

Rebellion and Redemption

#1- Crisis in Heaven

Memory Verse - **Hand out Scriptures to read**

Revelation 7:10 (NKJV) and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Isa 14:4, 12–15; Ezek 28:2, 13 12–19; John 12:31; Rev 12:7–16; Luke 10:1–21

The Fall in Heaven

Isaiah 14:4 (NKJV) *that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:*

Isaiah 14:12–15 (NKJV) *"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! ¹³For 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; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.*

What power was the devil working through?

Revelation 12:3–4 (NKJV) *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.*

***Daniel 10:13 (NKJV)** *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

Daniel 4:30 (NKJV) *The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"*

Ezekiel 28:1–2 (NKJV) *The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, ² "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god*

Herod wanted to be worshiped like a God. Acts 12

Ezekiel 28:12–19 (NKJV) READ

"Little by little Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation" - Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 35.

The Prince of This World

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

John 16:11 (KJV) *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

***1 John 5:19 (NKJV)** *We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV) *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

Luke 10:18–19 (NKJV) *And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Adam and Eve lost the dominion.

Romans 6:16 (NKJV) *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

Job 1:6–7 (NKJV) *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ 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."*

Walking "to and fro" or "walking back and forth" in Scripture is a sign of ownership. When God gave the land to Abraham, He told him to walk its length and breadth (*Gen. 13:17*),

War in Heaven

Revelation 12:7–9 (NKJV) *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

The term "civil war" is something of an oxymoron. There are several examples of civil wars in the Old Testament. When Absalom rebelled against David. And Saul tried to eradicate David.

At one time 11 tribes took up arms against Benjamin and they went from being one of the largest tribes to one of the smallest.

The war in heaven was largely a war of ideology. We don't know what kind of weapons were used. Angels are spiritual creatures so what kind of weapons would they use in the conflict?

1 Chronicles 21:16 (ESV) *And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.*

***Ezekiel 9:2** (NKJV) *And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand.*

Battle ax here means a “shattering weapon”.

Four (4) great threats are described there, but each is followed by an incredible deliverance.

In a dramatic vision John is shown the struggle between Christ and Satan and how totally mismatched 4 it all appears to be.

1. For instance, a great red dragon (*Satan, Rev. 12:9*) prepares to eat a baby (Jesus) about to be born. What baby could survive that? But He does and is caught up to the throne of God.
2. The dragon then attempts to persecute the mother (a symbol of the people of God; *see Rev. 12:13*). How much can a mother 10 who has just given birth defend herself against a dragon? But 11 she also escapes miraculously (*vs. 14*).
3. In a third attempt to destroy God's chosen, the dragon causes a flood to gush out after the woman (*vs. 15*). A woman against a flood? But, again, God steps in and delivers her (*vs. 15 16*).
4. The dragon now turns his attention to the remnant of the woman's seed. He is furious and wars against them. History clearly shows how God's people have been hunted, oppressed, and persecuted over the years. Too often we see the impossibility of the struggle and wonder how the faithful will survive, forgetting that the story does not end there. It continues in Revelation 14, where we see the faithful standing before God's throne; thus, they, too, have been delivered.

Satan Evicted

Luke 10:17–20 (NKJV) *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*

Colossians 2:15 (NKJV) *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

***John 12:31** *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

The Continuing Battle

John 16:33 (NKJV) *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

Romans 16:20 (NKJV) *And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.*

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) *And they 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.*

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV) *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*