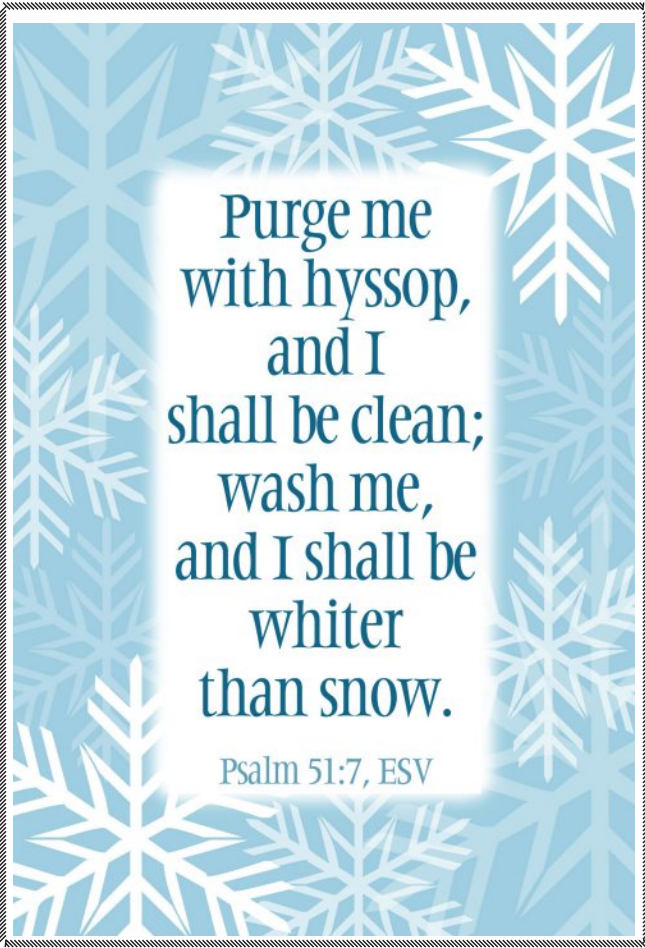
Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025

Great Falls

Dec. 15 - Prayer and fasting

Annual Jesus' birth play - Wed. Dec.

18 at 7:00 pm at the building



Purge me
with hyssop,
and I
shall be clean;
wash me,
and I shall be
whiter
than snow.

Psalm 51:7, ESV

Question of the week:

According to what is written in 2 John, what is “the antichrist”?

Last week's question: What was the message in “the handwriting on the wall” recorded in Daniel chapter five? *Answer: That the king of Babylon Belshazzar's days were numbered and his kingdom was about to end, that he had been weighed in God's balances and had been found deficient, and that his kingdom was delivered over to the Medes and Persians (Daniel 5:25-29).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 69
Morning Assembly – 98
Evening Assembly – 53

Wednesday Night (2/4) – 55
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 61,81 Wed. - 59



The Devil Bound

Armed with the knowledge that the “one-thousand-year reign of Christ” is the church age, the student of the Word can begin to process what it means for the devil to be “bound for a thousand years.” The scripture opens this section with these words: “And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand” (Revelation 20:1). It is important to remember that this is a vision, and must be buttressed by more literal statements from the rest of the Bible. “And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss...” (Revelation 20:2,3).

- **Tartarus** – What is the abyss? “For if God didn’t spare the angels who sinned but threw them down into Tartarus...” reads the Holman Christian Standard Bible (2 Peter 2:4). This is the only place that “cast into Tartarus” is used in the New Testament writings, and is an adaptation of a Greek term for a realm of the underworld lower than Hades. The “abyss” of Revelation is its equivalent. Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven and use this realm of darkness as their headquarters while they still do their destruction among the sons of men. Jude commented, “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day” (Jude 1:6).
- **Cast out of heaven** – There are early indications of Satan’s being cast out of heaven. Jesus sent seventy others out following His initial training of the twelve apostles, and He had given them authority to cast out demons. As they returned, commenting, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name,” the Lord responded, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning” (Luke 10:17,18). This is one of Jesus’ somewhat enigmatic statements referring to the certainty of what was to come. Later in time, as recorded by the apostle John, Jesus -- in anticipating His death on the cross -- also commented, “now the ruler of this world shall be cast out” (John 12:31). The “casting out of Satan from heaven” is still a future event in the gospel accounts.
- **When?** – When did this “casting out of heaven” take place? The apostle John writes: “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 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, and his angels were thrown down with him” (Revelation 12:7-9). In the vision, Satan and the evil angels are depicted as being “thrown down to earth,” whereas the literal statement from 2 Peter is that they were thrown into Tartarus. Then follows the critical information: “And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night’ ” (Revelation 12:10). Satan and his angels were cast out before Jesus’ ascension, when “the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ” became a reality as it is revealed in time, and set the stage for those things being executed ten days later on planet earth on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts chapter 2.

In this way, then, Satan is described as “bound for a thousand years”: he is limited in the amount of havoc he can stir up on earth for the church age. Non-Christians are described as those “who dwell on the earth” and are thus trapped in the devil’s grip, whereas saints are described as those “who dwell in heaven,” and are thus where the devil cannot touch them spiritually unless they let him (Revelation 13:8,6). God indeed has “delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son” (Colossians 1:13).

The devil is “limited” in what he can do during the church age.