

# THE BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

## Sins Origination

Satan is at War against Our Lord Jesus Christ

A war that started in heaven and now the people of the earth are included in the war. How could Satan think he could win against God? What strategy might he be using?

Satan has attacked God and His government. In getting Eve to sin, Satan specifically got Eve to distrust God. She was led to believe that God was holding back what should have been hers. As we will see, Satan must have used the same kind of attack against the angels in heaven. We will be looking at what the Bible says about Satan's war against God and Mankind.

It appears that Satan is waging a legal war. We must wonder how Satan could figure that he might win a war against God, the Creator of all things.

God is all powerful while Satan and His evil angels are only created beings. So why did Satan attack God? They do not have the power of God and they tremble at the thought of God:

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. James 2:19.

God is the true God, the creator of all things. So how could Satan and his evil angels think they could attack God and win? Especially when even thinking about God, they tremble!

But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. Jeremiah 10:10-12.

If we are tempted to think that the above text, concerning those who have not made the heavens and the earth, is just speaking of the idols themselves made of stone and wood; The Bible itself sets us straight on the issue. It says that when we worship idols, we are really worshipping the evil angels that the idols represent, which are demons:

They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger.

They sacrificed to demons, not to God To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. Deuteronomy 32: 16-17.

In the New Testament, we can get a better idea who these foreign gods are:

What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:19-20

There must be something that Satan is depending on. There must be something about God that Satan could depend on!

It must be that Satan could depend on God to be fair. That God would not break His own strict rules of righteousness. Thus Satan must have thought he could get the better of God because he could cheat and lie. He could misrepresent God before man and even before the angels yet God would not do such a thing. Thus Satan must be waging a legal war against God.

In spite of the fact that Satan had this advantage, we can see that Satan and his evil angels have already lost the war. We can even see the reaction of various demons which demonstrate that they themselves know they have lost the war.

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!" Luke 4:33-34

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Matthew 8:29

These instances show that the demons know they have lost and that they fear the time ahead when they will be destroyed.

Satan's war against God has long since expanded to include the Earth and all that are on the Earth. So, now we find ourselves in the middle of this war. We know that the evil angels will be destroyed but what about us?

God in His love has made provision that all might be saved if they depend on Christ for their salvation. If we give ourselves fully to Him we will be saved. In the Last Days, Satan will desperately try to force all to worship him, instead of God, so he can win the war! We must make sure that we fully decide to follow God and be careful to follow all His warnings so that we might escape what is planned for Satan and his evil angels.

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels': Matthew 25:41

If we are righteous then we can be on the right-hand side of Christ:

"And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:  
Matthew 25:33-34

That is our choice. We can either be destroyed in the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels or we can be blessed and inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Let's strive to be followers of Christ and to do His will!

The purpose of this web page is to explore what the Bible says about how Satan is attacking both God and mankind. If we can understand Satan's plan of attack from the Scriptures, we should have a better chance of surviving this war:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. . . Hosea 4:6

In our search for what the Bible teaches it is important that we let the Bible speak for itself.

Satan became the Ruler of the Earth

When Satan had successfully tempted Adam and Eve, he not only brought the human family into the life and death struggle that we experience today, but now as a result of man's fall, Satan had obtained authority over the whole earth. Satan began claiming the earth as the place where he rules. Jesus even called Satan the ruler of this world when He was on earth.

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

This He said, signifying by what death He would die. John 12:30-33

Also, in the Lord's prayer we have another indication that the things that happen on the earth is not according to God's will. Jesus says:

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10

We are still praying for God's will to occur on earth as it is in Heaven, because God's will is still not yet happening fully. Jesus has not yet taken authority. Yes, that is right. Satan is still the ruler of this world. There is just so much death, destruction, hate, and sorrow

all around us. It is still occurring. Jesus still has not taken our world away from Satan, and we know that is true because we are still here living in this sad sinful world!

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? Matthew 22:44

Jesus will continue to wait until God the Father makes His enemies his footstool. Then, at that time Satan will be cast out and destroyed.

However, from the very beginning of this war, when Adam and Eve sinned, God set in motion a plan that would save man from certain death. Since both Adam and Eve had sinned against God, they deserved to die. Yet, God had mercy on them and He made a way so that they would be saved from certain death. In addition, the plan would also reclaim the earth from Satan. Our world would again be forever in the hands of God. This is the event that we are really looking forward to, when Jesus comes the second time.

God gave clues to Adam and Eve when they first sinned. he showed them what would happen to them and to Satan.

And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel". Genesis 3:13-15

Yes, it is true that the snake was cursed, however the real curse was pronounced against Satan. In these few words, God spoke mountains of implications. Here, God is speaking of Jesus, who would come from the seed of Adam and Eve. The seed of the woman (Christ) would bruise Satan's head. This means that Satan would suffer a mortal wound that would be major. He will lose the battle and he will be destroyed forever as well as all those who follow him. The following group of Scriptures describe how Satan and His evil angels (demons) will be destroyed.

