

This Means War

Romans 16:20 & Isaiah 14: 12-15

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Had a place in the glory but you wanted it all
Impossible odds but you had the gall
It seemed so unlikely that you would rebel
Such a worthy opponent that you knew so well
But you went down fighting when you heard the bell
Took a third of all heaven when you went to hell

[Chorus:]

This means war and the battle's still raging
War and though both sides are waging
The Victor is sure and the victory secure
But till judgment we all must endure
This means war!

Then came the cross you thought you had won
You thought you had conquered God's only Son
So much for Jesus, you said in jest
Then you got a visit from an unwelcome guest

[Repeat Chorus]

Now it's all over down to the wire
Counting the days to your own lake of fire
But you'll go down fighting for all that you're worth
To try to abolish His image on earth

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Isaiah 14: 12-15 (NASB)

"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 (NASB)

Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.

Luke 10:18 (KJV)

And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

Revelation 12:3-9 (NASB)

Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 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.

There is no single passage in the bible that tells the history of Satan. However, the verses above from Isaiah and Ezekiel might give us a glimpse of his beginnings. These two verses while written about the kings of Tyre and Babylon, seem to allude to something more than just earthly kings. There is speculation as to whether they actually are a reference to Satan or not. However, in support of that, the quote by Jesus in Luke and the passage from Revelation seems to confirm that at one time Satan and his angels were in heaven.

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John 8: 43-44 (NASB)

Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Matthew 2:7-8, 11-13, 16 (NASB)

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way. Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

Matthew 26: 3-4 (NASB)

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him.

Luke 22: 3-4 (NSAB)

And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them.

It was people in the end who crucified Jesus on the cross. However we must not forget that Jesus said that these people were the children of Satan. While they were human beings they were being influenced by Satan himself. In one of the above passages he said the devil was their father. There were multiple attempts on Jesus' life during his ministry. It was actually accomplished at God's time when Satan entered Judas.

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1st Peter 5: 8 (NASB)

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

John 10: 10 (NASB)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

James 4: 7 (NASB)

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

2nd Corinthians 4:3-4 (NASB)

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Romans 16:20 (NASB)

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Revelation 20:10 (NASB)

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

At this point it should be clear even to Satan that he has lost the battle against God. As we see in Revelation 20:10 Satan's doom is sealed. He more than likely knows that too. So why does he bother to keep fighting? Why bother with the battle of Armageddon? The outcome is already foretold in prophecy. What Satan is involved in at this point is something akin to the scorched earth policy of war. That is where an army, especially if they are losing the war, destroys anything and everything they can to keep it from falling into enemy hands as they retreat. At this point Satan's doom is sealed, he has nothing to lose. His fate is the same no matter what he does, so he is spending every last minute he has here trying to destroy and diminish God's kingdom.