



**SERIES: October “Back to the Future”**

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**Scripture: Revelation 20:7-10**

**TITLE: Satan’s Last Stand**

Some of the best battle and fight scenes are found in the Marvel universe. Whether it’s Star Lord having a dance-off against Ronan the Destroyer, to Thor fighting Hela, they produce a great battle. But there is no battle like the battle of the Avengers against Thanos and his army in Avengers: End Game. This battle was epic. But it wasn’t just epic. It was right. Because at the end of Infinity War, Thanos wins. He destroys half the population. So to have this final battle where the good guys win was a moment unlike any other.

But that’s a movie. That’s not reality. Or is it?

At the end of time, there will be one final battle that will be epic and final. What is that battle? What will happen? This is what John writes in Revelation 20:7-10.

“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. They came up across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them. The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Many people today do not believe that Satan actually exists. They think Satan is a picture of evil. Satan is a portrait of the evil in mankind’s heart. I think part of this is because we’ve made a cartoon out of Satan. The red guy with horns, a tail, and a pitchfork are not Satan. According to the Bible, Satan was an incredibly beautiful angel. He was likely a higher-ranked angel. But pride arrived, and he and other angels were kicked out of heaven. Satan cast doubt in the minds of Adam and Eve. He’s been a deceiver and liar ever since.

And after a thousand years of being bound, Jesus releases him for one last attempt to recruit the remaining lost on earth for this one battle.

Now, you may be wondering, how can there be unsaved people in the Millennium? Well, the redeemed can and will still have children. They are not perfect, so they can choose for themselves. Many will be deceived for this one last battle.

And this battle will be quite short. God will consume them by fire from heaven. Instantly destroyed. And then Satan will finally be thrown into the lake of fire. Satan will not be

destroyed. He will spend eternity in torment. Victory is secured in Christ and His unshakeable plan.

So here's my challenge for you today: win the day.

Christ has secured our final battle. Satan will be destroyed. And in the meantime, we can still battle the deceiver and his evil schemes. We are told from the media to social media to movies to TV shows to magazines and books that we will be happier playing God. Satan originated that lie.

So today, choose to follow Jesus and trust Him in everything. Satan is a liar. Jesus Christ is truth. Knowing this will help you win the day.