

Satan On Planet Earth

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INTRODUCTION

This book was written to expose the true history of satan, and while doing so, also explain some of the history of the earth. This Book is written on the basis of God's Word (the Bible) being completely true and trustworthy; as both an accurate historical account and the Divine Word of God. If you don't want to have the mainstream ideas you've always been told about satan and the history of Earth questioned, then you should probably not read this book. If you are interested in the truth as written in the Bible, you will find this book interesting.

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Chapter One - Satan's Fall

Many believe that Biblical history starts with the Genesis 1:2-31 creation account, but the Bible tells us in 2nd Peter that there was a world on earth before that:

2 Peter 3:3-7 (NIV)

3. First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5. But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Here Peter points out that things are NOT going on as they have since the beginning of creation! There was another world on earth that was destroyed by a flood BEFORE the Genesis 1:2-31 re-creation account. Yes, I called it RE-creation. Look at Genesis 1:1,2:

Genesis 1:1,2 (NIV)

1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Now notice while reading verse 2, that the earth was already there, and it was covered with water! It was in a flooded state! The land had to be brought forth by God from the midst of the water:

Genesis 1:9 (NIV)

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

Genesis 1:1 tells us that in the BEGINNING God created the heavens and the earth, but verse 2 cuts in at a later time when the earth was already created! Verses 3-31 tell how God restored light and life to the earth; but the earth was ALREADY THERE!

Let's look at 2 Peter 3 again:

2 Peter 3:5-7 (NIV)

5. But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

First of all, notice that the Bible separates the world of THAT time from the PRESENT heavens and earth! They were different worlds! Some say Peter was talking about the flood in the time of Noah, but that couldn't be true. The world was not completely destroyed in Noah's time! Noah, his family, two of every land animal, and all the sea creatures survived that flood! The flood Peter is talking about is likened to the fire on the day of judgement; when the present heavens and earth will be destroyed!

If you study the Day of the Lord, you will find that at the end of it, the earth is completely uninhabitable and unable to support life. The land is desolate; destroyed by the many disasters and fires caused by the falling meteors and other disasters:

Revelation 8:8 (NIV)

8. The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, 9. a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

John didn't know what a meteor was, so he described it as what he saw; a "huge mountain, all ablaze." If the meteor John saw was anything like the one that landed near Winslow, Arizona about 5000 years ago (causing a crater almost one mile across), that could easily have extinguished all life in the North American continent, the fact that it causes all living creatures in the sea to die and all the ships to be destroyed over a full one third of the earth is very believable.

There is also another meteorite mentioned in Revelation that hits the earth:

Revelation 8:10,11 (NIV)

*10. The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water--
11. the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

A "great star" falls to the earth at a river source; effecting the land this time, unlike the second trumpet's "mountain all ablaze" that effected the sea. Some try to say that the star is satan, since stars do represent angels in some parts of Revelation, but it is referred to as "it" in the literal Greek - unlike the star from the fifth trumpet that eludes to "him". This star that falls at the river source and pollutes the water is most likely another meteorite; probably a much smaller one, but it's makeup and vapor impart something poisonous into the waters. This is not strange or unlikely, since there are many elements and element combinations that are poisonous to man.

By the end of the Day of the Lord, all the water; salt water and fresh water, is poisoned:

Revelation 16:3,4 (NIV)

3. The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. 4. The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

All the water; salt water and fresh water, is turned to blood. Whether that means it becomes actual blood or is poisoned in some other way, it effectively ends the earth's ability to support any kind of animal life or human life. The land is desolate; destroyed by the many disasters and fires caused by the falling meteors, and the poisoning of the water that is necessary for life. The sun itself scorches people with fire, and therefore the earth as well:

Revelation 16:8,9 (NIV)

8. The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. 9. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

After all this disaster, God makes all things new and the Millennium begins. Isaiah 35 tells us what will happen to the earth at that time:

Isaiah 35:1,2,6,7 (NIV)

1. The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2. it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

6. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. 7. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow

That's the equivalent of what happened in the flood that Peter is talking about; the earth had to be completely re-created in Genesis 1:2-31 because it did not support life!