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy himwho had the power of death, that is, the devil,

and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 2 Peter 2:4

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Jude 1:6

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:10, 14-15.

However, Jesus will only suffer a bruise to the heel which is not a serious wound; But, Jesus will do everything that He set out to do. Jesus will reclaim the righteous to Himself and the earth will once again be His. Satan and his evil angels will be destroyed forever along with the majority of mankind who are wicked.

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13-14

It is our choice. We can either choose the narrow way that is difficult and be saved or we can choose the broad way which leads to destruction. Let's strive to be followers of Christ and to do His will so we can be blessed and inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

### Satan Fights a Legal Battle

Satan tried to tempt Jesus into sinning against His Father, but he could not get him to do anything that was not the will of God!

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. Matthew 4:1-11.

It is easy to see that Satan is attacking Jesus in some way and that he has a very intense hatred toward Jesus. But it is not entirely clear why Satan is choosing to attack Jesus in this specific way. It is clear, however, that Satan was trying to make Jesus sin against God, and that Satan was never able to get any victory over Jesus.

Satan fights a very legal battle. It is easy to see that Satan was not trying to destroy Jesus physically. He was probably not allowed to hurt Jesus anyway. So Satan had to try to conduct a legal war by getting Jesus to sin against God. It is the only way that Satan can try to get back at God.

Satan lost his battle against Jesus but that has not stopped him. He is now continuing his war by attacking Christ's followers, trying to get them to sin against God. He claims this world as his and he expects all on this world to follow him, including Christ's followers. But they are decided followers of Jesus and will not follow Satan at all.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:10,11 KJV.

And God has given them the Holy Spirit and the company of holy angels that allows them to stand up against Satan. Since they follow Jesus rather than Satan, Satan is not the complete ruler of this world, so he will lose the battle.

Satan was hoping to win over Jesus and his followers so that he would have a legal right to continue as the ruler of the earth. He wanted to set up his dominion in opposition to the kingdom of God. But I am getting ahead of the Biblical evidence.

Let's look at the evidence. We will start with the war as it started in Heaven.

Satan

Who is Satan? Why was he on the earth to tempt Eve? What does he have to gain? These are good questions. Let's see what Scriptures indicate about Satan's actions.

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

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. Revelation 12:7-9 New King James Version

We see that Satan (the great dragon) and his angels had a war in Heaven and they lost. So they were kicked out of Heaven. For some reason, God did not destroy them right away. The evil angels were allowed to continue and they were able to drag us into their war. As we continue to read more scripture, we will realize why God did not destroy them at that time. We will need to look for the clues as they come from the Bible.

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 2 Peter 2:4

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Jude 1:6

At the beginning Satan and his angels were happy and they lived in heaven with God and all the other angels. But now they are not able to keep their first estate in heaven because God kicked them out. God had to cast them out of heaven because they had sinned and they were now ready to create trouble. Thus they are now in chains of darkness reserved unto the judgment of the great day.

We often think of Heaven as being an angelic place where nothing bad ever happens, a place where everyone is happy. Yet, here we see that there was a war, an intergalactic war that actually starts in Heaven where God lives!

Heaven must have been an extremely unhappy place for war to start where God lives! And in the next Bible text we will see that this unhappiness has spread to the earth as Satan and his angels were forced to retreat.

You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; I (will destroy) thee, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. Ezekiel 28:14-16 (will destroy) KJV

It is clear that Satan was originally one of the highest angels in Heaven. He was the anointed cherub that covers . . . Did his wings or whatever cover the throne of God. I do not know, but it looks like Satan originally had a very high position standing in the very presence of God!

One important point needs to be brought out: Notice that verse 15 says that God created this angel as being perfect. So originally, Satan had no sin. But in verse 16, we read that he became filled with violence. . . He became sinful. So the sin that is in Satan originated with Him, not God. God did not create Satan to be sinful.

What makes this war so very ominous is that it started so close to the throne of God? Lucifer's position in Heaven as the covering cherub allowed him to be on the holy mountain of God, midst the fiery stones where God is. How could that happen? How could War start with Lucifer being so close to God? What could have caused Lucifer to rebel against God Himself!

Verse 15 (above), says that Lucifer was originally perfect until iniquity was found in him. This must have been the time when the unhappiness started in heaven. This is when the rebellion started. We know that other angels followed Lucifer in his activities since they were also kicked out of heaven. So we can understand that Lucifer's unhappiness spread to others in Heaven. Lucifer and his followers must have been very unhappy. What could they have been talking about? What were the issues in the rebellion? Let's see if the answer can be found in the Bible.

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, 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;



I will ascend above the heights of the clouds I will be like the Most High.

Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (hell), To the lowest depths of the Pit. Isaiah 14:12-15

Now we can see why they were not happy under God's rule. Lucifer, who is now called Satan, the great dragon, is the one who wanted to take over God's throne in Heaven. He became jealous. Lucifer wanted to be like God. To say they were very unhappy is a major understatement. This is why there was war in Heaven. They actually attacked God Himself! This is an amazing thing when we consider that neither Satan nor his wicked angels are able to create nor are they able to fight on an equal par against God. So the war must be on an issue that does not involve the power of God.

You are not going to die

Satan speaks very confidently to Eve that she will not die. We can also see that Eve believes Satan as well. Yet, when we look into scripture to view the future, we can see that Satan can offer nothing of lasting value. He himself, will be destroyed in the lake of fire with all those who follow him. In the following commentary, on this page, it will be seen that Satan and the wicked angels know this very well. So, at a point in time they became aware that they would be destroyed.

From the Bible, we know that Satan rebelled against God. This is an amazing thing when we consider that neither Satan nor his wicked angels are able to create nor are they able to fight on an equal par against God. This is reflected in the text below.

But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. Jeremiah 10:10-12.

We might think that Jeremiah is only talking about things that people make with their hands and then turn around and call them gods. The stone and wood gods that they made clearly cannot make anything! However, the Bible does not stop with Jeremiah's statement. Look at what is stated in Deuteronomy:

They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. Deuteronomy 32: 16-17.

From the writings of Paul in The New Testament, we see even stronger confirmation indicating that worshipping an idol is really an act of worshipping demons.

What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:19-20

It should be clear that these gods (or demons) are really Satan and his evil angels, and that they have not made anything nor can they make anything. They will not be allowed to continue to live. They will be destroyed and they will have an end.

God alone will rule. Of the two opposing sides in the intergalactic war; Only God will rule because He is the Creator, this power is what separates the two sides.

Satan has never had the same power, and it is clear from the Scriptural texts below that the evil angels literally shook with fright when they confronted Christ while He was on the Earth.

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Luke 4:33-35

This kind of conflict didn't happen once, here is an other example of demons speaking out against Jesus:

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Matthew 8:28-29

This time the demon cried out saying: you came too soon. It's not time yet. "Have You come here to torment us Before the time?" The apostle James, in the Bible text below, said it well when he said the devils tremble!

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. James 2:19.

So what is it that Satan and his opposing group of evil angels were trying to do? How did they think they could win against God?

## The Other Inhabited Worlds

To better understand Satan's purpose, let's first try to understand who inhabits the Universe.

Does the Bible say anything about other worlds? Most people seem not to think that other worlds were even thought about by the writers of the Bible. But there are places where the Bible does seem to indicate that people inhabit the universe.

The Bible seems to primarily speak of our own world and of angels, But what does the Bible say about other worlds?

God made the earth to be inhabited. Did He also create the heavens to be inhabited?

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. Isaiah 45:18

We must only ask why God would create such a large Universe if it is totally empty except for our little Earth. Let's see if there is evidence that there are actually many worlds that are inhabited in the Universe.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, Ephesians 3:14-15

Ephesians shows that there is a family of people in heaven and there is a family on earth as well.

You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You. Nehemiah 9:6

God has made all the heavens with all their host. This represents the multitudes of people found in the heavens. These are they in heaven that worships God.

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world (universe), both to angels and to men. 1 Corinthians 4:9

God's people are a spectacle to not only our world but to the universe as well. If the word, "world" is used, it doesn't make sense since the angels are not part of this world. But if the word, "universe" is used, then men might also refer to those in the universe and not just the earth.

I especially like this quote. In the next section, we will explore what really happened as described by Job.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."  
Job 1:6-7

The sons of God (people) came to present themselves before the Lord. In the next verse we find that Satan also came. He saw himself as being part of this group. When God asked Satan why he came, he essentially told God that Earth was actually his.

If that is true, then all the other people that came must be the rulers or leaders of all the other planets of the Universe. This is all very interesting to me and is discussed in the next section.

The inhabitants of the earth and sea are woe stricken because Satan is now on this world. But all the heavens can rejoice. This describes all the people who dwell in all the heavens:

Ò 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, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. Revelation 12:12

There must be quite a number of people who live in the heavens. This text in Revelation is referring specifically to those who dwell in the heavens.

## A Meeting in Heaven

Why would Adam and Eve's Sin help Satan?

How does Satan gain the advantage when he gets Eve to sin against God? Satan wants Eve to eat the fruit so Satan can win some how. So, what does Satan get out of Eve's sin?

Our first clue comes from the book of Job. Not only are we told what happens to Job, but we also get to understand what is happening behind the scenes. Also understand that the story of Job is extremely important to the question: Why does God permits suffering?

As depicted in the book of Job, there is a meeting in Heaven. It must be in heaven because there is no record of God having regular meetings with the sons of God on

Earth. In addition we find that Satan is also present and apparently he should not be there. At least it sounds like he is uninvited. Even God asks why he has come.

