

REVELATION 12-14

# WAR IN HEAVEN



And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

*Call to the Word*

This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens:

*Call to the Word*

“It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night.”

*Call to the Word*



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*Introduction*



*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision... We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. (Romero)*

*“If you can’t get out of it, get into it.” (unknown)*

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Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

(Rev 11:15)

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“(Satan is) the universe’s public enemy number one, the chief opponent of God and his people, and the leader of uncounted demonic forces.”

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*Satan's  
Fall*



*Eze 28:12-17*

*Isa 14:13-14*

**Isa 14:14 I'll climb to the top of the clouds. I'll take over as King of the Universe!" (MSG)**

*Satan's Fall*

- *Started a rebellion in heaven... Rev 12:4*
- *Deceived Eve and got Adam to willingly sin...stole the title deed to earth - Gen 3, Rev 5*
- *Tried to prevent Abe from having the son of promise... Gen 17, 22*

*Satan's Fall*

- *Tried to destroy the Jews through Pharaoh...  
Exodus 1*
- *Tried to destroy the Children of Israel through  
paganism and idolatry... Joshua & Judges*

*Satan's Fall*

- *Incites Saul to kill David... from whom the Messiah would come (2Sam 7:16-17)*
- *Incites Athaliah to kill remaining heir of David's line (2 Chron 21-22)*

*Satan's Fall*

- *Incites Haman to declare open season on all Jews (Esther)*
- *Incites Herod to kill all Jewish males two and under (Mat 2:13-15)*

## **Satan's Record**



- *Tries to bargain with Jesus, get Him to cause God to kill Him (Ma 4:6-7)*
- *Incited a crowd to throw Jesus over a cliff (Luk 4:28-30)*

## **Satan's Record**

*“Significantly, the turning point came in Moses’ life when he saw in the desert that mysterious burning bush which flamed and blazed away, but for all the crackling of the fire was not consumed, despite the ceaseless hatred of her foes because God is in her midst. Israel cannot be assimilated into the nations, nor can she be exterminated by the nations. She is a burning bush in the wilderness. She burns, but she’s never consumed,”*

## **Satan’s Record**

*John 12:31-32*

*Romans 16:20*

*Heb 2:14*

*1Jn 4:4*

*Satan's Fall*

*Satan may be a powerful and aggressive foe, but he  
will not triumph.*

*Heb 7:25, 1Co 15:51:53*

*Satan's Fall*

*We may be targets today, but we need not fear.*

*“God keeps Satan on a short leash.”*

**Luke 22:31-32, Ephesians 6:12-13, 2 Timothy 1:7,  
James 4:7-8 ,1 Peter 5:8-10, 1John 4:4**

**Reflections**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel  
hate, on earth is not his equal.

## Reflections



And though this world, with devils filled, should  
threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed  
his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him

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