

Current Affairs #67–Satan is Thrown Out of Heaven

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As we continue to pursue the identity of the beast, the way that the enemy opposes the saints, let us continue with the reading from Revelation 12:3. It says, “And another sign appeared in heaven...” The first sign was, of course, the woman with child.¹

And another sign appeared in heaven: [This sign, of course, is connected to the first sign, or at least it will engage the first sign of the woman with child] behold, a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems [crowns] on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of the heaven and threw them to the earth (Revelation 12:3-4a, comments added in brackets).

That would be his influence leading to the deception of other angels, if you understand that this great fiery red dragon is Satan. And, of course, he continues to wage war against the woman and her child. He is positioning himself and ready to devour the child.² Again, birth pangs to produce the mature Son, the Son who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.³

And her child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (Revelation 12:5b-6).

Now again, this piece I am not unpacking. I simply want to show you what this beast is—that which wages war against the saints—which in prior broadcasts I had shown you from the Scriptures, was torn apart. It was destroyed. The destroyer was destroyed, and the authority and

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Revelation 12:1-2: “Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”

² See Revelation 12:4b: “And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

³ See Revelation 12:5a: “She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.”

greatness of all the kingdoms on the earth were given to the saints of the Most High.⁴ So we know how the end will be.

Now I want to connect this fiery red dragon with the serpent from the Garden of Eden. Because, I am saying that this kingdom of seven heads and ten horns—which Daniel tells us, this beast of seven heads and ten horns, Daniel tells us is a kingdom—I want to connect this beast with the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Verse 7 says, “And war broke out in heaven.” Now, we know there are three heavens. We know the present location of the demonic forces in the heavens is in the second heavens— “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”⁵ And so this war, when Jesus was speaking, He said, “I saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven” (cf. Luke 10:18). So, there was a time when Satan was amongst the angels that served God. In his rebellion, he was thrown out, but he was not thrown into the earth; he was thrown into the second heavens. Now he is about to be thrown out of the second heavens, into the earth. So verse 7 of Revelation 12 says,

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 (Revelation 12:7-8).

- “And war broke out in heaven”— So we know it is the second heaven.
- “Michael and his angels fought with the dragon”— Now, that is coming right after this great red dragon.
- “and the dragon and his angels fought”— So whoever this dragon is, he is attended by angels who were fighting against Michael and the angels under Michael’s command.
- “but they did not prevail” — The dragon and his angels did not prevail against Michael and his angels. This is not the original war that Jesus references when He said, “I saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven.” That is the original war. That is when he waged war in the

⁴ See Daniel 7:26-27a BSB: “But the court will convene, and his dominion will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, dominion, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.”

⁵ See Ephesians 6:12 NIV: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

first instance and was cast out. He resides now in the second heavens— “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” This is round two, and he loses round two again. Michael and his angels kick him out of the second heavens:

- “they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer”— Alright? They are done with heaven.

So the great dragon was cast out, [Pay close attention to this:] that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world... (Revelation 12:9a)

So, who is the dragon? That serpent of old. What serpent of old? “Now the serpent was more subtle than any of the beasts of the field”⁶—the form in which Satan came into the Garden to tempt man, to lie to him, to appeal to the lust of his soul: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. All three elements he brought with him when he came into creation. His temptation was to stir up these lusts within the soul, which flourish whenever the soul of man is not subject to his spirit. That is where the ancient serpent made his first appearance in creation. Now this is the same actor. He had been acting invisibly from the second heavens with his angels: the prince of Persia, the prince of Greece, to name two of the mighty angels who had been thrown out with him in the heavens. Now they are cast out into the earth, and who he is, is not remotely in doubt. He “who deceives the whole world” is this old serpent called the Devil and Ha-Satan, the accuser of the brethren, who deceives the whole earth. How does he deceive the whole earth? He deceives the whole earth by appealing to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. That is how he deceives the whole earth.

...he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:9b).

The heavens now are evacuated of the demonic presence. I suspect that things get very rough on the earth because that is the only other place in creation that they can go to. God created the heavens and the earth. If you are not in the heavens, where are you? You are going to be on the earth.