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And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." Job 1:6-7

We most likely are looking at a meeting of extraterrestrials, people from other worlds. Each member at the meeting is a representative of their own world. We can know that this is a meeting of representatives because of how Satan says he has a right to be there. We will see that Satan is saying that he is the representative of Earth! So what we have here is a system of government for the Universe that God Himself oversees.

Apparently this was an important event. In this meeting the sons of God are presenting themselves before the Lord. It seems that all who were there, except one, had a right to be there. At least we don't have any record of God questioning their presence. The whole point of this part of the story is that Satan was not invited. When God asked Satan why he was there, he essentially answered: from walking around on the Earth.

Is Satan claiming ownership? I think so. Remember, this intergalactic war is over the question of ownership of the throne of Heaven. Satan wants the throne. Apparently, Satan is starting a legal process that he thinks will allow him to take over one planet, the Earth.

In the meeting, Satan seems to conclude that he either owns or he rules our world. He is actually claiming rulership of the Earth in that meeting! That is why I think he went to the meeting. He sees himself as the leader of the whole planet Earth. This meeting most likely is a meeting of the leaders of the Universe with God; So Satan felt he had a right to be there.

We can determine this point of rulership further from the following discussion:

Then the LORD said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?

So Satan answered the LORD and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to

Your face!

And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person. So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. Job 1:8-12.

Because of the fact that God answers Satan, we should understand that what they were talking about was extremely important! Why didn't God just throw Satan out? God already threw Satan out of Heaven once before. God could have thrown Satan out again, but He didn't. He definitely has the power to do so. But instead, God just questioned Satan verbally and challenged his stated position.

We should realize that the manner in which God answered Satan is important as well. They were not talking by themselves, there was an audience surrounding them. All the representatives of the Universe were there personally witnessing what was happening.

Remember, we most likely are looking at a meeting of extraterrestrials. Each member at the meeting is a representative of their own world. A system of government for the Universe that God Himself oversees.

Since Satan himself has rebelled against God, we can see that the rebellion was trying to enter into the system of government of God's Universe! If it was a matter of power, God could have destroyed Satan right there, or He could have just thrown him out. But God did not. Instead, God entered into dialog with him.

Let's talk about the dialog itself. If this discussion wasn't concerning ownership or rulership of the Earth; then, why does God answer Satan's statement of walking over the face of the Earth, with: "Have you considered my servant Job. . ."?

In this discussion, by saying that he walks over the face of the earth; What Satan is really saying is this: that he has control of the Earth. So God begins questioning Satan's claim by pointing his attention to Job, whom Satan is not able to control. What God is doing, is to show that Satan really does not control the world. So, God emphasizes the fact that Job is upright, just, and that he fears God.

I can imagine that Satan here begins to squirm as he essentially says: Well of course Job likes you. You give him everything he wants, why wouldn't he obey You? So God tells him: OK, I'll let you try. We'll see who really is in control, but you can't touch his body to make him sick.

If you read the book of Job, you will see that Job does not know a thing about this discussion. He is clearly having a hard time with the reality of his bad fortune. In addition he is forced to consider, from an earthly point of view, why all sorts of bad things are happening to him. Satan seems to be controlling all Job's personal friends as well.

This story is very interesting. Apparently Satan's ownership of the Earth depends upon everyone being subject to Satan's leading. As long as Job was a decided follower of God, Satan could not claim the Earth. We actually do not know if Job was the only follower of God, but at least he was the one that God chose to mention.

Does this war Between God and Satan depend upon the allegiance of people? It would seem so, the whole story in the book of Job is dependent on the idea that things will be decided, on what one person does on earth. If Job continues to follow God then God has the advantage, on the other hand, if Job listened to his wife and friends and cursed God, then Satan would have had the advantage. That is if he was the only righteous person on the world.

Something really terrible and awful must have happened in Heaven when Satan rebelled. To have a third of all the angels of Heaven take off to side with Satan, against God in a war. Remember this rebellion happened in Heaven! How could this happen? To have the angels who live in Heaven, in the very presence of God, to rebel against God himself!

What did Satan do to the angels to have them rebel against God? What did he say to them that would make them fight against God Himself?

We know that God is all powerful, that He created all things. So why would they decide to enter a war that could not be won by power? They must have known something about God perhaps. It is quite possible that they knew enough about God that they were confident that God would play fair. God would keep to the rules of the Universe that He has created. So they knew that this war must be over opinions rather than power. All the worlds of the Universe might have to decide who is right in this war.

It is also possible, that because Satan is the source of evil in the Universe, that he and his new followers just became so selfish that they lost all sense of reason when they started demanding things of God. They knew that God would play by the rules even when they broke the rules. They probably thought they could take advantage of God.

Let's continue the story of Job to see how it ends out.

