Satan and Demons – shut the door, Part 2 of 3



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Summary: Satan and his demons are real. They hate you. This sermon continues the 3 part series to learn who they are and how we are victorious over them – but they're very real. We begin to explain Satan's origins, why he hates us so much, and more on how he operates. Also – how Satan can bind people with illness and suffering and how he tempts us. Also, why we must NOT be watching demon-inspired TV shows and movies – I list some examples. We don't fear them, as He who is in us is much stronger than all of them put together. What's Satan planning in the near future? It's all revealed here. Shut the door to them.

Note: MUCH more is said on the audio that I do not capture in these notes. I recommend you print out the notes AND listen to the audio with notes in hand to help you keep up, but if you just read the notes especially in this sermon, you'll miss a LOT.

Parents with young children: you may wish to listen to this by yourself first, before letting your children hear it at a very young age. I don't wish to scare them.

God in his word says a LOT about Satan, demons, evil spirits, where they came from, and how they'll end. He warns his children to have nothing to do with manifestations of these – ghosts, vampires, walking dead, demon possession and more. <u>That's why I'm covering this: GOD himself told Moses and others to tell his people to have nothing to do with them.</u> <u>So I'm saying it too!</u> Scripture says a lot about Satan and demons. So this is part 2 of 3 sermons to alert God's children of our Enemy – who wants nothing more than to ruin your eternity.

Too many of you let your kids – or even yourselves-- dabble on the edges of this. Harry Potter TV shows are on almost every night. There are lots of shows about mediums, ghost encounters, the "undead", demons, creatures that take over bodies – it goes on and on and God's people should not be so nonchalant about all this. Why are God's children reading Harry Potter books or watching those movies.

I'm hoping this series will open your eyes and you'll start becoming much more aware how much demonism and witchcraft is everywhere. On one of the TV talk shows they were openly talking about the scariest movies out there. The Exorcist came up, followed by a long discussion on how some loved that genre.

The most dangerous may actually be the movies for children where there are "good" witches and fairies and good dragons. *In God's Word, there's no such thing as a "good"*

witch, good dragon, good medium or sorcerer. Let's wake up to actually realize how much of this horror is going on and being fed right to God's children.

Satan and his evil team of disgraced angels are for real. We cannot drink of God's cup – and Satan's cup at the same time. Neither can we sit at God's table - and Satan's table at the same time (1 Corinthians 10:21), and yet too many of us are way, way too involved in Satan's world, that we're commanded to come OUT of (Revelation18:4) – and some don't even KNOW they're doing that.

I was in a book store today with my wife. There was a huge section on this subject; books on various witches' spells, a whole section on Wicca (witchcraft), Covens, ghosts, Dictionary of Demonism, Encyclopedia of 5,000 spells, Guide to Divination – how to contact the dead. God says to have nothing to do with all this.

Welcome once again and shalom to all you children of the Highest, who are not children of the god of this world. Welcome brothers and sisters of Yeshua the Messiah to LIGHT on the ROCK.

Satan means "Adversary". He is the Enemy. "HaSatan" as Jews say, means "The Adversary". His evil angels with him, called demons, are pure evil spirits, unclean spirits. They once were good angels, but their leader became vain and bitter and turned them all against God. I'll have more on that later. <u>These evil spirits are what are behind so much of the evil, violence, perversions and sins going on in the world.</u>

You know what I'm saying? <u>Though Satan may USE various groups – quit looking to</u> <u>people and groups!</u> Quit blaming ANTIFA, or terrorists, or White Supremacists, or the Illuminati, Trilateral Commission, the Far Left or Far Right, or the U.N. or anything or anyone else people say are really running the world.... You're looking at people! Paul tells us our real enemy is the evil spirit world <u>behind</u> the news events!

Paul tells us that when we appear to be fighting bad people, <u>it's not really people or</u> <u>circumstances we're fighting – but spirit beings, demons, in high places</u> (Ephesians 6:10-12). Paul said the Holy Spirit told him that in the last days people will "give heed <u>to</u> <u>deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons</u>" (1 Timothy 4:1). So we are to TEST the spirits (1John 4:1) to be sure what we're hearing is from God or not -- especially when this strong feeling we're getting seems contrary to God's word. Demons will put thoughts into your head but make you feel like it's coming from angels of light.

(Audio describes false messages as appearing from God but which could not be, as God would not lead us into sin.)

