



# Bible Study

## Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic, and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader, or church pastor. The questions should be answered or discussed after reading “The Beast.” In addition, the questions are designed to enhance learning via the determination of personal opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content relates to our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

### Questions

- ① Identify at least one national leader (past/present) that demonstrated sociopathic and narcissistic behaviors.
  - What lies did/do they use to gain/remain in power?
  - Did/do they use techniques used by Hitler (indoctrination, cult, fear, scapegoats, war)?
  
- ① Why did Jesus declared the Temple would be destroyed?
  
- ① Why do you think Satan wants the Temple rebuilt?
  
- ① The lesson stated the following. Do you agree or disagree with each? Explain.
  - God will allow Satan (via the Beast) to exercise unrestrained deception (see 2 Thess 2:7-8).
  - The Mark of the Beast will:
    - Serve as the final “separator” of the wheat from the tares.
    - Be visible and easily identifiable (see Rev 20:4)
  
- ① How do you think Christians will survive without the mark?
  
- ① Scripture declares the Beast will be given authority over every tribe, tongue, and nation; and those who dwell on earth will worship him (Revelation 13:4, 7-8). The lesson used logical speculation to identify possible means for this to occur. Do you agree or disagree with each? Explain.
  - Nations will either willingly join him, or will be overcome by war.
  - Existing factors will likely have an impact, such as:
    - Economic Interdependence between nations.
    - Unsustainable debt that may cause a global economic meltdown.
  
- ① The lesson used logical speculation to downplay the role of the UN, and elevated the potential role of NATO during the last days. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
  
- ① The lesson stated truths will become lies, and lies will become truths.
  - Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
  - Consider the following: Lies often include a component of truth. Explain how and why this is done.

- ⑩ Scripture states great signs and wonders will be demonstrated by the lawless one, false christs, and false prophets (2 Thess 2:9-10; Matt 24:24; Rev 13:11-14, 16:13-14, 19:19-20).
  - Why will these events occur and how will people respond?
  - Read Revelation 11:1-13.
    - Why do you think God will send His two witnesses?
    - What signs will they demonstrate?
    - What will enable tribes, tongues and nations to see their dead bodies for 3½ days? Plus, was this possible when this scripture was written?
    - What do you think will occur after they rise from the dead for all to see?
- ⑩ The lesson used logical speculation to interpret the meaning of the “Latter time of the indignation” for both Satan and God (Daniel 8:19). Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 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 20:1-3

“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 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. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. 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 20:7-10

- ⑩ Read the above scripture.
  - Why do you think Satan was not thrown into the lake of fire with the Beast and false prophet, but was bound and thrown into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years?
  - What type of influence will Satan have during the Millennial (1,000 year) Reign of Jesus Christ?
  - Why do you think God will release Satan to deceive the nations into battle?
  - Does his release relate to the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares? Explain.
  - Satan will be cast into the eternal lake of fire to receive his final execution. Note Satan was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are (and not was).
    - What does the word “are” convey?
    - Is the word “are” reinforced by the next verse (“they”)?
    - Referred to in the Bible as the second death (Rev 2:11, 20:6, 20:14, 21:8):
      - Attempt to describe what someone may experience in the lake of fire, day and night for eternity.
      - Can you think of anything upon this earth...and in your life...that justifies rejecting Jesus and being cast into the lake of fire for eternity?

Jesus declared, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10