A second meeting of the sons of God with God is described in Job chapter two. Again the same issues are brought up but with slightly different specifics in the arguments. Satan failed the first time around to change Job's allegiance from God to himself. So this time he is calling fowl. He still claims the Earth as his and he wants even more power in trying to force Job to obey him. Read the account and see what happens.

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

And the LORD said to Satan, From where do you come? So Satan answered the LORD

and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.

Then the LORD said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.

So Satan answered the LORD and said, Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!

And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job 2:1-7.

We can see from the actual text that Satan still claims the Earth. It seems that Satan believes that if all people were under his control then the Earth would rightfully belong to him! There also seems to be some truth to Satan's claim since God counters Satan on the very level that Satan is thinking on.

It seems that these meetings are a regular event and here, God counters Satan's claim by pointing to Job which Satan was unable to control. God adds to what He said before by stating: he still holds to his integrity. Also very interesting to note, we see that God takes the blame! He doesn't say that Satan is moving to destroy Job but He says that you have moved me against him, to destroy him.

Let's look at another clue to this war.

## Satan Tempts Eve

You will be like God

Let's study how Satan attacked Eve. We see that Eve was exploring the garden that God had given them when she approached the forbidden tree. As she was wondering why God did not want them to eat from that tree, Satan went in for the attack:

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree



of the garden?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

"but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die."

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:1-6

When Satan came to our world with two people on it, some how he had to win their allegiance to him. This is according to what we found out from Job's experience. He had to become their leader in order to take over the world. As we can see in the third chapter of Genesis, Satan used deception to not only place doubt in the mind of Eve about God, but he was really saying that God is not fair. Satan played on her emotions to get her to want to become like God herself.

It is amazing what Satan had done. In just a few words, he was able to give Eve a whole new series of ideas.

God could be lying.

God could be holding back on her.

Eve wanted more than what she has, she wanted to become like God.

Now, her thoughts were directed to the idea that God is not being fair to her. God is lying while He holds back what should rightfully be hers. While she thinks these kind of thoughts, desire now becomes the major motive that forces her to eat the forbidden fruit.

Earlier, we saw that Satan himself wanted to become like God. Now we see that he is tempting Eve with the very same thought in mind. This is very interesting, we now see that Satan tempted Eve using the same thirst for power, the same desire to become like God, that Satan himself felt. Satan literally gave the same sins that he had, to Eve. The same desires he had for power, he gave to Eve.

It stands to reason, that Satan used the same strategy in Heaven as he later used on earth with Eve. He some how made all of the angels who followed him to be unsatisfied with their positions in Heaven. Maybe Satan's followers became jealous of God. Satan

must have told them that God was holding back on them, and that they should have more power.

The same wicked desires that Satan has, he gave to his angels, to take over God's throne and have the power for themselves. That is why these angels are evil today. They have the same desires as Satan and they work along with him in destroying the human race. They will do anything to get their own wishes and takeover God's Throne.

By looking at the history of our world, it is obvious that Satan and his evil angels have been trying to convert the world to their side so they can claim the world as their own. In fact they have almost always had the majority siding with them. Only a minority has ever followed God. However, there has always been at least one person who was true to God. There was always a Noah, Abraham, or Joseph, or even a Job to give God the advantage.

When the woman realized it was Good

Eve, as she is realizing that Satan is correct, she is now passing her allegiance from God to Satan. One third of all the angels had already decided to follow Satan, now Eve is doing the same thing.

The issues Satan is raising, are apparently powerful arguments. If Satan was able to win a third of all the angels in Heaven, and now the newly created Eve, what sort of questions might the people on the other worlds have?

Do the people in the other worlds know anything about the war at all? It seems that they do. In the meetings depicted in the first two chapters of Job, we saw that everything was done out in the open. Both Satan and God spoke in front of all the other representatives from the other planets of the Universe. Everything that happened occurred in front of everyone!

God actually listens to Satan and answers his charges rather than throwing him out. When Satan says that Job will curse God to his face, God says, OK, why don't you try and see what Job will do. When Satan comes back after having failed the first time, he is still combative saying that if he can make Job really hurt with pain and sickness, Job will then curse God. God answers Satan by allowing him to try again, and harder than he was allowed the first time with physical pain.

It seems that God is allowing Satan's accusations to be tried out in front of the whole universe. He is not allowing his question to be unanswered, which makes sense when we consider that all the representatives are listening.

At the same time, Satan has to act out his intentions before the whole universe as well. How far is Satan willing to go in destroying those around him so he can acquire ownership of a world? What kind of government would Satan have? What would be the character of his government? Is Satan really offering a better idea than God?

So maybe the other worlds are watching the events of this war and maybe they do have questions about what is going on in the rebellion. It looks like the whole universe has had to grapple with the idea that there is a rebellion that started in the very place where God is! How could that be? In addition, Satan, as can be understood in the book of Job, met with God in an open way that is most likely designed to create the most questions in the minds of the Leaders of the Universe.

