

EVIL CAN'T WIN

Part 2: Satan Can't Win

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Please turn to *Revelation 12:7*

LAST WEEK:

- Evil cannot win because it can't sustain itself.
- Evil depends on good like a cancer depends on a healthy body to nourish it.
- God and good existed first and without evil.
- Sin was first discovered in Lucifer, who then spread it to mankind.
- Mankind existed in a state of good without evil.
- Evil exists only as a response to good—not the other way around.
- Marriage is good and existed without adultery.
- Life is good and once existed without death...and will again.
- Possession is good and existed without theft.
- Truth is of God and existed without lying.
- Light doesn't need darkness, darkness needs light.
- God doesn't need Satan, Satan needs God.
- Good doesn't need evil, evil needs good.
- We don't need our sin, it needs us.
- It's lied to us for too long, trying to convince us we can't live w/o it.
- Jesus designed us to live without evil and has already performed surgery on our spirits, cutting out the cancer of darkness.
- At the Resurrection He'll remake us at complete beings of Light and righteousness!

TODAY: The Devil cannot win. **Without God and righteousness, he has NO purpose.** He cannot sustain himself and therefore cannot endure. He doesn't have everlasting life like we do.

Suggestion: *let's stop giving him so much power.* Over the world, over our country, and over our lives. Perhaps he doesn't have as much as we think he does. Especially if he's a parasite, which he is. He actually depends on the Church and not the other way around.

Ezekiel 28:13 suggests that, before he fell, **Lucifer was the worship leader in heaven** and ministered directly to God around the throne. If that's true, that was his original purpose when he was still good. After sin was found within him, however, *his purpose changed and became MORTAL.*

You are I are used to that: **having a purpose that's temporary and either changes or ends completely.**

- When we went to school that was temporary and eventually ended.
- Even if we worked the same job for 40 years we retired.
- When the kids lived at home we had one purpose...which changed when they left.

Being mortal, **we're used to things coming to an end.** It doesn't mean we like it, but we accept it as part of life. How do we know that things will change and end? ***Because our "default" mode is mortality.*** We don't know what it's like to have forever either within us or without. We grow older and change, society transforms into something we don't recognize, and so does the world. Things never stay the same no matter how much we try and preserve them.

Lucifer was the opposite: he was created as an immortal angel and God gifted him with great wisdom and beauty. As soon as he came into being, ***the Lord gave him PURPOSE that was designed to last forever***—to stand in the very presence of God and lead worship.

Pause: **when we get to Revelation 4:6 we see God's worship team** who either replaced Lucifer or were part of the original band who never fell—4 “beasts” who sing, declare, and fall down on their faces 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Lucifer was once one of these beings and even led them.

ONCE DARKNESS WAS FOUND WITHIN HIM, HOWEVER, HE TRANSFORMED...AND SO DID HIS PURPOSE. BOTH became mortal...both began to DIE. When Lucifer and his angels rebelled against the Lord, this is what God prophesied over them:

[Psa 82:6-7 KJV] 6 I have said, “Ye [are] gods (angels); and all of you [are] children of the most High.” 7 **But ye shall die like men,** and fall like one of the princes.

In *Isaiah 14*, the Lord tells Lucifer his days are numbered and that he'll end up in Hell on Judgment Day.

Jesus gives us the eternal destiny for Satan which is a place called ***“The Lake of Fire”***:

[Mat 25:41 KJV] 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, **prepared for the devil and his angels:**

Pause and consider: **the LOF was PREPARED (ahead of time) for the devil and his angels**. A supermax prison where they will stay for the rest of their lives when the time comes.

In the days of Jesus there was **slang name for the Dead Sea: the Lake of Fire**. Why? Back then anyone who couldn't afford a gravesite was burned and the ashes thrown into the Jordan River. Did you know that "Jordan River" means "River of Death" or "Death River"? It was named so because the ashes of the dead were thrown in there so they would be swept away downstream...and they ended up the Dead Sea...the LOF.

My point in explaining all that was that **it spoke of mortality and death**—that one would end up as nothing more than ashes which was supposed to be the fate of mortal man alone. Thus when Jesus declared that the LOF was PREPARED for the Devil and his angels it speaks to Lucifer's destiny going from *being immortal and having a purpose meant to be everlasting...to being mortal and having a purpose that comes to an end*.

His fallen/mortal purpose is to the Enemy of both God and humankind...and this purpose will come to an end! It's not forever!

The word "Satan" isn't a name like mine is Scott, **it's a job description that means adversary**. In the spirit world he was the conduit through which all evil has come through and how it came to mankind. In the physical world Adam had the same purpose.

