



Zion's Hope

# **WHY I AM A PREMILLENNIALIST PART 2**

**Is Confinement in the Abyss  
Relative or Absolute?**

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# Satan's Banishments

## From Heaven to Hell

### Satan's Abode

Heaven (12:7, 8)

Earth (12:9, 12, 13)

Abyss (20:3)

Earth (again, 20:8)

Lake of fire and sulfur (20:10)

### Purposes for Banishment

End his revolt (12:7–11; cf. 12:10)

End his deception of the nations (20:3)

Deceive the nations again (20:8)

Definitively defeat him (20:9)

Permanent confinement (20:10)

# Is Satan Bound by a Bungee Cord

## Relative or Absolute

- **Absolute**: means having no influence whatsoever outside of the confinement of the abyss.
- **Relative**: means having some latitude of influence on the inhabitants of the earth.



# Language of Satan's Incarceration

- “He seized the dragon”
- “and bound him”
- “and threw him”
- “into a pit”
- “and locked”
- “and sealed it over him”
- “deceive the nations no more”

# Another Abyss Passage

“Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the abyss. He opened the shaft of the abyss and smoke rose out of it like smoke from a giant furnace. The sun and the air were darkened with smoke from the shaft. Then out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth, and they were given power like that of the scorpions of the earth.”

(Rev 9:1–3)

# Satan's *Par Excellence* Activity

- **Revelation 12:9:** “So that huge dragon—the ancient serpent, the one called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world—was thrown down to the earth, and his angels along with him.”
- **Revelation 13:2–3:** “The dragon gave the beast his power, his throne, and great authority to rule. One of the beast’s heads appeared to have been killed, but the lethal wound had been healed. And the whole world followed the beast in amazement.”
- **Revelation 16, 19:** Satan deceiving the nations to the Battle of Armageddon



# The Original Recipients' Perspective

- The persecuted in Smyrna (2:9) and Philadelphia (3:9) is caused by those who are “a synagogue of Satan.”
- The city of Pergamum is “where Satan’s throne is” and “where Satan lives” (2:13).
- A group in Thyatira learn of “the deep things of Satan” (2:24).



# Conclusion