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Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...

HEBREWS 13:3



...Put forth your branches
and bear your fruit...
Ezekiel 36:8

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It's that time of year again when people like to make resolutions and fresh starts. Lately some people have given up on that idea, but I admit I still like to do it... I like to have goals. This year I was thinking I'd like to take a stab at painting and continue to work on piano. Anyone who knows me well would probably laugh to hear that because I've been working on piano for about 40 years with little to no improvement. You'd think I'd give it up already, wouldn't you? But something I read recently struck a chord (pun intended): "Destroy the idea that you gotta be good at artistic things to enjoy them, that every hobby has to become something you're good at...Sing off-key, draw poorly, write badly. Life is meant to be enjoyed." It resonated with me. It gave me hope (again) to sit down at the piano or at my art table. It gives me courage to fall on my face (see Quotes and Quips, page 2) because even if I do, I'll be headed in the right direction. Pick a goal. Pick something to work towards. You may actually surprise yourself!

— The Team at
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Quotes and Quips

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

— C.S. Lewis

Even if you fall on your face, you're still moving forward.

— Victor Kiam

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.

— J.R.R. Tolkien

What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.

— Vern McLellan

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things.

— John Burroughs

Resolution One: I will live for God; Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.

— Jonathan Edwards

Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will.

— Abraham Lincoln

Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose.

— C.S. Lewis

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Selected Studies on the Life of Christ

By David Metzler

“DOUBTING THOMAS”

“So he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails...and put my hand into His side, I will not believe’ (John 20:25).

Thomas had not been present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples. Despite their claims, he refused to believe Jesus was alive. A week passed, and Thomas felt more wretched than ever. He told his fellow disciples, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails...and put my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25). The disciples had made the upper chamber a home for themselves and met there with some regularity. One evening, eight days after Jesus showed Himself to the ten, Thomas decided to join them. Suddenly Jesus appeared, greeting them with the words “Peace to you!” No one had told Jesus of Thomas’ unbelief, but turning to the disciple, Jesus said, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” (verses 27, 28).

God ever provides men with sufficient evidence on which to base faith, and those who are willing to accept it can always find their way to Him. At the same time God does not compel men to believe against their will, for in so doing He would deprive them of the right to make their own choice. Were all men like Thomas, later generations could never come to a saving

knowledge of the Saviour. In fact, none but the few hundred who actually saw the risen Lord with their natural eyesight would have believed in Him. But for all who do receive Him by faith and believe on His name...Heaven reserves a special blessing — “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

Jesus, in His treatment of Thomas, gave His followers a lesson regarding the manner in which they should treat those who have doubts upon religious truth, and who make those doubts prominent. He did not overwhelm Thomas with words of reproach, nor did He enter into a controversy with him; but, with marked tenderness, He revealed Himself unto the doubting one.



**Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet
have come to believe.**

John 20:29, NRSV



LIGHT FOR MY PATH

What to Do When You Feel Depressed

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalms 34:17

For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalms 30:5

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

I Peter 4:12, 13

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 41:10

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isaiah 51:11

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LIVING IN THE
END TIME

By Mark A. Finley

WAR OF THE WORLDS
Continued

Episode 2: Satan Attempts to Destroy Jesus

The prophecy of Revelation 12 now proceeds over the millennia quickly. Satan focuses His attention upon Jesus:

“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. 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” (Revelation 12:4, 5).

Working through the pagan Roman emperor, Herod, Satan initiated a decree that ordered the death of all male Jewish children under two years of age. The streets ran red with blood. The anguished cries of Hebrew mothers ascended to heaven as thousands of their babies were slaughtered.

This was Satan’s attempt to destroy the baby Jesus. Why was Satan so angry with Jesus? He knew from Old Testament predictions that Jesus would come to reveal to the entire universe the joy of obedience. The psalmist stated it succinctly, “I have come — it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God” (Psalm 40:7). The gospel prophet, Isaiah, places these words in the Saviour’s mouth: “I am well pleased for thy righteousness sake. I will magnify the law and make it honorable” (Isaiah 42:21)

No wonder Satan hated Jesus! No wonder he worked so ardently to destroy Him! Jesus demonstrated in His own life that allegiance to God’s law — obedience to God’s commands — brings life’s deepest inner peace, greatest contentment, and most blessed happiness. The cross is the crowning act in this drama of obedience. Jesus died rather than go contrary to the Father’s will. His Gethsemane prayer was the motto of His life: “Not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39).