Satan is used by God now to have his children face Satan's temptations, defeat him and prevail. <u>We defeat Satan by the blood of the Lamb (Christ) and the word of our testimony</u> (**Revelation 12:11**). In this way we learn to always look to God, to trust HIM, to love Him, to obey GOD, always – no matter how strong the temptations from Satan are. EVEN Yeshua, the son of God, was led into the wilderness by God's spirit "to be tested by the devil" (**Matthew 4:1**) to defeat him then, and then in the final sense by the crucifixion and resurrection.

If WE are to replace Satan and his evil band of demons as rulers of this world, we have to defeat them, and <u>we do that by and through coming under the blood of Christ and letting</u> <u>HIM be our life</u>, for he has defeated the Devil (**Hebrews 2:14-15**). We can't be casually dabbling in their world and think we're defeating them! The Son of God had to defeat the ruler of this age and he trounced him in Matthew 4 and finally at the cross Yeshua defeated death by his own death and resurrection.

In the audio version I bring up "Heylel" – "Shining one, brightness", the true name for Satan before his fall. It was not the Latin word "Lucifer". Also look up the blog I will soon post -- "Lucifer is not Satan's name" to learn a lot more about this.)

Last time I read off a bunch of scriptures showing how God is 100% intolerant of witches, wizards and mediums and does not want you or your children getting involved with them. In God's eyes, <u>there's no such thing as a "good witch" or a harmless medium</u>. Even the Biblical <u>"witch of Endor</u>" might have seemed friendly and a "good person" – but God did not want any witches in Israel. Certainly let's stop watching movies that portray evil witches, "good" witches, sorcerers, vampires and the like. And **vampires** and movies about them are straight from Satan's mind, 100% demonic. <u>Have nothing to do with that genre of "entertainment"</u>.

We also showed that Satan is truly what his name means: "the ENEMY, the Adversary who SLANDERS". "Devil" means "slanderer". If and when you and I slander and gossip evil things about others, we are working for the Devil. We have become little devils ourselves, slanderers – what "devil" means.

We showed <u>Rev 16:13-14</u> says many of the coming human leaders of the world – especially the Beast and False prophet – will be totally demon possessed, with demons that looked like frogs coming out of their mouths. <u>Angels and demons - when visible – often appear as animals</u> and birds, etc that we are familiar with – like eagles, horses, bulls, lions, frogs, etc.

"For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14).

We covered how Satan totally hates you, hates God, hates God's children, hates anything to do with God. We are told to pray "deliver us from the evil one" in the Lord's Prayer.

 Satan knows that humanity's destiny is to be heirs of God (Romans 8:17) ruling the world, judging angels – including fallen angels (1 Cor. 6:3). He knows we have been created, when it's all said and done, to be higher than angels, though right now we are not higher – not yet. Hebrews 1:14 says angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. Satan hates the fact <u>you're</u> being groomed to replace him and his demons as righteous leaders in God's kingdom. So he will destroy you if you give him half a chance!

Psalms 8:4-6

"What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have <u>made him a little lower than the angels</u>, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

<u>6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;</u> You have put all things under his feet,"

<u>Hebrews 2:5-11</u> reviews the same passage and says "we have not yet" seen this happen (v.8), but it will, and how Yeshua came to destroy death and the power of Satan, in bringing many children of God to glory.

- So Satan the Adversary hates humans. He especially hates those who are the called out ones now. He tempts you to sin. But we cannot blame our sins on Satan though... WE are the ones who either decide to sin or not. Satan is the <u>TEMPTER</u> but if we LET ourselves be tempted, and sin that's on us. We are responsible for our own sins. But he sure makes it tempting TO sin.
- REMEMBER THIS IS Satan's WORLD he's the "god of this age" (2 Cor 4:4). He has his children in this world, as I'll show you. So he is doing his best to kill us all off, and he'll get very close to accomplishing that - - except that Yeshua returns just in time, or else all flesh would have been wiped out! So he pits race against race, ethnic group against ethnic group. The problem is the human heart – that is what has to change. And that won't fully happen on a large scale until Satan is dealt with.
- So Satan the Enemy -- will try to scare us but more likely, he tries to lull us to sleep about the evil spirit world. He'll try to get you to let your kids explore this dark genre.