On the other hand, after the flood of Noah's time, the waters went down and life continued. The world was not destroyed, and did not even need the hand of God to intervene to allow it to support life! If it had been destroyed, God would have had to intervene supernaturally and do another re-creation as He did in Genesis, and as He will have to after the Day Of The Lord (for the Millennium).

The world that was on earth before Adam and Eve is mentioned in both Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, where satan's fall is described. It was the world that the dinosaurs lived in millions of years ago. Satan lived as a good and beautiful being at the time of that world, and it was in the time of that world that satan fell. He had obviously already fallen when he did his deception job on Eve in the Garden Of Eden.

Let's look at satan's fall as described in Ezekiel 28. First of all, God gives a message to a man; the RULER of Tyre:

Ezekiel 28:1,2 (NIV)

The word of the LORD came to me: 2. "Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas." But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.

This ruler of Tyre is obviously a man. But after He's done with His message to the RULER of Tyre, God addresses the KING of Tyre, who is obviously NOT a man:

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (NIV)

12. "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. 18. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. 19. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.'"

This is the earliest account of satan's history. At that time, satan had a body. He did not wear clothing that was adorned with precious stones; he was directly adorned with precious stones:

Ezekiel 28:13,14 (NIV)

13. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

The Bible defines this as satan by first associating him with the Garden of Eden; stating clearly that he was there. He was anointed a "guardian cherub" and so ordained by God. He was obviously no longer a guardian cherub when he was in the Garden of Eden; he had already turned evil and His place on the "Holy Mount of God" and walking among the "fiery stones" was no longer intact, so it is stated that he was in Eden to better define who he was. He did not have his body of precious stones in the Garden Of Eden; he possessed a serpent's body, because when he fell, his body was burned and "reduced to ashes" when he was cast out of his position in heaven:

Ezekiel 28:15-19 (NIV)

15. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. 18. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. 19. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

It is very important to note that there were NATIONS on earth at that time! It had to be before Adam and Eve, because satan no longer had his body in the Garden of Eden, and he had already turned evil. Satan was involved in "widespread trade", and verse 19 tells us that there were nations (plural) that knew him. Satan's heart became proud on account of his beauty, and he sinned through violence and dishonest trade with the nations who knew him. Isaiah 14 reiterates this arrogance:

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV)

12. How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star (KJV: Lucifer), son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13. You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Ezekiel's prophecy tells us that God drove satan from the mount of God, and from among the fiery stones; and cast him to the earth:

Ezekiel 28:16,17 (NIV)

16. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

That tells us that the "mount of God" and "among the fiery stones" are places in heaven. Satan was basically fired from his position. Then he was cast to the earth and made a spectacle of before kings. He was not cast out of all of heaven once and for all; just from the mount of God and from among the fiery stones. Apparently those were two sacred places in heaven. He was cast to the earth just to be made a spectacle of before the kings of the earth. We see later on in the book of Job that satan still had access to heaven in Old Testament times; just not to the two holy places mentioned in Ezekiel 28 that he had access to as a guardian cherub:

Job 1:6 (NIV)

6. One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.

It is also important to note the very end of Ezekiel's prophecy. The nations on the earth at that time were appalled at satan when his body was burned away to ashes; but it is also stated in no uncertain terms that he was still alive at that point; just without a body. It says he came to a horrible end (as a guardian cherub in his beautiful body) and WILL be no more! In other words, his doom was sealed, but he was left alive! That is the state he was in when he was in the Garden of Eden.

Chapter Two - The Garden Of Eden

Genesis 3:1-5 (NIV)

1. Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2. The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3. but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4. "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Notice first that the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals. He is separated from the wild animals as one who is out of place in a serpent's body. Then he shows the evil nature that only he has among every living thing on earth. God created all the animals, birds, sea creatures, Adam, and Eve, and declared that they were "good!"

