

Satan Was “Cast Out”

Did you catch the significance of the 3rd stage? It is essential that you do! Remember Revelation 12:9? What word occurs there 3 times? _____ Note also that the same word appears in vss. 10 and 13. Clearly, this is an important truth to have been mentioned five times in three verses. When did this event take place? According to Jesus Christ in John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11 it occurred at the _____. But why there? Because at the _____ perfect love and perfect hate stood face to face. The holy character and nature of _____ stood in direct contrast to the selfish character and nature of _____. Perfect love and perfect evil had a stare-down, and perfect love, in the face of Jesus Christ, prevailed. Praise God!

The Cross settled the matter once and for all in heaven. Heavenly angels relinquished any and all remaining questions, or “sympathies for the devil”. Heaven saw plainly that Satan was a _____ who wanted nothing more than to promote his own selfish plans and schemes. (See John 8:44). The cross made a fool out of the devil. At the cross, Satan bore his chest only to receive the promised stroke of death. (See Colossians 2:14, 15) The only place in the entire universe that is still undecided about God’s way versus Satan’s way is: _____. We alone are undecided!

A close look at Revelation 12 makes all of this plainer still. Vss. 7-9 make it clear that _____ was “cast out”. V. 10 then gives the context, “_____ salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.” When did this happen? At the _____. Verse 12 then calls for the _____ to “rejoice”, but promises _____ to the earth! Why? Simple, because Satan was no longer allowed even limited access to Heaven. He now, after the Cross, was confined to this planet. The rest of v. 12 makes this clearer still when it says that following this “casting down”, the devil “knows that he has a short time”. The Cross sealed his fate, just as Genesis 3:15 had promised. From v. 12 down to v. 17, the battle only intensifies. Like a rabid dog who knows he will die, Satan pours out his last bit of hateful fury on planet earth, and especially the followers of Jesus Christ. But Christ’s followers are promised victory.

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Discover: The War Behind the Wars part 1

We live in an age in which, sadly, war is common. All war is ugly. The loss of life and resources from war is inestimable. Even so-called “just” wars leave a trail of residual suffering and death that extends beyond the punishment directed toward the offender. The pain and despair created stretches for years and decades into future generations. In the last 150 years this planet has witnessed the most deadly and terrible wars ever. Yet, as horrific as these wars were (and are), they are comparatively insignificant to the first war ever fought. This first war had the most terrible ramifications. In fact all wars since then are the direct result of that first war. Worse yet, that first war is still being fought! And the battle is intensifying, not abating.

In order to understand the Book of Revelation we must grasp the profound significance of this First War. It sets the backdrop for the entire book. This is exactly what we will attempt to do in this lesson. We will discover that we are all very involved in this great war—the war behind the wars.

Revelation 12, The Great Battle

What are the five main elements, or divisions of this pivotal chapter?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What does a woman represent in Bible prophecy? _____

Give two supporting texts _____ & _____

According to v. 9 what does the Dragon represent? _____

More than any other chapter in the book, Revelation chapter _____ describes the great battle that is waging between the forces of light and darkness, good and evil. This chapter “pulls back the curtain” that separates the seen from the unseen and enables us to see what is going on “behind the scenes”. In order to grasp Revelation as a whole, we must understand this chapter. Many scholars and commentators agree that this chapter represents the focal point, the pinnacle of the entire book of Revelation!

Eden to Eden

The Bible is more easily understood against the backdrop of the _____ state of man (and this planet), as contrasted with the _____ state of man (and this planet). In the beginning, before the entrance of sin, we see a perfect couple in perfect communion with a _____. This is described in Genesis 1 and 2. The couple lived in the Garden of _____. Significantly, when we move from the first two chapters of the Bible to the last two, Revelation 21 and 22, we find *the very same thing*, namely, a perfect people in perfect communion with a _____!

Note the following diagram. The left line represents _____. The right line represents _____. The Cross in the center symbolizes the death of Jesus Christ that rescues believers from the downward spiral of sin. Tracing a line downward toward the Cross from the left represents man’s downward spiral into sin, selfishness, and death. Then, tracing a line upward from the Cross to the top of the right line symbolizes man’s potential recovery, if the salvation secured for him/ her on the Cross is _____ *received*.



Battle to Battle

This is where things really get amazing! Not only are the two Eden’s like “bookends” on the entire Bible, there are also two battles that act very much the same way. If you move one chapter forward from Genesis 1 and 2, what chapter would you be in? _____. This chapter tells the story of the _____ battle that God fought with the serpent (Satan) on this planet. Now if you move one chapter backward from Revelation 21 and 22, what chapter would you be in? _____. This chapter tells the story of the _____ battle fought with the serpent (Satan) on this planet. Amazing! So not only are there two Edens, there are two Battles that “bookend” the Bible. This larger picture helps us to see the major themes of the Bible—the vindication of God, the redemption of man, and the victory over Satan and sin. Add the two battles to your diagram; this should really help you to see the Bible from a larger, overarching perspective.

The 6 Stages of Revelation’s Great Battle

Now we will trace six distinct phases of this great battle, and the eventual and promised victory of Jesus Christ, right through the entire Bible. You will be amazed as you see this unfold right before your eyes. This is no *make believe* battle, it is as real as the chair you are sitting on. Write out the 6 stages and give the Bible references for each one.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.