

# WAR IN HEAVEN

## REVELATION 12:7-12

The **HEART OF MAN** is “*deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked*” **JER. 17:9** and as long as man’s heart continues to be puffed up and self-seeking, there will be warfare until the Prince of Peace ends the age of rebellion—both man’s and Satan’s!

But this passage is not *talking about a physical war* that takes place on this earth, but of a spiritual war that is going to break out in heaven!

## 2. YOU ARE IN THE BATTLE NOW!

Remember our study in **EPHESIANS 6:10-13**

- Paul is telling us that our strength against the enemy, Satan, is in the Lord, and not in our own physical strength.
- God has given us spiritual armor to stand against the attacks of the enemy.
- In that sense, Satan and his demonic forces are fighting a war against God and His people.
- But the spiritual war that is spoken of here in **REVELATION 12** is not between the church on earth and the spiritual hosts of wickedness—it's **ANGELS VS. DEMONS**

### 3. MICHAEL AND THE DRAGON v. 7

God's angels will be led by the archangel Michael –Pictured in **DANIEL 12:1**

- This is not a war with God against Satan that is being fought in the heavens.
- GOD AND SATAN ARE NOT EQUALS, although that is what we see portrayed in the world today.
- God is God, the Eternal One, while SATAN IS A CREATED BEING. There is no comparison between the two!

**This is between two very powerful created angels—  
What happened to the Cherub Satan? EZEKIEL 28:12-15.**

## 4. SATAN FINALLY KICKED OUT v. 8-9

Many think that Satan was cast out of heaven immediately and from the presence of God permanently when he fell, because of his pride.

- Didn't Jesus say in **LUKE 10:18**, "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven*"?
- Yes, Satan was kicked out of heaven as a place of permanent residence when he sinned, *but he still has access to heaven and to go before God—to accuse the Children of God.*
- *His permanent geographic relocation is still in the future.*

Turn to **JOB 1:6-7** and we will see Satan's limited access pass

# 5. THE GREAT DECEIVER

Satan is much like a junkie waiting for that next fix of heroin—lurking to see who he can lie to next.

## HE IS REALLY GOOD AT DECEIVING

- Satan is constantly out there spreading his lies (**JOHN 8:44**)—he is the father of all of them. He “*deceives the whole world.*”
- The word “*deceive*” (**PLANAO** in the Greek) means “*the misleading of another, causing someone to wander or err from the truth.*”
- Satan’s deceptive tactics also affect the believers when we are being lead by the flesh or the world and not the Spirit of God.

## 6. DEALING WITH THE DELATOR

The delator—a Roman term for a lying informant—was a well-known and well-hated figure during the first century.

- Now the accuser of the brethren and his hosts will be removed from the presence of God.
- Listen to what Satan accused Job of doing in **JOB 1:9-11**.
- As Christians we are not left without a defense attorney—or Advocate.
- We are represented by the best, Jesus Christ. **1 JOHN 2:1-2**
- The word “*advocate*” is the Greek word **PARAKLETOS**, which describes anyone summoned to the assistance of another.

# 7. OVERCOMERS v. 11

**THIS VERSE GIVES TO US AN OUTLINE FOR VICTORY  
OVER THE ENEMY OF GOD.**

1. THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB
2. THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY
3. THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES—TO THE DEATH

It is as Jesus said, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” **MATTHEW 16:26**

- Many today are selling their souls for nothing.
- They are losing an eternity with God for a few small pleasures in this world. How foolish they are and we were!

## 8. TIME IS SHORT v. 12

At the 3½ year mark of the tribulation period, I believe we see this war break out in heaven, and Satan and his followers will be cast to the earth. **DANIEL 9:27**

- Also happening at this time is the Antichrist will enter the rebuilt temple of God and demand to be worshiped as God.
- It is at this point that the Jews will flee to the mountains and the Antichrist who came on the scene as a man of peace turns into a monster of war!

**YOU NEED NOT WORRY.** Give your life to Jesus; you then will have the victory that is only found in Him—**HEAVEN!**