Throughout the centuries, those who have followed Jesus have walked the path of loving obedience.

Episode 3: Satan Attacks Christ’s Faithful Followers through the Centuries

Satan is antagonistic to God’s law. Throughout the centuries he has attempted to destroy those who have remained faithful to God’s

commandments. These loyal believers represent his greatest challenge in the controversy between good and evil. Their lives eloquently testify that he is wrong about God. They expose his claim as false before the universe. They are God's "exhibit A" showing that individuals are happiest keeping God's law.

After Satan's vicious attempt to destroy Jesus, he then zeroed in on God's people:

"When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times, and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of its mouth" (Revelation 12:13-16).

In Bible prophecy, a pure woman represents God's people or His church. Just as a loyal, loving wife remains faithful to her own husband, God's people remain faithful to Him (see Ephesians 5:23-27, 32). The dragon, Satan, angrily persecutes Jesus' bride. The period "a time, times, and half a time" (verse 14) is further explained in verse 6: "The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1260 days" (Revelation 12:6).

In the symbolic language of prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year (Ezekiel 4:6, Numbers 14:34, Genesis 29:27). The 1260 days are equivalent to 1260 years. This corresponds to the long period of persecution in the Middle Ages. Throughout the Middle Ages, church and state united. Powerful church leaders persuaded kings to enforce religious dogma. The law of the church became the law of the land. The state enforced the decrees of the church.

Persecution followed. Torture, imprisonment, and death became commonplace. Blood flowed in the streets. Thousands died. But many faithful, conscientious, Bible-believing Christians chose to die rather than dishonor God. Obedience to God was their motto — the Bible their rule of faith. As a result of this fierce opposition and persecution, many of the conscientious Christians in Europe fled to the mountains of Southern France and Northern Italy. The earth (an unpopulated area) in the remote wilderness mountain valleys of Southern Europe provided a home for these committed people of God. Truth still retained a voice in the Middle Ages. God preserved His people.

By flickering candlelight in dark caves, faithful believers meticulously copied the Word of God. Hundreds of copies were secretly distributed from these mountain hideaways throughout the populated centers of Europe. Revival fires burst into the great conflagration of the Reformation. Truth cast to the ground rose again.

Episode 4: Satan Attacks God's Faithful Last-Day Church

In the last days of earth's history, just before the coming of Jesus, Satan will launch a vicious attack on God's last-day people. His final assault is graphically described in Revelation 12:17:

"Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring — those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Let's look at this passage carefully. The dragon (Satan) is furiously angry with the woman (the church) and makes war with "the rest of her offspring" — the remnant — those who remain loyal to God. This remnant of faithful believers is identified as a people who keep the commandments of God. They are further described in Revelation 14:12:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." 13:11-18).

In every age, God has had men and women who are supremely loyal only to Him. They have been forgiven, pardoned, and transformed. They are totally committed to doing His will. They long to obey Him. Their one desire, their central purpose, is to lovingly obey God. Once again Satan will ruthlessly attack God's faithful people. According to Revelation 13, the "beast power" will enforce a death decree condemning the people of God to death. It's a decree aimed at those who refuse to bow down to his counterfeit image. The faithful will be faced with torture, imprisonment, and an economic boycott. The state will once again enforce religious decrees (see Revelation 13:11-18).

God invites us into a relationship with Him so deep that we will stand when Satan applies his pressure. We can stand secure in His power. His love will surround us; His angels will protect us. When the crisis breaks, God Himself will shelter us in His arms. Have you fully committed your life to Christ? Are you willing to live a life of allegiance to Him? Why not tell Him this very moment that you want to obey Him at any cost? You can safely place your life in His hands.

