



Satan Our Enemy

Our Wednesday night auditorium class has been studying the book of Daniel. In that book Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel both had dreams of the future of world empires. Both were troubled by what they saw in their dreams. However, especially Daniel was troubled by what he saw – *“As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them”* Daniel 7:21 (ESV). And, when his dream was interpreted for him, he was told in Daniel 7:25 (ESV)

He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

So, Daniel was foreseeing that at the time we now live we will be doing war with Satan, but Satan’s time to do battle will be limited.

John saw the same in Revelation 12:10-12 (ESV)

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Satan has been cast down and he knows his time to wreak havoc on God’s people is limited. Therefore, he will attack us mercilessly to make the most use of his time.

Both Daniel and John were told that eventually God would judge and that the Son of Man would rule eternally (Daniel 7:14). Also, that God would be the final judge and destroy Satan in the end (Daniel 7:26-27 ESV).

*But the court shall sit in judgment,
and his dominion shall be taken away,
to be consumed and destroyed to the end.
And the kingdom and the dominion
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the
whole heaven
shall be given to the people of the saints of the
Most High;
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

So, be prepared to do battle and arm yourself with the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). Finally, take comfort in the fact that Jesus told us “*I am with you always, to the end of the age*” Matthew 28:20 (ESV).

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