We're covering this because we're *already* seeing the beginning of an EXPLOSION of demonic activity. <u>Much, much more is coming</u>. Much more occult, more mass killings and raw violence, raw vicious types of sexual activities, perversions of every imaginable kind, more ghost appearances, more inexplicable UFO sightings and aliens and movies about aliens.

We briefly discussed how Satan attacked God in the past <u>and</u> will launch an all-out invasion of God's throne <u>once again in the near future (Revelation 12), if he hasn't already</u>. How do spirits fight? What's it like? We can't even imagine what a horror it would be.

Revelation 12:7-9

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and <u>his</u> angels fought with the dragon; and the <u>dragon and his angels</u> fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 <u>So the great dragon [Satan] was cast out,</u> <u>that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan</u>, who deceives the whole world; <u>he</u> <u>was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him</u>."

Have NOTHING to do with dragons, brethren. They picture Satan. I don't care how kind, funny, powerful, good or trustworthy any dragon is depicted – don't be fooled. It's Satan, who appears as light and righteousness (**2 Corinthians 11:14**).

We briefly mentioned, and will cover much more today, how Satan will then go on an all-out attack God's people – you and me, to a greater degree than ever before. Daniel calls it a time of high stress, a time of war and violence against us (**Daniel 7:21**) – being done through the Beast system and False Prophet in the end time.

Revelation 12:12-13

"Therefore rejoice O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, <u>having great wrath</u>, <u>because he knows that he has a short time."</u>

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he <u>persecuted the</u> <u>woman who gave birth to the male Child</u>." (i.e. - the ekklesia, those called out to be in Christ now)

The coming Beast power and great False Prophet described in Revelation 13, Matthew 24, Daniel 7, 10, 11, and 2 Thessalonians 2 - all indicate they will be 100% demon possessed individuals who will come across as gentle lambs. The false prophet will be able to call down fire from heaven and do wondrous miracles so powerful that he comes close to deceiving even the very elect. It was Elijah, God's prophet, who called down fire from heaven before. So the False prophet will be very effective in his deceit. So absolutely – there will be more and more demonic activity ramping up in the next decade and up to the return of our King of kings.

Be sure you study on your own <u>**REVELATION 13:11-18</u>** about the power that will be given through demons to the coming 666 Beast/false prophet system, and how they can make an image talk, <u>even call fire from heaven (v. 13)</u> and deceive everyone by these great miracles. Don't you be fooled! God is warning you, prepping you – even by this sermon! Be sure you study these scriptures carefully so you're never caught off guard.</u>

<u>2 Thessalonians 2:9-10</u> says "the coming of the lawless one is **according to the working of Satan, with all power,** signs and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception..."

I also covered last time some description of cherubs and we briefly touched on sightings of supernatural beings – including pre-incarnate Christ himself – plus sightings of angels, cherubim and of course the evil spirits.

So if you missed part 1, you might want to go back and hear it first.

Originally, if you'll remember, God gave <u>Adam and Eve, working together as one</u>, dominion and rulership over the world (**Genesis 1:26-28**) and all life forms on the earth, but they decided to follow the Serpent **in Gen 3 instead of God**, so rulership moved over to their leader – Satan.

So Satan is now called the "god of this age/world" (**2 Cor. 4:4**) and "ruler of this world" (**John 12:31**) in Yeshua's very own words. But his rulership is within certain limits. But that also helps explain why so many bad things happen here on earth. It's Satan's world right now. In the Millennial time and beyond is when this world reverts back to being God's world.

DEMONS IN HOMES

I shift gears now for a few minutes to tell you about one of several personal encounters I've had with demons. I've also had encounters with ANGELS, I'm sure. (The Audio once again will have more detail.) As I recount these stories, I do NOT want you FEARING your home is "haunted" or anything like that. You and I have been given POWER over the spirits (Luke 18:17-20 – be sure to read it).

- **Case in England man's father had died.** He said his father's robe came out of the closet ... and stood there before him. He felt it was his father... but no, it was not his father, but a demon.
- Case in Canada -- lady describing how the demon we were going to cast out was making her cry and saying "God's ministers will make me leave today. I hope you miss me." (Story on audio) I felt dirty afterwards in the presence of such an unclean spirit, and needed to shower and change clothes afterwards.

Story of family in upstate NY. Many years back, in upstate New York, a young family called me and wanted to come to our congregation. I had never met them and something, even on the phone, gave me pause. I wanted to go out to visit with them first.