Genesis 1:20,21,24,25 (NIV)

20. And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." 21. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

24. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

God created all the animals and birds and sea creatures and saw that they were good; they were not evil! (Notice also that God created each creature according to it's kind, which blows the evolution theory out of the water.) But this creature-- this serpent-- was NOT good! It was satan trying to get back at God, who had cast him from his position of honor and made a spectacle of him. We know this by following his path of existence through the Bible. First of all, the serpent deceived Eve, and no other creature was capable of deceiving at that time:

Genesis 3:13 (NIV)

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

God validated Eve's accusation by judging the serpent:

Genesis 3:14,15 (NIV)

14. So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Apparently the serpent had legs of some sort; but God made him "crawl on his belly" from that point on. Then the serpent was told that he would "strike the heel" of the offspring of the woman, but the offspring of the woman would "crush his head!" At that point, satan finally found out how he would come to his end: by the offspring of the woman! This begins a mad scramble by satan to destroy the seed of the woman so it cannot destroy him.

Chapter Three - The Flood

Satan's first large-scale attack on the as-yet-unidentified "seed of the woman" resulted in God flooding the earth to keep him from succeeding.

Genesis 6:1-5 (NIV)

1. When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2. the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal ; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." 4. The Nephilim were on the earth in those days-- and also afterward-- when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. 5. The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

This account in Genesis tells us that the "sons of God" went to the "daughters of men" and married them and had children by them! The Bible refers to these "sons of God" as being angels when mentioning their judgement for having left their natural habitations (to marry human women):

Jude 1:6 (KJV)

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

According to Revelation 12, one third of the angels of heaven followed satan when he was fired from his position:

Revelation 12:3,4 (NIV)

3. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. 4. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.

Stars are generally defined in Revelation as being angels:

Revelation 1:20 (NIV)

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Later in Revelation 12, the red dragon is defined as being satan, and he is said to have angels that are called "his angels" that followed him:

Revelation 12:9 (NIV)

The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Some think angels can't have sexual relations. Usually they refer to Matthew 22:30:

Matthew 22:30 (NIV)

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

Jesus didn't say angels couldn't have sexual relations; He said they were not supposed to marry!

So these angels who left their natural habitation and married human women were fallen angels, who were not obeying God. They followed satan, and were helping him try to corrupt the seed of the woman. The earth was being populated by descendants of evil angels who followed satan. This is verified in the account of Noah in Genesis:

Genesis 6:8-12 (KJV)

8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. 9. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Notice that Noah was not perfect in his ACTIONS, he was perfect in his GENERATIONS! His family had not been corrupted by satan's angels, and all other flesh on earth had been corrupted. God had to send the flood to keep all flesh from being corrupted; and He had to save Noah in order for the promised "seed of the woman" to survive! Years of work by satan's angels corrupting mankind were put to naught by the flood. The only family left on earth was not corrupted, and Noah was a God-fearing man.

Chapter Four - Israel

Satan made many attempts to destroy the descendants of Abraham once the promise was given to Abraham that "through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed."

Genesis 22:17,18 (NIV)

17. I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18. and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Satan narrowed his attempts to Isaac's descendants and not Ishmael's because God told Abraham it would be through Isaac that his offspring would be reckoned:

Genesis 21:12 (NIV)

But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy (Ishmael) and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Then the promise given to Abraham was passed down from Isaac to Jacob, because Jacob stole Esau's birthright as well as his blessing. Isaac gave Jacob the blessing meant for Esau:

Genesis 27:28,29 (NIV) (Isaac's blessing given to Jacob)

28. May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness-- an abundance of grain and new wine.

29. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.

God confirmed the blessing to Jacob in a dream:

Genesis 28:12-15 (NIV)

12. He(Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.13. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the

LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Esau came after Jacob with four hundred men, Jacob became afraid and prayed to God, reminding him of his promise:

Genesis 32:9-12 (NIV)

9. Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' 10. I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. 11. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. 12. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

The night after Jacob prayed that prayer, satan was upset, knowing that God would answer Jacob's prayer and save him from his brother, so he came to Jacob and wrestled him. Many believe that Jacob was wrestling God, or an angel of God (or even Jesus), but we know for sure it was satan from a number of tell-tale signs in the story.