⁶ See Genesis 3:1 KJV: “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come...” (Revelation 12:10a)

Have come where? To the earth—have come to His people. This is the point at which that last endowment of the sovereign authority of Christ, that had waited for long ages past to be put on display to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms, now was going to be put on display on the earth. And by the way, that is another passage that speaks of the principalities and powers in the heavenly realms. That is from Ephesians 3—that God always intended to manifest, to put on display, the Son who is in the image and likeness of His Father, before principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this age, to put it on display to them.⁷

“Now salvation...” (see verse 10a)—this is not about going to heaven; this is about being saved out of the kingdom of darkness. For God has translated us from the rule of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son of God.⁸ Now is the conflict of kingdoms. Mankind, in the Body of Christ, and only mankind in the Body of Christ— “His intent was that now, through the church,” which is His body—mankind assembled into Christ are going to oppose the enemy, and the enemy is going to oppose them. But again, there is the reserve of salvation, meaning, they are not under his control anymore. They are under the control of the headship of Christ, and they have been brought to maturity, so they have the strength. These are powerful words: “...and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ has come (see verse 10a).”

You should be hearing an echo in your head from the Scripture in Ephesians, the 6th chapter, verse 10, that says,

- “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord”—that is your salvation; your salvation is, you are in Him— “be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”

⁷ See Ephesians 3:10-11 NIV: “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

⁸ See Colossians 1:13: “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”

- “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ have come” (cf. Revelation 12:10b).
- “Be strong in the Lord, and in His mighty power,” Ephesians says. “Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may take your stand against the devil’s schemes—deceptions. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (cf. Ephesians 6:11-12)

We were prepared ahead of time with these teachings from Paul and other writers of the New Testament, and we should have been growing up so that we could assume our position in Christ—the salvation out of the kingdom of darkness that that means. That through the power and the authority of Christ, we would be becoming the plenipotentiary—the potential of seeing the plenary power of Christ—and becoming the executive authority, the *exousia*⁹ of His power, of His *dunamis*.¹⁰ These are the things that should have been long taught.

Look, any church group that has not been preparing the people of God to become mature is already behind the curve. This foolish gospel, which is no gospel at all, of being raptured out of here, and I call it again, foolish, because nowhere in the Scriptures does it suggest we are not going to be here. No. It would be absurd that we would not be here. How then will the glory of God be shown in the earth, and against whom? The glory of God is shown in the earth in the saints, in the way they overcome the enemy when his best scheme, his ultimate scheme—this beast of seven heads and ten horns—is mobilized against that which belongs to the Lord, and from the heavens God is saying, “Now watch this. Watch how they overcome him. His best scheme, seven heads, ten horns, ten crowns on the ten horns, and one that speaks blasphemous things against heaven—watch. Watch as I move My army against him, because he has nothing in them.”

⁹ See *exousia*, Strong’s Greek 1849 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/1849.htm>

¹⁰ See *dunamis*, Strong’s Greek 1411 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/1411.htm>

Jesus said, “Satan is coming. But when he does, he will find nothing in Me.”¹¹ What is He saying? He is saying, “I do not depend on him. I am not of his kingdom. He does not command Me. I am not under his sway. I am not under his rule. I am not subject to anything that he has thought up. He will find nothing in Me.” And as sure as that was true of Christ, it will be true of the Body of Christ that confronts the enemy in that time. In my estimation, we are now in the time of the beginnings of sorrows where there is the birth of this mature man coming forth in newness. So, in that sense, he is a child—never has been on the earth before. His antecedent has been. The first order of His appearing has been, but not the mature corporate Son at the end of the age. And here is what it says,

...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they [the brethren] overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death (Revelation 12:10b-11).