In the Bible we have seen some of the evidence that the war is about people's opinion. On the earth, it seems that it concerns people's allegiance. Who will we serve, Jesus or Satan. In Heaven, where a third of the angels chose Satan, it looks like the same issues were important. What about the rest of the Universe? What are the issues that they are looking at in this rebellion?

Why does Satan really want to take over the throne. Is it because God really is a tyrant and that Satan is trying to protect us by showing us a better way of living? Or is it that Satan himself is the real tyrant, that he is the selfish one, and he only wants the power of the throne for himself?

In addition, God and Satan seem to be following a set of rules. Thus, the battle is probably a legal or technical battle.

If there is not a real war between God and Satan, then how might we explain the things happening in the world? Is this thing of having Satan tempt us, and God letting it happen, all a game? What is really happening in the stories we read in the Bible? Is there an actual battle for the ownership of the Earth that is occurring behind the scenes to explain what is happening? Or, do we have God and Satan playing a game with the human race in the middle? It will take a knowledge of the entire Bible to answer what is really happening.

Either God or Satan is playing a game with us in the center, the object of their attention, or Satan is really attacking God.

When Satan has gone over the line, when he goes too far and tries to take the throne (as indicated in Daniel 11:45-12:3), then it will be time for Jesus to come down and to take us to live with Him. He will at that time end the misery that continues to presently plague our world. Death, destruction, and suffering will come to an end at last!

She took, Ate it, and He Ate it

Initially, Adam and Eve had ownership of the world. God gave the world and all the animals to Adam. See what God said when He first made them:

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

"Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Genesis 1:26-30

When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they both sinned against God. In that act they lost ownership of the world and they gave it to Satan.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6

Adam would have forever been the head of our world but now he has lost his position and his possession as ruler of the earth, and Satan now rules. When Jesus was on this earth He Himself said that Satan was the ruler of this ruler.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. John 14:30

Also, in the Lord's prayer, Jesus says:

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10

We are still praying for God's will to occur on earth as it is in Heaven. We are praying for this because His will is still not yet happening fully. Jesus has not yet taken authority of our world. Yes, that is right. Satan is still the ruler of this world. Death and destruction are still occurring all around us. Jesus still has not taken our world away from Satan. We know that is true because we are still here!

However, Jesus especially talked about Satan, that he will be cast out and judged.

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. John 12:31

of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:11

Adam and Eve were hopelessly lost and facing total destruction. However, Jesus with pity for the human race has stepped in to reclaim both them and the world. As we continue to study the Bible we can see that it will take some time for Jesus to reclaim the ownership from Satan:

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? Matthew 22:44

Jesus has had to wait until God the Father makes His enemies his footstool.

### The Court in Heaven

In Revelation, starting with chapter 4 we see that there is a court session in Heaven. Daniel refers to this same session in Daniel 7:9-10.

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. Daniel 7:9-10

This occurs at the time of the end. In Revelation we see that there are two witnesses who are here on earth for 3-1/2 years until Satan himself kills them. This is the only time that we know of that Satan actually kills someone himself, personally. In Bible times, it took two people to convict someone. Is this needed for the court proceedings? It might be.

Also, in Daniel 11 & 12 we have Satan sitting down in Jerusalem as God (The Abomination of Desolation), sitting where he should not sit. This action seems to be "the straw that breaks the camel's back". When Satan sits down, Michael stands up (Daniel 12) and the battle of Armageddon occurs. Satan is not only saying he is the ruler of this world, he is saying he is God!

God attacks Satan and his angels and the end of the world comes as Jesus comes to receive His own. Satan has to overstep his authority before God stands up to take away his dominion. So there seems to be a legal battle that is occurring between Jesus and Satan. But one day the court will be in session and Satan's dominion will be taken away from him.

But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. Daniel 7:26.

Issues that will eventually be brought up in court so that Satan can be thrown out, have not even occurred yet. Today, Jesus has not yet taken His authority over the earth. It is only much later in the future when Satan tries to sit down as God (The Abomination of Desolation) that God stands up and the end of all things comes to be.

The time that Jesus will rule the earth (the kingdoms of this world) will not occur until the Seventh Trumpet sounds.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. Revelation 11:15-18

It will not be until the Seventh Trumpet sounds that the Kingdom of God will also include the kingdoms of this world, in other words, the earth.

This is why we are still praying for God's will to occur on earth. The Seventh Trumpet sounds essential in the last days just before Jesus comes in the clouds of glory. So at the present time, Jesus has not yet taken authority of our world and we continue to pray for His will to take place:

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10

At that time, the time of the seventh angel, Jesus will reign for ever and ever and all the angels of heaven will rejoice because Jesus has taken His great power and has finally began to reign. And then Jesus will come for us to take us to heaven!