- Filthy environment, dirty home, garbage bags everywhere
- As I visited, something made me uncomfortable.
- Then the children started asking me if I had the power to get rid of the monster in their bedrooms that would scare them at nights. They described how their ankles were grabbed as they were climbing into bed. A couple had seen this monster. So I had them go to different tables and draw for me what they had seen, best they could. It was a depiction of a demon.
 - Looked like a standing alligator, long claws, some pig like features on the head. Fangs, claws, ugly, scary looking.
- As we talked, -- music: very forlorn, sad, music.
- Dirt everywhere.

--- So we cleaned up the place. Demons are filthy and prefer to wallow in dirt. --- Asked them to play **HAPPY music**. (David – Saul story; all on the audio version) 1 **Samuel 16:14** – God's spirit left Saul, and a distressing spirit from God was sent to trouble Saul. **V. 18**- they find David, skillful with harp, mighty man of valor, man of war, prudent in speech, handsome and YHVH is with him. **V.23** – when the distressing spirit came upon Saul, David would play his happy harp music and the demon would leave.

So I had them destroy their sad music and we destroyed all that. Then they brought out a Ouija board. That's pure Satanism. Don't ever get near a Ouija board. So we burned it.

Yes – <u>God has to give permission for Satan or his demons to do anything to God's</u> <u>children</u>. Job was a good example (Job 1-2) of being protected from Satan until God gave Satan permission to attack Job's family and belongings. But generally we do not have to fear Satan will harm or destroy us or our children. And that's also a good reason to pray – daily – "Deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13).

Even Paul speaks of a "thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan sent to buffet me" – 2 Cor. 12:7. But it seems that those who are not yet God's children – who have the indwelling Holy Spirit – (Romans 8:9, 14) – are more open for Satan to bind them if he chooses. And so Jesus went about healing all those who were bound by Satan (Luke 13:16). Verse 13 Yeshua called it "a spirit of infirmity" that kept her bent over. But again, unless God permits it for his children for his reasons, we do not need to fear that we or our children will be able to be bound by Satan.

So back to the story of the house in upstate NY ... I had asked a deacon to come with me – after he and I had fasted first. Yeshua had recounted how some demons only leave when you are super-close to God after prayer and fasting.

Matthew 17:14-21

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an <u>epileptic and suffers</u> <u>severely</u>; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 <u>And</u> <u>Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour</u>.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21 However, this kind [of demon] does not go out except by prayer and fasting."**

We went from room to room, commanding any evil spirits to leave that room and house and neighborhood completely. *In accounts of Yeshua's healings, healing is sometimes tied to casting out evil spirits who are binding a person into pain and physical/mental issues.* I know our modern science would say that is lunacy, but I'm just telling you what scripture says. Certainly **schizophrenia** could *sometimes* be that – multiple personalities, etc.

And sometimes even our medications can affect our thinking badly with their side effects. When we lose control of our minds, we are opening the door to be influenced by evil spirits. But remember demons can bind a person into an illness.

Matthew 8:16-17

16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demonpossessed. And <u>He cast out the spirits with a word</u>, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Remember, scripture tells us that demons can BIND a person into an illness. Even Yeshua said about the woman who was stopped over -- he said Satan had bound her for all those years. (Luke 13:10-13, 16). It was called "a spirit of infirmity"

When confronting a demon, you command it to leave "in Yeshua's name" – or if you prefer, "in Jesus' name". (I use the name his mama called him – Hebrew: Yeshua.)

Let's talk now about where Satan came from, how he came to be.

Where did Satan come from?

In the beginning, the one we now know as Satan was one of 3 top angels or "arch-angels", good angels. They were anointed cherubs. The other 2 arch-angels were Michael and Gabriel. I should give a sermon or two soon about the good angels. There are various kinds described in scripture. We have the 4 living creatures with their 6 wings around the throne, and 24 elders who are wise spirit beings, the seraphim, the cherubim, regular angels, etc. etc.

The book of Enoch says there were 4 arch-angels – Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel by name – but they're not mentioned in the canon of scripture as we have it. So I go with Scripture. And the book of Enoch doesn't even mention Heylel, I believe.

Michael ("who is like God") is shown as a powerful, warrior cherub (you can study Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev. 12:7-9).

