Satan is preparing for the time when he has to be on the earth. This global kingdom that he is establishing represents his last stand. It isn’t as though he believes what the Scriptures say but he does take it into account, just in case. And so he has planned a series of “fall-back positions,” so to speak. Ever since his conflict with God over the matter of God’s choice of humans as his heirs—as opposed to angels—and the resulting revolt, Satan has known that his conflict with God would reach an eventual climax in which it will be determined and settled once and for all whose choice was right and who was greater. Satan views God as being foolish for telling the future of things. Satan knows that God intends to bring about a final conflict and he knows that God is planning for such a final conflict to take place here on the earth. Whereas Satan does not necessarily believe that this will be the venue, he is planning nevertheless, just in case.

We’ve watched how he has planned over the centuries. He understands that God’s one known vulnerability, if God has one, is his connection to the human race and His plans, as they include the human race. So it is his [Satan’s] intention to take full advantage of what he sees as the weak link—that link being humans. In that way, he studies the humans to see where they are weak and where they are vulnerable, where they are susceptible to being controlled and ruled. And he has determined that—because the human being, when governed by his soul, is preoccupied with his provision and his protection and will use and be driven by the lust of his flesh, the lust of his eyes and the pride of life in securing himself in these two important areas of consideration: his protection and his provision—he has decided to lay out his entrapment in that place, in that location.

Consequently, the enemy looks for and has planned to take complete advantage of the human by creating a global kingdom that alternatively plans to give, and advertises that it gives humans a hope for survival and for godhood—the ability to govern themselves and to rule themselves and to be secure in that—but alternatively to threaten them with their annihilation if they do not submit to that form of rule. So these are the alternatives. And to that end he has crafted a kingdom that is meant to take full advantage of human fears and hopes if they are governed by their souls: this is the global kingdom. Now Satan will come to the earth. Jesus said it in so many words. In Matthew 24, right alongside
the fact that Jesus promises his own return, He says that there is another who is coming in his name… he will be the first one to come and he will claim to be the Christ, but Jesus said that the one who is coming first “is not me.”  (Inserted – actual verse—“Jesus answered: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.’” – Matthew 24:4,5)

Now whereas this is more a reference to the antichrist—the one whom we as believers would consider to be the antichrist—but concerning whom the rest of the population of the earth will see him as the Messiah, the “enlightened one,” the Mahdi… whatever the religious conviction or non-religious conviction allows people to believe in the advent of a “great one,” this one who is coming—whom we will know as the antichrist—is coming in that capacity. But he comes to prepare the way for the one whom he truly represents. He is the “little horn” who rises on one of the heads of this beast. The little horn that comes up on one of the seven heads, the principle ruler among what would have been ten rulers, with three displaced, he becomes the eighth ruler among eight rulers and he becomes the spokesman for this global kingdom.

But Satan himself will come to the earth. At the moment he comes back and forth to the earth, but the seat of his operation is in the heavenly realms. The seat of his demonic domain is in the second of the heavens, not here on the earth but eventually he will come to the earth. Now that is a tall declaration on my part, so let me show it to you in the Scriptures. The Bible describes the reality of three heavens in II Corinthians. Here, Paul writing, II Corinthians the 12th chapter, he was not writing about the demonic realm, just about the heavens and he tells us that there are three of them. And because this is so new—this kind of information is new to the ears of believers but not new at all to the Scriptures—I will take the pains to lay it out for you in the plain terms of Scripture.

So in II Corinthians, chapter 12, verse2, the apostle Paul writing says, “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven.” (Third heaven… that means there are three of them.) “Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise.” (Inserted – II Corinthians 12:2-4a) So paradise is the third heavens. The lowest of the heavens are the heavens surrounding the earth. In Hebrews, the 2nd chapter, in marveling about humans, it says the following that, “You made humans,” speaking of God he says, “God made humans a little lower than the angels.” That’s chapter 2 of the book of Hebrews, verse 7. “You made him a little lower than the angels.”

That does not mean that humans are lesser in value or importance than the angels, but lower, dimensionally. The highest of the heavens, from the point of view of earth, would be the third heaven, the dwelling place of God, also known here as paradise or heaven.
The second of the heavens would be the intermediate and the third would be the lowest of the heavens—the heavens surrounding the earth. Now how does Satan get to the second heavens? How do we identify that it is the second heavens that he is in? Well we know that there are two additional heavens—the heavens surrounding the earth—which are the heavens with which humans are familiar and we know that there are the highest of the heavens, specifically referred to as the dwelling place of God, and we know that he [Satan] is not in either one but we do know that he is in the heavens.

Here it is in the book of Ephesians, chapter 6. There, Paul writing about the devil’s schemes says, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,”—now that would be, if our struggle were against flesh and blood, it would be against human beings—but he says our struggle is, “against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world,” and here it comes, “and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Inserted – Ephesians 6:10,11) There are spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

By the process of elimination we know which heavens it is. It is the second heavens—the seat of the demonic. Jesus ascended to the Father, to the highest of all the realms and that would be the third heavens. That’s the realm to which Paul was caught up in his reference here in II Corinthians 12. And the lowest of the heavens is where God put man who is a little lower than the angels. The middle heavens, or the second heavens if you prefer, is the seat of the demonic referred to here in Ephesians, “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Now we do know that Satan has gone back and forth between the heavens because in the book of Job he presents himself before God in the highest of the heavens and in the Gospels… he comes to tempt Adam and Eve in the Garden and Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration. (Inserted – actual verse—“One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, ‘Where have you come from?’ Satan answered the Lord, ‘From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.’” – Job 1:6,7) (Inserted – actual verse—“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?’” – Genesis 3:1) (Inserted – actual verse—“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” – Matthew 4:1)

So we know that he is capable of going back and forth. Whether he is still able to go into the high presence of God, there is some question as to that, but as to his coming back and forth into the earth, we know that he can. Now how did he get to the second heavens? Jesus put it this way in the book of Luke, when his disciples remarked that they saw demons come out of humans at the mention of the name of Jesus, Jesus remarked, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”—meaning he was thrown out of the highest heavens. (Inserted – Luke 10:18) Now he is clearly not thrown into the
earth, but there is a prophetic Scripture that says he will be, and that’s where we were in Revelation 12, which says at verse 7, “And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.”

