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**THE GREAT WAR MICHAEL VS. SATAN**





***As we enter this phase of the book of Revelation, we must be careful not to hold Satan's unbiblical view. We find two positions that most welcome – deny his existence or giving Satan and his demons TOO much credit. If anyone loves “negative press,” that would be Satan. Keep in mind; his primary objective is to seek to create confusion about his true nature and purpose.***

**#47 OVERVIEW**

# THE GREAT WAR OF MICHAEL

*And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then 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 brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she \*was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

Revelation 12:7-17



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# THE WAR IN HEAVEN

***Wars in heaven? We need to start by keeping Satan in his proper place. No, he is not in the eternal Heaven where God dwells. Only the purified and Holy are allowed in the Lord's eternal Tabernacle. The word "heaven" here is ouranos = sky or extension of Heaven. The reason why it is critical to understand the organic text is to avoid confusion. We cannot confuse this passage when Satan was thrown down to the ground after attempting to take God's throne. Another critical factor here is that in our passage, Satan, AND his demon angels, are at war with Michael the Archangel - not with God directly. Secondly, Archangel Michael is in the extended "sky" or heaven surrounding the third Heaven, which holds God's presence.***

**Most people believe they are going to heaven when they die. At most funerals, you hear the grievers talk about the dead one “**looking down from heaven**” or “**they're in a better place.**” While this is true for true indwelt believers who die, these kinds of statements comfort the griever in most cases. Fact is, 90% of the dead are nowhere close to the third Heaven. In actuality, the Bible describes three heavens, not just one.**

*The first heaven mentioned in Scripture is the sky: the abode of birds, kites, and airplanes. **Genesis 1:20, Job 12:7, and Psalm 8:8** (among many other verses) speak of this first heaven.*

*The second heaven described in Scripture is "outer space": the abode of the sun, the moon, and the stars. **Genesis 15:5, Deuteronomy 4:19, Psalm 8:3** all mention this second heaven.*

*The third heaven is addressed in **2 Cor. 12:2-4** - the spiritual realm that is the abode of God the Father, God the Son, the Holy Spirit, Holy Angels, the 24 Elders, and the Saints who accepted Jesus as God.*

# THREE PRIMARY HEAVENS

# THE GREAT ARCHANGEL, **MICHAEL**

*Michael is the angel in charge of warfare. Being titled as the leading Archangel, he carries the responsibility of leading all angels. Even though he plays an active role, always alert, always in-play, he is only mentioned in the Word five times (**Daniel 10:13; Daniel 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7 and I Thessalonians 4:16**). As with all of God's secret weapons, Michael is God's most powerful defense lacking in fame and attention.*

# THE DELUSIONAL SATAN

Up to now, Satan has been under the impression that he is the owner of the entire earth. Remember when he attempted to negotiate with Jesus:

*Again, the devil \*took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus \*said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"* (Matthew 4:5-10)

# THE BIRTH PANGS OF THIS **EVENT**

*For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (Romans 8:22)*

Everything groans for this final war to be over - everything, even the earth. God's creation is out of sync because of what the devil did. It all needs to be made straight, in Heaven and on earth. Colossians openly tells us how all this is to be done.

*For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (Colossians 1:20)*



- 1. The Great Dragon** - due to his relentless acts of vengeance.
- 2. The Old Serpent** - the not so affectionate term God gave Him after He put him on his belly in the Garden after he deceived Adam and Eve. Like a serpent - crafty and forever cunning and full of empty deception. Yes, Satan is a SNAKE.
- 3. The Devil** - seems to be one of God's favorite names for him. The name "devil" is used more than his other names.
- 4. Satan** - my personal favorite. It appears to be the name that brings more negative reactions to man, beast, and the spirit world because it formalizes his political aspirations and goals - one ruler over the earth.

# FOUR PRIMARY NAMES OF SATAN



## **SATAN SHAKEN TO THE CORE**

**Once Satan was shaken to the core with the reality that he was thrown down to the earth - again, he began persecuting the woman (Israel) who brought the Man Child. Interesting as it is, the Woman was given two wings of an eagle, which she might fly into the wilderness into her place. Will Satan know where she is? Does Satan have that kind of supernatural Omni-sight? This is one of those passages that reveal that Satan does not have the type of power the "Christian" church is used to giving him. The answer to these questions is NO! Even IF he did know where this secret hiding place was, which I doubt, he still could not touch them. We need to remember that deception makes us blind to Truth.**



***Fact. The God of the Woman (Israel/Bride of Christ) is not lazy, does not sleep, never changes, and is 100% committed to His own Word. If He said it - He will do it. If you have not been completely sold out to the sovereignty of God, give yourself time. However, don't wait too long. The day of Rapture is upon us.***

**IN CONCLUSION**

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**THE TWO BEASTS**



## **WILL YOU BE READY? Salvation Prayer**



***Loving heavenly Father, I take by faith the helmet of salvation. I recognize that my salvation is the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cover my mind with Him. I desire that He put His mind within me. Let my thoughts be His thoughts. I open my mind fully and only to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ. I replace my own selfish and sinful thoughts with His. I reject every projected thought of Satan and his demons and request instead the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant me the wisdom to discern thoughts that are from the world, my old sin nature, and Satan's kingdom.***

***I believe Jesus is Your Son, He died on the cross for my sins, and Jesus is God. I believe in the Trinity, You as the Father, Jesus as the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. I confess I have been a sinner – totally separated from You.***

***I choose to accept Your forgiveness for my sins, through the power of the blood of Jesus which was shed for me on the cross. I now ask that you send the Holy Spirit to live inside my mortal body. (Pause for a moment)***

***I praise You, heavenly Father, that I may know the mind of Christ, as I hide Your Word within my heart and mind. Open my heart to love Your Word. Grant to me the ability and capacity to memorize large portions of it. May Your Word be ever over my mind like a helmet of strength, which Satan's projected thoughts cannot penetrate. Cause me to allow the Holy Spirit (the Life of Christ) within me to fulfill the discipline of daily living, to appropriate Your Salvation. These things I lay before You in the precious name of my new Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!***



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