Genesis 32:24-29 (NIV)

24. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27. The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

28. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." 29. Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

Notice first of all that the Bible uses the term *ōmanö* for the being who wrestled Jacob. The word translated *ōmanö* here is 'iysh, and it means: *ōa* man as an individual or a male person; often used as an adjunct to a more definite term *ō*. We know that this being wrenched Jacob's hip just by touching it, so we know it was not a human being.

Notice also that this being COULD NOT overpower Jacob!!! It doesn't say *ōWould notö*, it says *ōCOULD NOTö!!* The King James says he *ōprevailed notö*. In other words, he was trying to prevail, but could not!

Genesis 32:25 (KJV)

25. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

Next, notice that this *ōmanö* did not give his name when Jacob asked. Every time in the Bible that someone asked God His Name, God gave an identification of some sort. This being did not.

Another very telling fact about this wrestling match was that this being was OPPOSING Jacob when Jacob had just prayed to God for deliverance!! There is absolutely no precedent in the Bible for God opposing a person who just prayed to Him for help!!

Even more telling evidence that this being was satan is that he told Jacob his name would be Israel!!

Genesis 32:27,28 (NIV)

27. The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

28. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

At first glance there doesn't seem to be a problem with the being re-naming Jacob *ōIsraelö*. But think again. God tells Jacob three chapters later in Genesis that his name IS JACOB, and at THAT time He changes his name to Israel!

Genesis 35:9,10 (NIV)

9. After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. 10. God said to him, "Your name IS Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel. " So he named him Israel.

That tells us that the being who wrestled Jacob did not have authority to change his name, but acted like he did! This being tried to pass himself off as ðGodö!!! He told Jacob that the reason his name would be Israel was because he had struggled ðwith GOD and with menö and had overcome!!

Genesis 32:27,28 (NIV)

27. The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

28. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

But perhaps the most compelling evidence of all comes from the last sentence of Genesis 32:29:

Genesis 32:29 (NIV)

29. Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

He BLESSED him???? Why would satan BLESS Jacob, a man he would want to destroy???

The word translated ðblessö both here and when Jacob said he wouldn't let go of the being until he ðblessedö him, is ðbarakö; which means ðkneel down, bless, congratulate, curse, praise, salute, or thank! In the context of the sentence, it would mean ðkneel downö, as in admitting defeat. The word ðbarakö is used that way both in Genesis 24:11 and in Psalm 95:6.

Genesis 24:11 (NIV)

He had the camels KNEEL DOWN (barak) near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

Come, let us bow down in worship, LET US KNEEL (barak) before the LORD our Maker

The fact that this being knelt down in defeat to a human being tells us it was definitely not God!!!

Anyway, after that, satan continued to influence nations toward violence and worship of idols (rejection of God) so they would oppose Israel. All the surrounding countries came to hate Israel.

One of many attempts by satan to destroy the seed of the woman was in the time of Esther; after Judah had been defeated by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and was under the rule of Xerxes:

Esther 3:8-11 (NIV)

8. Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people and who do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them. 9. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business." 10. So the king took his signet ring from his finger and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. 11. "Keep the money," the king said to Haman, "and do with the people as you please."

Satan knew that the seed of the woman would come from the line of the Kings of Judah; he had heard the prophetic psalms:

Psalms 60:7 (NIV)

Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter.

Psalms 78:67,68 (NIV)

67. Then he rejected the tents of Joseph, he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim; 68. but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loved.

But God saved the people from the destruction planned by Haman (with satan's influence) through Mordecai and Esther.

