

WAR IN HEAVEN

REV. 12:7-11

Introduction:

- A. Satan sinned against God.
 - 1. It was inward. Isaiah 14:13-14, "in thine heart."
 - 2. It was discovered. "iniquity was found in thee."
 - 3. It was outward. "How art thou fallen?"

- B. Satan has been rebelling against God since he was cast out! Ezek. 28:16; Rev. 8:5.
 - 1. Satan has limited power.
 - 2. He is the "prince of the power of the air."
 - 3. Some of the angels that followed him in rebellion are chained and some are not.
 - a. Rev. 9:14, "loose the four angels which are bound in the river Euphrates."
 - b. Others are demons, to do Satan's work.

- C. At this time there is not war in heaven.
 - 1. God has not taken to Him His power. v11:17.
 - 2. The Devil is a roaring lion. I Peter 5:8.
 - 3. He is the adversary, accuser, prosecuting Attorney.

I. THE FINAL WAR IN HEAVEN. V7-9

- A. "And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon."
 - 1. war = polemos = war.
 - 2. fought = polemeo - to fight.

- B. "and the dragon fought and his angels; And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."
 - 1. fought = polemeo - to war, to make war.
 - 2. prevailed = ischuo - to be strong enough.
 - 3. place = topos = a place, a particular place where one dwells. The Eden of God.

4. found = heurisko - to find as by search.

C. "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."

1. cast out = ballo = to fall, to tumble.

2. deceiveth = planao - to lead astray.

3. Satan will no longer have access to certain areas that he has inhabited for ages.

4. Jesus foresaw this. Luke 10:17-18.

D. "And I hear a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom our our God, and the power of His Christ."

1. heard = akouo - to perceive with the ears.

2. salvation = soteria = safety, preservation from danger, deliverance.

3. strength = dunamis = The power of God to do His work

4. power = eksousia = liberty, permission.

E. "for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before God day and night."

1. accuser = kategon - one who brings a legal charge against another, an accuser.

2. accused = kategoneo - to bring legal action.

3. Satan is the accuser.

a. Job 1:6-12. [505 B.C.]

b. Zech. 3:1-2. [647 B.C.]

4. Jesus Christ is our attorney, not our prosecutor!

a. I John 2:1,2, Advocate and Satisfaction.

b. He has never lost a case!

II. THE POWER OF CHRIST'S BLOOD. V11

A. "and they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

1. overcame = vikao - to be the victor.

2. lamb = annion - lamb.

3. The ground of victory, not the means.
4. He shed His blood once, for all time.
5. There was but one Passover.
6. Our victory, their victory, is all predicated on the fact of His shed blood!

B. "and by the word of their testimony."

1. word = logos - the spoken word.
2. testimony = marturia - a bearing witness, witnessing to the power of His blood. Pointing to it as the ground of all righteousness and claiming it as the payment in full for every mortgaged particle of fallen creation.

C. "and they loved not their lives unto death."

1. The Lamb loved not His life unto death.
2. This was the seal of His witness.
3. All those who overcome Satan will do so because they plead the shed blood of Jesus.
4. They prove their love by not loving their lives more than they love the truth of their testimony.

THE PLAN OF PERSONAL SALVATION.