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GOD CARES: *The Message of Daniel***C. Mervin Maxwell****Daniel 11:
God and Human Hostility:
The Message of Daniel 11
(Continued)****A Broader Interpretation of Verses 14-39 (Continued)**

The Muslims who controlled Jerusalem at the time of the first crusade, and who regained control from time to time thereafter, were headed by the caliphs (or, later, the sultans) in *Egypt*. So the first crusade was a great attack against the “king of the south” (verses 24, 25). And it was a great success — of sorts. Jerusalem was taken on July 15, 1099. In their religious zeal the invading Christians ran their consecrated swords through every Muslim and even every Jew they found inside the walls. Men waded in blood up to their ankles. The slaughter was as horrible as any recorded in history.

For a victory such as this, reports a contemporary, the Christians knelt in worship and with tears of joy gave thanks.

But the crusades were not uniformly successful. Some of them, notably the children’s crusade, were disasters. The sixth crusade was unique. King Frederick II, who could speak several languages including Arabic, secured Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth by negotiation, without shedding a drop of blood. The seventh also was “not this time as it was before” (verse 29). In this, the final crusade to the Middle East, the pious monarch, Louis IX, was actually taken prisoner at Cairo, Egypt. Ten years later, the Egyptian sultan and his general, Baibans, drove the Christians out of Palestine to stay (until 1917).

During the crusades the Muslims hired Greek naval vessels to assist them in opposing the crusaders. Here are the “ships from Kittim” (verse 30). (“From Kittim” signifies “from the west.”) Although Roman Christianity ultimately lost the crusades, trade between Europe and the east was greatly stimulated by them, and Italian merchants in Venice and Genoa were especially enriched (verse 28). Europeans learned to enjoy sugar, cotton, glass mirrors, diapers, and many other products of the east.

The “two kings” who “speak lies at the same table, but to no avail” (verse 27) epitomize the treachery and hypocrisy that conspicuously characterized the crusade experience. Historians call attention to the mutual mistrust of the allies on both side, principally on the Christian side. More

specifically, these “kings” may represent Christian leaders like Reginald of Chatillon and Guy de Lusignon who eagerly violated solemn peace treaties made with the generous Islamic sultan, Saladin. They may also represent various other Christian and Muslim leaders who made and broke treaties as opportunity suggested, and also several of the crusaders who promised safety to Muslim townspeople if they would surrender, only to break their word and massacre them without mercy. In the hope of finding gold that the Muslims might have swallowed, the Christians sometimes ripped open their stomachs.

Tragically, the papacy bears the primary responsibility for the crusades and their ghastly atrocities. Pope Urban II launched the first one. If he may be partly excused on the assumption that he did not fully anticipate its barbarous outcome, what can be said for Pope Eugene III, Pope Gregory VIII, Pope Clement III, Pope Innocent III, and Pope Gregory IX, who enthusiastically encouraged later crusades even though they well knew what was likely to happen? Indeed the papacy was emboldened by the spirit of the Middle East crusades to initiate similarly frightful European crusades against Christian “heretics.” Many of these “heretics” were sincere believers in God’s “holy covenant” (verses 28, 30). If ever Roman Christianity obscured the *tamid* ministry of our compassionate High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, it did so during the era of the crusades.

No wonder Muslims, who are not ignorant of this history, still hesitate to accept Jesus Christ.

No wonder, either, that medieval Christianity shows up badly in the book of Daniel.

Within a setting like this the “abomination that makes desolate” (verse 31) clearly cannot be confined to a metal idol erected temporarily by Antiochus Epiphanes on a stone altar in old Jerusalem. Instead it is seen to be that vast system of belief and practice which for a thousand years or more led people away from the priestly ministry of Jesus, depriving them of access to the “prince of the covenant” mentioned in verse 22. The “wise” who fell “by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder” (verse 33) were the brave people of God such as the Waldenses, Lollards, Hussites, Lutherans, Anabaptists, and Huguenots, who chose to be hanged or drowned or burned at the stake or tortured or imprisoned rather than give up their living faith. They also likely included devout Roman Catholics who held loyally to God when Protestants, in the spirit of medieval tyranny, inflicted counterpersecution.

