

# God's Big Picture

## 2. War Against God

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### Sometimes we are 'collateral damage' in this spiritual WARFARE, of Satan verses Jesus & His Church.

Living in a semi-stable country, quiet community, nice church, and NOT reading your Bible much and not thinking too deeply, one could easily think the Christian life is an easy one and we just go from blessing to blessing. But that is NOT the reality in the Lord's Spiritual Kingdom - there IS a war on. We need to open our spiritual eyes, so "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting". Eph. 4:14

Satan, as the prince and ruler of this world, has his "anti-God" message throughout the media, government and education systems, and it is getting worse year by year. We see it in movies, TV, songs, abortion, hate-speech, evolution, video games, advertising. We get it from our work mates, neighbours, people on the street, sometimes even from our own family. The Devil and his demons are very busy in our world today.

But we need to see this from God's viewpoint. Satan is here to test mankind. God is after people who have chosen to follow Him and love Him, to take them to heaven. This means we live in a fallen world and need God's help daily to stand firm against the evil one. Put on God's armour (Ephesians 6:14-18) and STAND.

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles." *Matt. 10:16-18*

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them." *2 Tim 12:14*

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." *Eph. 6:10-13*

#### Satan's Journey to Judgement

Angels created to serve God as messengers and warriors, etc. Lucifer was the top angel and was described as being the most beautiful creature that God had ever created, a splendid being that was perfect in every way. Ezekiel 28:15

Lucifer (angel of Light) became so impressed with his own beauty, intelligence, power and position that he began to desire for himself the honour and glory that belonged to God alone. This pride represents the actual beginning of sin in the universe, preceding the fall of the human Adam by an indeterminate time. Lucifer is cast out of heaven, and 1/3 of the angels choose to go with him. They are then referred to as demons and are the arch-enemy of a Holy God and His chosen people Israel, and His new bride, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Satan deceives Eve and causes Adam to commit sin against the Lord. God promises the coming "seed of the woman" will crush Satan's head. Adam & Eve's domination of the world is now given over to Satan.

Jesus Christ came "that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil". Heb 2:14  
"He (God) has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love". Col. 1:13

In the Tribulation, Satan, along with the Beast (the antichrist) and the False Prophet attempt their final stand against Christ at battle of Armageddon, the "battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16:14-16

Following Satan's defeat at Armageddon, he is bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit. He is prevented from influencing humans during Christ's reign on earth. Rev. 20:1-9

Satan is released from his prison for a short time to test the nations, those born on earth during the 1,000 year millennium.

Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. Rev. 20:10