- “by the blood of the Lamb”— They were saved out of his domain.
- “by the word of their testimony”—They stood in the mighty strength of God, clothed with His authority, which is what you are when you are in His Kingdom, His basilica, which is the word “kingdom,” or *basileia*¹² in the Greek. His basilica is the foundation or basis of His authority and rule. So, you will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony: That you are not of this world. You are not subject to Satan’s domain. You are of Christ, and therefore, having submitted to Christ, you are able to resist the devil, and he must flee from you.¹³
- “and they did not love their lives to the death”— He could not threaten you. You have overcome the lust of the flesh, the addiction to being alive by any and every means.

¹¹ See John 14:30: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”

¹² See *basileia*, Strong’s Greek 932 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/932.htm>

¹³ See James 4:7: “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! [Now look:] 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).

When he is kicked out of the heavens, he can no longer operate from a position of anonymity. He cannot be the wizard behind the screen pulling the strings. He has to be overt. He is denied the cloak of invisibility from behind which to practice his deception. Now it is kingdom against kingdom. It is this fourth kingdom, seen in Daniel, seen again in the Revelation, in operation against the saints. Now, he knows that he has a short time before he is stripped of his authority and the saints are given authority over all that he claims to have command of.

Right after this it says,

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name (Revelation 13:1).

So that is the depiction. The beast is the depiction of the ancient dragon, the fiery red dragon. It is same description: seven heads, ten horns, ten crowns on the ten horns (each horn having a crown on it), and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion (Revelation 13:2a).

Again, we are looking at the reverse of the order in which Daniel saw them. Daniel saw a lion, a bear, and a leopard. But now when John sees them in the Revelation, it is the leopard, the bear, and the lion. Daniel is looking prospectively into history. The first kingdom closest to him is typified by the lion, the one next further from him is the bear, and the furthest from him is the leopard; and ultimately, the furthest one is the fourth great beast with seven heads and ten horns. John is looking back, and the leopard is nearest to him, the bear is further back in time, and the lion is closest to Daniel’s time. John said, “I saw a beast” (cf. Revelation 13:1), which means the

three predecessors have been rolled up in to the one. So all the ways in which the craft of the enemy has been presented systemically in the earth in the form of kingdoms, are now rolled into this beast of seven heads and ten horns. These are great mysteries, but they are not impenetrable mysteries. In fact, you are hearing the revelation of ancient mysteries. This is a time of understanding.

He goes on and says,

...The dragon [Satan] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³And 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. ⁴So 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?”

⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. (Revelation 13:2b-6, comments added in brackets).

- “The dragon”—Who would be the dragon? The fiery red dragon, that ancient serpent, the devil or Satan. So the dragon, Satan, “gave his power, his throne, and great authority to the beast” (cf. Revelation 13:2b). This kingdom, then, is Satan’s kingdom. The beast is a kingdom.
- And mankind “worshipped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war against him?’” (cf. Revelation 13:4).
- And then the beast was given a mouth and was speaking blasphemous things against the Most High (cf. Revelation 13:5-6).

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).

I talked the last time about how it is this horn that came up, that had a mouth, that was granted to that horn to make war with the saints and to overcome them. Here, I was speaking about the fact that the manner of the warfare against the saints is not to entrap us in the economy of this beast, but to declare things by way of a propaganda war, a cultural war. And we will not prevail against the deceptions of this cultural war. People will listen to what is being said by the beast before they will listen to us. Here is what the Scriptures say, “In the last days, men will not endure sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will heap to themselves—they will go and fetch—teachers who agree with them, teachers after their own lusts; and they will turn away from the truth, and they will turn to fables.”¹⁴

Right now, this could not be more on point. Right now, there is such a war on the truth in the earth, and people disagree in the most hideous of ways with anything other than what they choose to believe. Right now, a war is being waged in the air between various television networks. People listen to these networks on the basis of what the people want to hear. And the teachers are now teachers on television to tell the people what they want to hear. People are deceived because of their lusts: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

That is where I want to pick up when we come back, because that is where the deception is effective and the craft of the devil, his entire kingdom, is structured to appeal to these lusts. Seven heads, ten horns—that is where we will start when we come back.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will see you then.

¹⁴ See 2 Timothy 4:3-4 KJV: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”