

mean that at time they are given their final punishment? Perhaps. But it doesn't necessarily; it could mean the opposite. They could be visited in the sense of being released. And Professor Delitzsche points out in his commentary on Isaiah that we have an exact parallel in these two verses to that which is ~~descri-~~ described in more detail in Rev. 20: "I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand, and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled, and after that he ~~is~~ must be loosed a little season." He is shut up there a thousand years, many days, and then he is visited. Perhaps some of these are visited in the sense of ~~their~~- their now being put into their eternal punishment. Perhaps Satan is visited in the sense of being released for a little time, or ~~perhaps-perhaps~~ perhaps some of Satan's minions are released with him. We are not certain. But whatever the situation, we have, as Delitzsche points out, an exact parallel here. Isaiah saw the events that would take place at the end of the age.... (end of record)

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23 "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His andents gloriously." During this time, when Satan is bound in the pit, during this time when the hosts of wickedness on high are bound in the pit and unable to deceive the nations any longer, the LORD of hosts will reign in mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders gloriously, and those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ in this age shall reign with Him over an earth in which the curse has been removed. Our interest this morning is not particularly in calling attention to this wonderful future of earth, though I think we should do that often.