Now this is not a reference to the original war, though this would be true also of the original conflict. In the original conflict, Michael and the angels with him did fight against Satan and the angels with him. And they were thrown out of the highest heavens and they are now resident in the second heavens—“the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”—but at the end of this second round in the war where Michael fights again, where he ends up, is different from where he is now. We have identified that he is now in the heavenly realms. After that second conflict, he will not end up in the second heavens, he will end up on the earth and that’s the difference.

He’s not now on the earth, although the first event of him being thrown out of heaven has occurred. When that occurred he did not end up on the earth, though he comes to the earth and has gone to heaven—back and forth. But when that second war is ended—the second part of the war, “round two” if you like—when that is finished he will end up on the earth… materially different from where he was before. So let’s look at it. This is verse 8, it says, “But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.’” (Inserted – Revelation 12:7-12)

Now… fascinating, isn’t it? The enemy is thrown down and the angels with him thrown down into the earth. They will come out of the heaven and they will come into the earth. The Bible actually speaks to this event of the coming forth into the earth of the demonic. We have been saying that when the demonic falls into the earth, the demon himself—the prince of darkness—has already prepared his way by which he will entrap humans into control—who he will attempt to control them for his own benefit and to his own means and ends. And these systems are the seven heads that are upon this global kingdom and upon each of these seven heads there is at least one horn and on one of the seven heads there are four horns. I’ll come to this later on when we speak about the religious head because I want to give that particularly special treatment.

But the Bible actually speaks about the event that is visible: of the enemy being thrown
out of the heavens into the earth. And I want to set this up with two passages of Scripture. The first is found in the book of Revelation, the 9th chapter, which speaks about one of the trumpets sounding and the Abyss, which in Scripture is “tartaros,” the place of confinement of the demonic. The Abyss is open. Now before I get to that, let me go back to the book of Acts, and show you a sign that is related to the end of the age, this is from Acts, chapter 2. I want to show you by this how our prejudice and our unbelief darkens our understanding. Now here it is said, in Acts 2, and Peter quotes this on the day of Pentecost, it is a quote from the prophet Joel. Acts 2:17, Peter quotes from Joel and there it is said, “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams....” And this part, we have seen one fulfillment of it in the day of Pentecost, but it is not the only fulfillment and a greater fulfillment is yet to come.

But the second part of it we have not seen yet, and that is to come. “I will show,” and this is verse 19 now, and this is a quote from the prophet Joel, Joel, chapter 2, verses 28-32. God says that in these last days then, “I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.” Now here: “The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Inserted – Acts 2:17-21)

Now there have been those who do not take the Scriptures for their plain meaning and they say, “Well you know, the sun will be turned to darkness and the moon will be turned to blood.” And they observe that it says, “blood and fire and billows of smoke.” And they have theorized that this event will likely be the result of a nuclear holocaust—a nuclear exchange that casts dust and debris into the upper atmosphere. Others have also speculated that it might be that the sun is going to be obscured as a result of, perhaps, volcanic eruptions. Do you know that the Scriptures tell us plainly how the sun will be obscured and it is critically related to the coming into the world of the ruler of this world—the prince of darkness.

Here is the answer: “The fifth angel sounded his trumpet,” chapter 9 of the book of Revelation, verse 1. I’m about to show you how the sun will be turned to darkness and that it isn’t a nuclear blast; it is quite something else. “The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.” So this “star” is not like a meteor; this “star” is a personage because he is given a key. You can’t give a key to a meteor. The word is, “aster” and it may refer to a luminary, a figure or it may be to an asteroid—so it is a luminary, it is a figure. He’s called the angel of the Abyss. Verse 2 says, “When he opened the Abyss,”—and this is “tartaros,” the place of the confinement of the demonic, “When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.”
One of the great signs at the end of the age, Acts, chapter 2, "The sun will be turned to darkness." Right before that, "Wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke." (Inserted – Acts 2:19) Where does this smoke come from? Those who would not believe in the opening of the Abyss will tell you the more palatable response, which is: nuclear fallout. No, the Scriptures tell us where the smoke will come from. The smoke will come from the Abyss when it is opened and the demonic hoards come pouring out like a swarm of locusts coming down upon the earth.

If you go on and read the rest of the chapter you will find that some of these beings had wings; they had what looked like crowns of gold on their heads. (Inserted – actual verse — "The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon. – Revelation 9:7-11)

Quite literally, it is describing the descent out of the Abyss of this hoard of angelic beings after they have lost the second round of the battle and they make their entry into the earth from their place in the second heavens. The ruler of this world is coming and he has already prepared his coming. He will rule over a kingdom that he controls and you will not be able to buy or sell. The world is already being configured to accommodate exactly such a global control. But we are not done yet. There is much more to be said. What about these seven systems? How do they relate to virtual reality? Why would the populations of the world want them? These are the things we should continue to discuss. I hope you will join me. I’m Sam Soleyn, I’ll see you then.

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