Chapter Five - Jesus

When Jesus was born, King Herod to try to kill Him right away:

Matthew 2:12-16 (NIV)

13. When they (the Magi) had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15. where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16. When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Satan used Herod to try to kill Jesus, but he failed. The spiritual side of this story is told in Revelation 12:

Revelation 12:3-5 (NIV)

3. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. 4. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. 5. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

The woman is Israel-- giving birth to the seed that would crush satan's head-- and satan was right there trying to devour the child as soon as He was born. We know for certain that the male child is Jesus because of other references in Revelation:

Revelation 19:13-15 (NIV)

13. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Notice that this reference to Jesus Christ on the Day Of The Lord tells us "He will rule them with an iron scepter." Revelation 12:5 tells us the same thing about the child satan tried to kill:

Revelation 12:5 (NIV)

She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

Notice also that the child was snatched up to God and to HIS THRONE. That's what the Bible tells us happened to Jesus:

Revelation 3:21 (NIV)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Some believe the child who will rule with an iron scepter is the church. They believe this because of Revelation 2:26,27:

Revelation 2:26,27 (NIV)

26. To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations-- 27. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery' -- just as I have received authority from my Father.

Some believe the male child in Revelation 12 is the church, but it could not possibly be. The church never sits with the Father on HIS throne, we sit with Jesus on HIS throne:

Revelation 3:21 (NIV)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Notice the difference. Believers who overcome sit with Christ on HIS throne. Jesus overcame and sat down with His FATHER on HIS throne! The Father has a throne and Jesus has a throne. The child in Revelation 12 was snatched up to God and to HIS THRONE! That means the child is Jesus.

Revelation 12:5 (NIV)

She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

Jesus grew up and was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan:

Matthew 3:16,17 (NIV)

16. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Immediately after Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and revealed to people as God's Son, Satan knew he had to do something about Him. He knew that Jesus was the seed of the woman:

Matthew 4:1-7 (NIV)

1. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5. Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7. Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Satan was trying to get Jesus to sin so he could accuse him before God the Father, but each time Jesus answered with scripture. He used the Word of God; which is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword! (Hebrews 4:12)

Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)

5. The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." 8. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Here we see Satan trying to foil God's plan by trying to get the long-awaited seed of the woman to worship him! Satan was actually trying to get Jesus to side with him! Notice that Jesus did not contest the statement by Satan that all the authority and splendor of the kingdoms of the world were his! Jesus treated it as the temptation that it was, and responded with scripture again! Once Satan recognized that he wasn't going to get Jesus to side with him, he left him until "an opportune time":

Luke 4:13 (NIV)

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Jesus made a living out of destroying the works of the devil:

1 John 3:8b (KJV)

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Here are some examples:

Matthew 8:16 (NIV)

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

Luke 13:10-13 (NIV)

10. On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11. and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13. Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Jesus made it clear that it was Satan who had bound the woman:

Luke 13:15,16 (NIV)

15. The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16. Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

According to Acts 10:38, Jesus went about undoing the oppression caused by the devil:

Acts 10:38 (NIV)

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Notice that sickness and infirmity are the devil's main business! Those who were under the power of the devil needed to be HEALED!

Finally, the opportune time the devil was waiting for came. Judas Iscariot gave him a foothold:

Luke 22:3,4 (NIV)

3. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. 4. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

When Jesus died on the cross, He gave His own life; nobody took it from Him. Jesus willingly died because that was what was necessary to crush satan's head and bring about salvation for mankind:

Matthew 26:49-54 (NIV)

49. Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. 50. Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. 51. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 52. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54. But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

Jesus did not need to be rescued; He could have saved Himself at any point, but He submitted to the Father's will. Satan had no power over Him:

John 14:30,31 (NIV)

30. I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, 31. but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

Satan had no hold on Jesus; in fact, it was Jesus who was about to defeat satan. When Jesus went to the cross, He bore the sins of the whole world in His body:

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...

But that was not all that happened at the cross. The law-- satan's ammunition for accusing mankind before God-- was also nailed to the cross with Jesus:

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

13. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14. having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

The cancellation of the written code (the law) disarmed satan. He no longer had any grounds by which to rightly accuse mankind before God. Up to that time, accusation had been satan's specialty, but with no more ammunition and no more cause for rightful accusation of mankind before God, satan lost his place in heaven and was hurled down to the earth:

Revelation 12:9,10 (NIV)

9. The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. 10. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

Jesus Himself declared that satan was about to lose his place in heaven when He was about to go to the cross:

John 12:31 (NIV) (Jesus speaking)

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

John 16:11 (NIV) (Jesus speaking)

and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

We know that the "prince of this world" Jesus was referring to was satan:

John 14:30 (NIV) (Jesus speaking)

I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

Jesus said that before Judas Iscariot came for him.