Gabriel (hero of God) is used as God's angel to bring special messages **(Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:11-20, 26:38)** – as he did to Daniel, Zacharias – as Gabriel announced the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Yeshua to the young virgin Mary.

Well, there was a third arch-angel – Heylel, which means "to shine, brightness, shining one". The name "Lucifer" is not in the original Bible! The one time we read of "Lucifer" in Isaiah 14:12, in Hebrew it is "HEYLEL"

"Lucifer" means "morning star" in Latin, and it's a LATIN word that the KJV and NKJV took from the Latin Vulgate translation into our English Bibles. But Heylel was a shining, bright angel – and to this day he tries to come across as an angel of light (**2 Cor. 11:14**) and his ministers as ministers of righteousness.

Anyway, these THREE arch-angels, super-angels – were covering cherubs over God's throne. **One failed – and became Satan,** and that left TWO others, so on the ARK that depicts God's throne, how many cherubs (cherubim in plural) are there? TWO. They depict Michael and Gabriel, as best as I can tell. (Details in **Exodus 25:17-22**).

Yeshua is the Morning star (Rev. 2:28; 22:16; 2 Peter 1:19). Not any angel! And certainly not the one who became Satan. But I get ahead of myself. (Check out my blog "Lucifer is not Satan's real name". Just type in "Lucifer" in the search bar and the blog will pop up.)

If you read **Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:11-19**, you will read of the origins of the Adversary – of Satan. When we first start reading those passages, it seems to hop back and forth from the king of Babylon and King of Tyre. But in the long term, the passages are about Satan. You'll see how so many of the verses in those passages cannot refer to any human.

Satan's TITLES and descriptions

Besides "the Adversary", Satan is also called many other things. So he's powerful.

• The Devil – which means Slanderer. Matthew 4:1-11; 1 Pet 5:8; James 4:7; When you slander or gossip badly about someone, you are being a little devil, a slanderer. We must overcome that and stop doing it.

- "the wicked one" Matt 13:19, 38;
- The god of this age/world 2 Cor. 4:4 who blinds people from seeing "the light of <u>the gospel of the glory of Christ</u>". The whole world lies under his sway (1 John 5:19).
 Gospel of the grace of God Acts 20:24
- "the ruler of this world" or age (John 12:31)
- He is the father of unconverted people Jesus said this himself (John 8:44) "you are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do". See also 1 John 3:10; Matthew 13:38; Gen 3:15; Acts 13:10 that Satan also has his "children".
- Satan is "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2)
- Satan is the "accuser of the brethren" (Rev. 12:10), Tempter (1 Thess 3:5),
- Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24) "the god of flies" or "of dung"
- A great fiery red Dragon, Serpent of old Rev. 12:3-4
- The Ruler of Demons Matt 9:34; Luke 11:15 (See the story of Legion- Luke 8:30-33 someone possessed by many demons)

So Satan is powerful, but remember that "He who is in YOU, is GREATER than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4). Remember Jews call him "HaSatan" – THE ADVERSARY.

So let's read **Isaiah 14** – and as I said, it skips back and forth between the King of Babylon and – the Spirit power that led that king. Remember I covered last time, how the Bible speaks of the "**Prince of Persia**" (**Daniel 10:13, 20**) and "Prince of Greece". Since Satan is the "ruler of this world" and "god of this world" – he inhabits or certainly leads and inspires many of the world leaders.

Apparently Satan assigns certain leading demons to coordinate his chaos over each country. I believe each country has its own overseeing fallen angel.

[Bonus point]: **Daniel 12:1** says "Michael shall stand up, <u>the great prince who stands watch</u> <u>over the sons of your people</u>..." He is also called "one of the chief princes" in **Daniel 10:13**. He is called "Michael the archangel" who disputed with Satan who apparently wanted to disclose the location of Moses' body to cause Israel to sin – **Jude 9**. But because Satan is the ruler of this world, even Michael showed respect and said "The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 9). So even when WE rebuke Satan or demons, we always would say "The Lord rebuke you. I order you to leave, in Yeshua's name, right now! Do it!"

So lets' read Isaiah 14:12-15 now, and next time Ezekiel 28.

<u>Isaiah 14:12-15</u>

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, [HEYLEL] son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart:

<u>'I will ascend into heaven</u>; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."

