

Deception of the Nations

Key Scriptures

Rev. 20:1-3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ 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.

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall crush your head, And you shall crush His heel."

Amos 9:13-15 ¹³ "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it. ¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. ¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Key Point:

Beware: Satan is very effective at deceiving. The point of deception is that you don't know it happened.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Happy Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for?

Start thinking: Questions to get your group thinking.

- What connections can you make between the promised seed of Genesis 3:15 and the lineage of Jesus Christ? How does Satan's attempt to thwart the promised seed play out in history? (start with the Old Testament and work your way to the New Testament)
- In what ways have we seen nations be deceived?
- What does Amos 9:13-15 have to do with Israel today?

Start sharing: Questions to create openness.

- When it comes to the "news of the day" do you consider yourself a person who is well informed? Do you feel like you can trust your sources?
- How can we prevent being swayed by simplified narratives or misinformation when it comes to things like geopolitical conflicts?
- What do you think the potential impact of the Israel/Hamas war could have on the spread of Christianity?
- What do you think are some of Satan's goals (internationally, in our churches, in our families, in our personal lives).

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Spend time praying for those in Israel and Gaza, that God would soften their hearts to the gospel.
- Know that Satan is always trying to deceive us. Remember that when you hear news or stories from our media. Try reading news from Allsides.com to get perspectives of how each news outlet views things.

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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