You will bite His heel

Satan will attack God's people in the time of the End.

Satan was instrumental in having Jesus Christ put to death when He was on earth. Rather than being the end of Jesus, it signaled the beginning of the end of Satan. Christ's death is also the means whereby he will save the righteous. Satan has never gotten the best of Jesus or God.

Another plan of attack that Satan has, is to force all people to worship him. If he can force all to follow him instead of God, then he has won! However, If there is even a small minority, even one left who chooses to follow God then Satan has lost!

Satan must have the allegiance of all the people on the earth for him to rule it; And we can see in Daniel and Revelation that he will kill anyone who does not choose him as their leader. Satan will do anything to get to his goal.

There is a time, at the end of this world's history, when Satan will pull all the stops in a desperate effort to have a whole world worship him instead of God. Jesus calls this time the time of sorrows. At this time, the end of the world, Satan will either win and have a world, or he will lose everything including life.

Let's look at some prophecies to see what Satan will do to try to stand on the throne of God. I have color coded the following texts to indicate various activities: Red indicates what Satan will do to God's people. Green indicates what Satan will do to blaspheme God and try to take God's throne. Orange indicates what God does to judge Satan and to give the saints the kingdom.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Daniel 7:7-8, 21, 25-26, 22

We start in the 7th verse of Daniel 7 by seeing that Satan is breaking in pieces and trampling the residue with its feet. The residue is really God's people. He is killing the remnant of God's people. Satan is allowed to prevail over God's people for a time, times, and part of a time. All this happens until Judgment occurs in Heaven and Satan is stopped.

This action of killing God's people, is confirmation that Satan does indeed have to have the vote of everyone living on the Earth for him to take the throne. We can see that the results of this intergalactic war is indeed dependent upon opinion.

Satan has started to eliminate the people who would stand in his way of being the king and leader of this world. Remember, Satan has to have as followers, everyone on earth who is alive. If Satan cannot trick the righteous into following him, then he will try to kill them outright.

In Daniel chapter 8, we see the same exact things happening.

exalt himself to the level of Jesus our Prince. Satan can be seen as trying to take over the whole world and exalt himself as the Prince of the host!

In Revelation, we see the exact same actions we saw in Daniel. I have color coded the following texts to indicate various activities: Red indicates what Satan will do to God's people. Green indicates what Satan will do to blaspheme God and try to take God's throne. Purple indicates what the wicked will do to serve Satan.

"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, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:12-13, 17.

Satan is enraged with all who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Satan knows he does not have much time left and he knows he needs to kill everyone who is loyal to God. We can see that Satan is enraged with those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

It is clear that anyone who keeps all the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus, is indeed loyal to God because they worship God with what they do and with what they say. They are completely loyal to God!

And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His



tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:3-8, 11-17.

We can see that the wicked worships the dragon (Satan) and the beast. All people who do not have their name written in the Book of Life will worship Satan! To get this to happen Satan had to deceive the whole world. They worship Satan because they want to save their own life, crying out: Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? They easily see that the beast is too powerful for them and that they will only lose their life if they try to fight it so they choose life. In reality they are choosing death because they are then following Satan.

Satan causes all to receive a mark and that no one can buy or sell unless they have this mark. Later they will find out that they have lost everything when they thought to save their own skin and receive the mark.

It should be clear that the righteous of the world, living in the last days, will experience the same thing that Job experienced. Satan has probably demanded that all the people of the world are his and God probably said: "OK try them". So all who will not worship the image of the beast will be ordered to be killed.

The last days are the trying time for God's people and the battle between Jesus and Satan is dependent upon what the righteous, the 144,000 do. If they hold up, just as Job did; Then Jesus will be victorious in the war.

There are many ways Satan can get the allegiance of the people of this world. One of the most dramatic ways is to have people curse God, as he wanted Job to do. Or to disobey what God would have us do. Another way is to make us so busy that we have no time for God. In this way, the things we are doing have become our god.

Today, so many people have become indifferent to the idea of serving God that they will do anything to get ahead in this world. Other things have become more important in their thinking, like living and surviving. So they will do anything that Satan wants them to do just so they can save their skin. There are some who see a real need to get close to God; However, they keep putting off making a decision. Satan keeps putting ideas and feelings to get them sidetracked.

Since Satan is working so hard to get people to look at him for direction, it must be extremely important to him. Obviously, if people don't follow him, he loses his fight! So yes, its important to him. Let's look to see what really makes Satan furiously angry:

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17.

Those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ are those who Satan cannot control. And remember, if Satan cannot control everyone, he will lose his goal to rule the world and lose the war against God. It is no wonder that Satan is angry.

All that he has tried to do to get them to follow him has failed. God's people will not follow Satan's lead at all. Rather, they have chosen to follow and do all what the Lord wants them to do. At this point Satan is so enraged with God's people that he wars against them to put them to death. Since he cannot control them, he will try to exterminate them.

