

This question arises because we know that during the 1000-year reign (often called the Millennium), only the saints — those faithful to Christ — will reign with Him. So, who are the people Satan will deceive after this time?

The Bible answers this in Revelation 20:7-9

“When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”

Explanation:

During the Millennium, Christ will reign physically on earth as King (Revelation 20:4). Though sin and sinners will still exist, sin will not have dominion because Jesus—the *Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6)—will rule with perfect justice and authority, unlike now when Satan is called the “ruler of this world” (John 12:31).

The presence of sinners during this reign does not mean sin triumphs, but that people will be born naturally and have the free will to choose obedience or rebellion. The righteous saints will rule with Christ, exercising authority symbolized by the “iron scepter,” as described in Revelation 2:26-27

“To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. They will rule them with an iron scepter and dash them to pieces like pottery, just as I have received authority from my Father.”

This “iron scepter” represents firm, sovereign authority with no tolerance for rebellion. The Millennium will be a time of peace and order under Christ’s just reign, but those who persist in sin will face consequences.

Isaiah 65:17-20 further clarifies the nature of life in this renewed era:

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth... No more will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.”

This passage shows that people will live longer and more joyful lives, but sin and death still exist for those born during this period. Hence, the Millennium will have a mixed population — believers reigning with Christ and others still capable of sin.

At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released to test the nations born during this reign. Many will be deceived to rebel against God’s people (Revelation 20:7-9). But God’s judgment will be swift and decisive — fire will come down from heaven to destroy the rebels.

Following this is the final judgment, known as the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15), where all the wicked—along with Satan and his followers—are cast into the lake of fire, ending sin and evil forever.

Where will those deceived after the 1000 years come from?

Those who have remained faithful enter eternity with God, where there is no more death or sorrow (Revelation 21:1-4).

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