Jesus Christ killed 2 birds with one stone at the Cross and Resurrection: both in the spirit and physical He was and IS the source of which all good, righteousness, and immortality flow through. Spirit came first and, at the Resurrection, the physical will follow. (See Romans 5).

A DAY WILL COME WHEN SATAN'S JOB COMES TO AN END. When that happens he will no longer be necessary. His purpose will be fulfilled and THEN it's time for him to get locked away...forever. Consider: *the original source of evil finally cut out like a cancer by Surgeon Jesus!*

Let's review the series of events that will lead to this. Right now Satan lives in the heavenly dimensions which is why he's still called the Prince of the Power of the AIR. During the last remaining years right before the Second Coming, Satan's final fall begins:

[Rev 12:7-9 KJV] 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven.** 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Let's take stock.

- Satan can't even beat Michael. Do you think he has a chance against Jesus?
- There's a lot more good guys than bad guys...lots more.
- After this battle, Satan will NEVER again dwell in the heavenlies.

That matters because **the heavenly dimensions are the abode of authority and rulership**. A place of "gods" who are worshipped, who are immortal and have a higher purpose. When Satan is kicked out of there he is dethroned and his immortality is stripped away from him. He is cast to the earth to die like a mortal man.

Our destiny is the opposite!

- We were born mortal and then were born-again into immortality!
- We were born in sin and then reborn into the righteousness of Christ!
- We will go from death to life everlasting!
- We will be resurrected and lifted UP into the heavenly dimensions where Jesus will place US on thrones of rulership!

The Dragon HATES this and hates us for it! Everything Jesus took from him, He's giving to us! So he'll lie, cheat, steal, murder, and deceive as long as he can KNOWING his days are numbered! There's nothing he can do to change his destiny! He's dying and he knows it! His purpose is draining out of him like the last water from a bath that swirls down the drain. He knows that when said assignment of being the Enemy comes to an end, he's OUT of the game.

What about us, the Church? Can we overcome Satan? It's tempting to look at him and see him as this big bad Dragon, a strong angel with all sorts of powers. That we're nothing to him and, despite his rebellion, he could still squash us like a bug. Is that true?

[Rev 12:11 KJV] 11 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.

"They" are saints alive during the Tribulation, anyone whose received Christ as their Savior. And "they" are overcoming Lucifer himself who is now on earth. Not just minor demons or "imps of Hell" but the Big Guy himself. Let's progress to the next step of Lucifer's life and purpose coming to an end:

[Rev 20:1-3 KJV] 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

This takes place **immediately after the Second Coming** and the Battle of Armageddon. After the Antichrist and his army is defeated, it's time for Lucifer. It's here that the prophecies of both Isaiah and Ezekiel are fulfilled: that the devil is cast down into Hell and imprisoned there for 1000 years while Christ reigns on the surface. The end of verse 3 is disturbing: ***he is set free for a short time***. What does that mean and why does it need to happen? Let's go there.

[Rev 20:7-10 KJV] 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 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.

WHY is Satan set loose from jail? To play his role as Adversary and TEMPTER one last time. For what reason? At that point Jesus is HERE and has been here ruling for 1000 years. He will be the perfect King and God reigning with a combo of justice and compassion. No more imperfect politicians with flaws like we deal with now, King Jesus will be perfect in every way.

Satan is released for the same reason he was allowed in the GOE in the beginning: to provide mankind with a choice of either God or the Devil. Just as Adam & Eve had everything and still chose the Devil, some people at the end will have Jesus here in Person and still choose the Dragon. Believe his lies and turn against the Lord.

After this final reckoning here at the end of time, where the Lord seems to take care of the rebellion with fire, **Satan is finally thrown into the Supermax prison called the LOF**...and there he will remain forever. The source of all evil will finally be removed from the earth, cut out like a cancer.

Satan's purpose will be over and thus evil will end: for all time.

All of humanity and angels will only know GOOD afterwards. Sin and darkness will never again be able to feed off from us.

Eternity begins here. A new sky and earth will be created by God as creation experiences its own resurrection from the dead. The NJ will descend from God's Heaven and be here on earth forever. Jesus will live there and so will we. Darkness, evil, and sin have died and are gone forever:

[Rev 21:23-27 KJV] 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Read that again: ***no darkness not even a shadow cast!*** Light CAN and WILL exist without ANY aspect of darkness and it will be everywhere. No sin, no evil, nothing like that will exist in His Kingdom.

- We will no longer know both good and evil.
- We will no longer see both God and the Devil.
- We will no longer have to choose between righteousness and sin.
- We will only know God, good, and righteousness...and we'll be HAPPY!