It does appear that God had 3 leading arch-angels and gave each of them 1/3 of the angels. Scripture speaks of the Dragon drawing off 1/3 of the stars/angels of heaven (Rev. 12:3-4). Michael is also described as "Michael and HIS angels…" (Rev. 12:7).

It appears to me that God first created his own habitation – which I believe is all spirit essence. I don't believe for a second that God made his city above out of physical material. God does not have to contend with decay, dust and weeds, I'm sure. Then he with the Word created the angels – for by and through Christ ALL things was created by **God (Eph 3:9; John 1:2; Hebrews 1:2).**

Then in sequence, it is clear God created other spirit beings – the angels – who sang for JOY as they beheld this wondrous creation unfolding as God formed the earth (**Job 38:7**). They're called "morning stars" here, singing together. So they're collectively called "morning stars' <u>but "THE morning star" is Christ – Rev. 2:28; 22:16</u>. So angels got to see at least part of the original creation – and rejoiced in it.

So in Genesis 1:1 the earth and the heavens are created. But by verse 2, it's all a mess. So something seems to have happened to cause the destruction of at least the surface of the created earth. Psalm 104:30 says God RENEWS the face of the earth.

So between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 – something catastrophic happened to this planet. I'll get into this in deep detail in the next sermon.

By the time Yeshua comes back to planet earth, the face of our planet will once again need to be renewed – after all the nuclear wars, famines, earthquakes, hail, war, the 7 last plagues from God – not much will be left. So when Christ returns, he will have to "heal" the earth again and together we'll restore it to a pristine garden once more. Satan is bound for a thousand years (**Rev. 20:1**).

The saints will reign with Christ here on earth for 1000 years (Revelation 20:4; Zech 14), and after all sin has been removed and all people have either chosen to go God's way – and changed to spirit – or have chosen to die in the 2nd death, it seems the whole universe will be dissolved in fervent heat **(Isaiah 34:4; 2 Peter 3:7-12)** and then we will experience the new heavens and new earth, for the old heavens and earth will have passed away **(Revelations 22:1-2)**. For more details on this, check out my sermons about "The 8th Day".

But how did the destruction of earth happen between Genesis 1:1 and verse 2?

Heylel – who became Satan – led his rebellious angels in a sneak attack against God himself in Heaven, perhaps millions of years ago. He and his angels were slammed back down to earth. <u>They experienced the terror and severity of God (2 Cor. 5:11; Rom</u> <u>11:22).</u> They probably thought God was too soft, too kind hearted, to fight them back. How wrong they were. Look at these scriptures – and remember, we're told <u>Satan and his</u> <u>armies will try it again a few years before Yeshua returns</u>. Some believe Satan's attack against God in heaven may have happened already. I don't think so, but think it's a future event about to happen. <u>When it does, all hell will break loose literally, right here on earth</u>.

Here are some scriptures that support the teaching of Satan's rebellion:

<u>Jude 6</u>

"And the **angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode**, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day..."

2 Peter 2:4

"For if **God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [Gr: Tartarus]** and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;"

Revelation 12:3-4

"And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, <u>a great, fiery red dragon having seven</u> <u>heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the</u> <u>stars</u> [angels] of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born". Remember angels are also called stars (Job 38:7).

It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God – especially when you're fighting God himself. God really let Satan "have it"—slammed him back to earth. And now one of the covering cherubs became the Enemy.

What happens when spirits fight? How do spirits make war against each other? What happens to the planets and stars? We'll cover that next time. It's about to happen again:

Revelation 12:7-9

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So **the great dragon was cast out**, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

What will he do next?

Rev. 12:12b, 17

"...woe to the inhabitants of the earth for <u>the devil has come</u> <u>down to you, having great</u> wrath, because he knows that has but a short time."

17 – "And the **dragon was enraged with the woman** (the elect), and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, <u>who keep the commandments of God and have the</u> <u>testimony of Jesus Christ.</u>"

I see we'll have to wrap this up in Part 3. Be sure to finish the series, as I'll cover how we have victory over Satan and his followers, and much, much more about the origins of Satan, and why God even has him around! We'll talk about how we have victory over this awful being and how God says we will put our feet on his neck someday! No kidding, there's a verse that says that. Be studying Ezekiel 28. **CLOSING PRAYER**.

We'll finish this series next sermon. If this free website blesses you and helps you form a loving relationship with God and our Savior—please invite your friends to visit our site.