

Opening Questions

- Why is there so much interest in looking for Satan or the antichrist?
- As per popular belief, does he dwell in hell?
- Does he have access to heaven?
- Who controls his actions?

1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. 5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, 6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Q: Who is the woman in verse 1? What is the meaning of the signs?

- This is Israel, the crown are the 12 tribes
- Crying Israel has been tormented for millennia by Satan

Q: Who is the great red dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns?

- This is imagery for Satan, or "The Satan," The Accuser or Adversary
- Satan previously ruled 7 kingdoms and will rule 10 kingdoms in the future (Dan 7:7, 20, 24)

Q: Does The Satan bring down literal stars from Heaven?

- These are imagery for angels.
- Lucifer coaxed at least 200 million (v 9:16) angels to follow him, leaving at least 400 million angels that did not follow him

Q: Who is the male child birthed by the Woman?

• This is Jesus! (Is 7:14, 9:6, Mic 5:2)

Q: How long is the Woman(Israel) protected by God?

• 3 ½ years, this is the 2nd half of the Tribulation

7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And 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 brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Q: This passage shows the war in heaven where Satan and his angels are thrown out. Where did Satan spend his time before this?

 Until this point Satan has full access to heaven. He spends day and night there accusing us (v10), and walking to and fro on earth (Job) seeking someone to devour (1 Pet 5:8), and deceiving the whole world (v9)

Q: Who are the "brothers" referred to in v10?

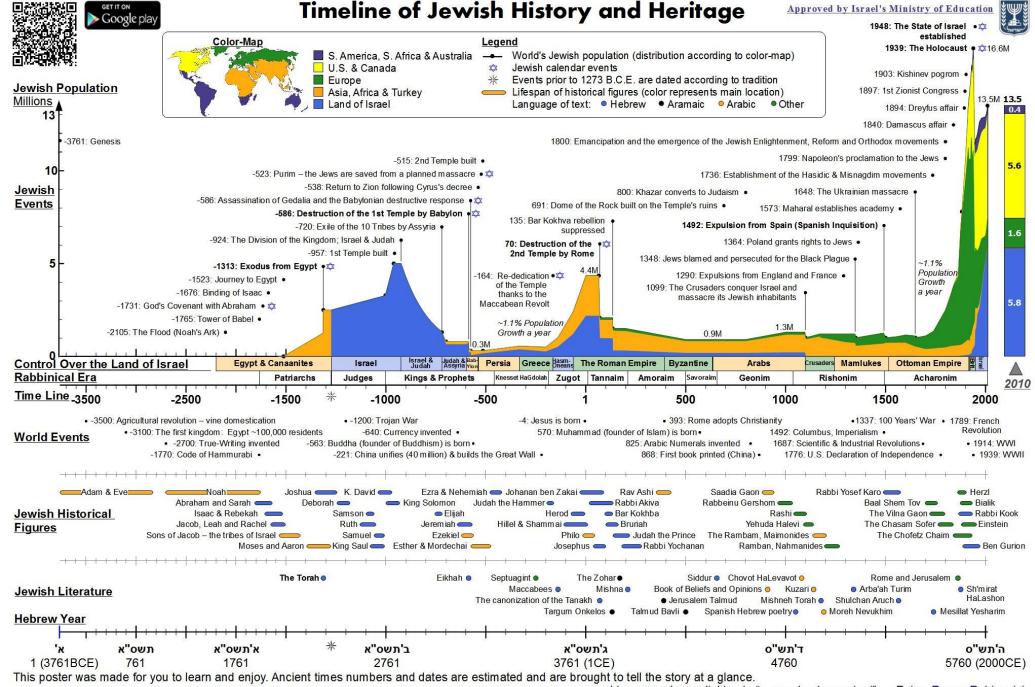
 Angels don't refer to humans as brothers. These are likely the redeemed saints in heaven.

Q: How was Satan conquered?

- By the blood of the Lamb Belief and trust in Jesus
- Word of their testimony Remaining faithful through all persecution
- Unto death Remaining faithful even to death.
 Enduring to the end is a hallmark of salvation (Matt 24:13)

Q: How could verse 12 be comforting?

• Although Satan rages against humanity, even he knows his time is short, 3 ½ years until the end of the great tribulation.



13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. 15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. 17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Q: Who does Satan set his ruthless, rage filled wrath towards?

 The Antichrist was the great protector of the Jews during the 1st ½ of the tribulation, then he turns, desecrates the temple and wipes out 2/3 of the Jewish people (Zech 13:8)

Q: 2/3 of the Jewish people will be destroyed in this time, where might the rest be protected?

In the mountainous regions. (Matt 24:15-22).

Q: Is the flood produced literal of figurative?

 Could be either, but likely this is real. God has been supernaturally housing and feeding His people. This could be a time like when He parted the Red Sea.

Q: After giving up, where does Satan focus his efforts?

- 144,000 Jewish witnesses
- Gentile Tribulation Saints

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