When satan was cast out of heaven, the voice from heaven in Revelation 12 said "NOW have come the salvation, and the power, and the Kingdom of our God!" That leaves absolutely no doubt that this happened when Jesus arose from the dead!

After satan was hurled down to the earth, it was declared by the voice from heaven that the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of God, and the authority of His Christ had come. When did the salvation of God come? When Jesus arose from the dead:

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

As soon as Jesus arose from the dead, salvation became available to mankind!

When did the power of God come? When Jesus arose from the dead:

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the POWER OF GOD for the salvation of everyone who believes...

When did the Kingdom of God come? It came when Jesus arose from the dead:

Luke 17:20,21 (NIV)

20. Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, 21. nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Colossians 1:13 (NIV)

For he HAS rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves

When did the authority of Christ come? It came when Jesus arose from the dead:

Ephesians 1:19(b)-23 (NIV)

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21. far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23. which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Jesus has won the greatest victory; defeating sin and satan! Jesus disarmed satan and his evil principalities by cancelling the law; which was satan's ammunition for accusing mankind before God:

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

13. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14. having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

God cast satan out of heaven because satan no longer had any grounds for accusation against men! The only sin that the Holy Spirit is convicting men of since Jesus arose from the dead is not believing in Jesus:

John 16:7-9 (NIV)

7. *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.* 8. *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:* 9. *in regard to sin, BECAUSE MEN DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME*

Chapter Six - The Church

In these New Testament times, satan is prowling about the earth like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour:

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Notice that satan cannot devour just anyone; he is LOOKING for someone to devour! If we resist him, he has to flee from us:

James 4:7 (NIV)

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Satan has lost his place in heaven, and the church has authority over him and his evil principalities:

Ephesians 1:19b-23 (NIV)

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21. far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23. which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Yes, that passage is talking about Jesus; but in the very next chapter of Ephesians, we are told that God has raised us up WITH Christ and seated us WITH Him in the heavenly realms:

Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus

That makes perfect sense since the church is the body of Christ! Christ is called the Head of the body:

Ephesians 5:23 (NIV)

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Since Christ is the Head of the body, and He is far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion as stated in Ephesians 1, then we-- His body-- are there too! Have you ever heard of a person's head being president of the United States and his body being a homeless beggar? Of course not; the body is joined to the head! John states in no uncertain terms that we, as believers, are of God and have overcome all principalities and powers, because the one who is in us-- the Holy Spirit-- is "greater than the one who is in the world":

1 John 4:2-4 (NIV)

2. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3. but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 4. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Notice also that satan is referred to as "in the world"! He has lost his place in Heaven and is now prowling the earth.

Chapter Seven - The End Of Satan

The Bible tells us that after the great Day Of The Lord, satan will be cast into the abyss for a thousand years (during the Millennium) and then be set free for a short time:

Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV)

1. And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Satan will be bound in the abyss until the very end of the Millennium. Then he will go out to deceive the nations on earth that are subject to Jesus. He will cause the nations to believe that Jesus is ruling unjustly, and cause an uprising:

Revelation 20:7,8 (NIV)

*7. When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison
8. and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--
Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand
on the seashore.*

But this rebellion only brings about satan's final doom:

Revelation 20:9,10 (NIV)

9. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The fate of satan and planet Earth are closely tied together, and it is satan's doom that seals the end of the earth age we are all living in.

Let's not give the devil any footholds into our lives!

Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)

and do not give the devil a foothold.

Satan is a defeated foe, and has no authority over the church of the Living God! Although he was originally created by God to be good, he fell because of pride! Pride remains the greatest obstacle for all of mankind to overcome, and it is the biggest foothold we can give satan to effect our lives and the lives of others.