To remind you what we saw in Daniel and Revelation, here is a synopsis of Satan's actions against the Righteous in the last days:

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. Revelation 12:12

it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. Daniel 7:7

he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. Revelation 12:13

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of

her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17

and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:15

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. Revelation 13:7

yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. Daniel 11:33

He. . . shall persecute the saints of the Most High, Daniel 7:25

Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. Daniel 7:25

(It) was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, Daniel 7:21

it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. Daniel 12:7

It is clear, from the Bible itself, that God's people will not be taken away in some rapture. But rather, we have seen actual scripture that shows that God's people will be hunted and killed for obeying God. God's people will be like Job, experiencing adversity, yet remaining loyal to God even if it means death!

Elsewhere, in the book of Revelation, we see that the righteous are again identified as those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus:

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12.

In a time of great hardship, as described in Revelation, God's people are identified as those needing endurance (patience) to continue till the end. Again, this group is identified as those who keep the commandments of God and remain loyal to Jesus. It will indeed require patience on their part, as they are being hunted and killed. But they hang on because they know that Jesus will one day come to save them from their trouble.

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14.

When God's people inherit a new life with God, it is because they have been completely loyal to God by keeping his commandments and following him in all ways that they will have a right to eat from the tree of life, and they will have the right to enter into the gates

of the New Jerusalem where we will live with God forever. Only the Righteous will be allowed to enter!

He will crush your head

At some point, Satan will go too far!

Satan will try to take over the world and endeavor to force all the inhabitants of the world to follow him, and he will do his best to kill anyone that goes against his plans. However, as indicated in Scripture: Satan will come to his end. He will be destroyed.

Red indicates what Satan will do to God's people. Green indicates what Satan will do to blaspheme God and try to take God's throne. Purple indicates what the wicked will do to serve Satan. Blue indicates what God's people, the righteous will do to serve God. Orange indicates what God does to judge Satan and to give the saints the kingdom.

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Daniel 7:25-26, 22 NKJV

When Satan tries to Sit on the Throne and Rule the Earth, God then will Stand Up and End the War!

We can see the same process but with more detail in Daniel 11. Satan will see that he can not turn the righteous toward serving him. So, in desperation, he will try to sit on the throne anyway despite the fact that he has no right to do so. It is at that time that God will stop him in his tracks because he will have gone too far. Look at the following texts:

And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. Daniel 11:31-33,36,45;12:1.

Wow! In the verses above, we actually see that Satan will defile the sanctuary fortress, take away the daily, and place there the abomination of desolation. He will put his palace on the glorious holy mountain of God for the purpose of declaring himself as king.

When Satan places the abomination of desolation (planting his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain) he is saying: I rule the earth! In this action that Satan does, he over steps his bounds. He has gone too far. He does not rule the earth because he has not been able to get all to worship him. Nor was he able to make Jesus sin when He was on this earth.

It is then that Michael (Jesus) stands up and Satan will come to his end! A time of trouble will occur at this time that will be unequalled in history and God's people who are alive, the 144,000, will be delivered. Everyone who is found written in the book of life will be delivered and raised up from the dead!

Many think that everything has been done at the Cross, when Jesus died. However, here in Daniel, we find that it is when Satan sits down as the ruler on Earth, this is when God begins to act! God brings an end to Satan and his war against God and God's people. Satan has gone too far in fighting God and He will bring Satan to an end.

In the Book of Job, we saw that Job was tested for a time, however when it was all over, God rewarded him. God set things right.

In the last days, we will find that God's people will also be tested for a time, but when Satan steps over the line and sits down as God, then all evil will be brought to an end. It is at that time that the signs of God's wrath will be given unmixed with mercy. The plaques will be poured on the earth and God's people will be delivered.

Jesus, when He was on earth, mentioned this time as well:

Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand),

then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Matthew 24:15-22.

Jesus says that when you see the abomination of desolation, when you see Satan standing in the holy place, where he should not be, then you better flee somewhere! Apparently it is going to be so bad, that if this period was not shortened, no one on earth would be able to live through it.

In the past, we have had nuclear bombs landing on a few cities and we have had wide spread wars. Who knows what might happen at this time of the end. Satan has lost the battle to get everyone to worship him, so now he is going to be desperately trying to take his rulership position by force. Since he is fighting against the Creator of all things he cannot win. Maybe much of Satan's actions is really due to revenge.

At this time Psalms 91 will be a very good source of comfort to God's people since they know that God will protect His people in this time.

God's people will be taken up to live with Jesus

Satan will eventually overstep his bounds when he tries to sit down as God. Then Michael will stand up and the court in Heaven will give every thing to Jesus. Once this happens, then Jesus comes back to our world to rescue His people.

As we have seen, the Bible presents a unified view of the war between God and Satan. It is when we start to study Daniel and especially Revelation that these things become evident.