The king who was to “exalt himself and magnify himself above every God” (verse 36) was the medieval papacy! Not that any pope ever intended to do such a thing. No pope intended to place himself above God. But when popes claimed the right to kill people whom God loved and to change the Ten Commandments that God delivered on Mount Sinai, did

they not honor themselves above God?

When medieval popes hired armies to achieve their political ends, when Julius II (who styled himself “Julius Caesar II”) led his own armies into battle, was not the papacy putting its trust in the “god of fortresses” (verse 38)? And the new god who was to be honored with gold and silver and precious stones (verse 38) — was she not the Blessed Virgin, who, with all her purity and motherly compassion, has often occupied in Catholic devotion a more prominent place than her divine Son?

When we remember that the “prince of the covenant” is Jesus rather than merely Onias III and that the “abomination that makes desolate” was still future in Christ’s day, we realize that the message of Daniel 11 is the same, ultimately, as the message of Daniel 7 and 8. In Daniel 11 God warns us that out of the secular empires of earth a politico-religious entity was to arise that would (1) replace Christ’s priestly ministry with a counterfeit Christian ministry and (2) persecute the people who attempted to maintain faith in the true Christ.

Insofar as medieval teachings persist in the various denominations of Christianity today, obscuring Christ’s heavenly ministry, ignoring the special judgment that is already in session, and persuading people that they do not need to keep all of the Ten Commandments, the “abomination that makes desolate” is still at work. The warning of Daniel 11 is *current* evidence that God cares enough to alert us to danger and direct us to Himself.

What About Daniel 11:40-45?

We have said nothing so far about verses 40-45. The last of these verses apparently parallels in part the career and demise of Roman Christianity.

As we have seen, the greatest fault of Roman Christianity has been that it obscures the work of Jesus Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. In Daniel 7 Roman Christianity is symbolized by a little horn on the head of a very unattractive symbolic animal. By way of punishment for its misleading activity, this animal is selected for special mention in Daniel 7:11 and 26, in connection with the pre-advent judgment. It is scheduled to have “its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.” For “the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.”

In Daniel 11:45 the latter-day “king of the north” will “pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.” The “glorious holy mountain” appears to be a metaphor for the Jerusalem temple which, in turn, symbolizes the heavenly sanctuary. Pitching “palatial tents” between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jerusalem temple symbolizes the encroachment of the king of the north on the prerogatives of Christ’s sanctuary ministry. As a consequence of this encroachment the king of the north will be punished so that, like the

little-horn animal of Daniel 7 that he parallels, he will “come to his end, with none to help him.” The little-horn power and the king of the north seem to represent the same earthly power.

As to the precise events on earth that will accompany the fulfillment of this prophecy, wisdom suggests we may not know them until they actually take place. The purpose of prophecy is not always to provide prior knowledge of specific future events. Many Bible prophecies were given with the intention that they would be understood — and build faith — only after they were fulfilled. Thus Jesus said about a certain prediction He made concerning Himself, “I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe” (John 14:29; compare John 13:19; 16:4).

The impulse to schedule the future in detail has embarrassed many earnest Christians over the centuries. Armageddon, for instance, has probably been slated for more dates by enthusiastic Bible students than any other world event. Can you imagine the excitement that pulsed in millions of Christian breasts when in 1918 the newspapers daily plotted the progress of General E. H. Allenby as he approached the Ottoman army camped at Megiddo in Palestine? Megiddo is the traditional site of Armageddon!

In the meantime, we are in good company when we *desire* to schedule the future! Christ’s own disciples, it appears, temporarily forgot His warning about the future-ness of the abomination of desolation. With only moments to go before His ascension, they asked Him if He were going right then to establish His everlasting kingdom!

Jesus replied that it was not for them to know the “times and seasons” that God chooses to keep secret (Acts 1:7). In the few remaining seconds that He was able to spend with them on earth, He diverted their attention from schedules about the kingdom to a promise-prophecy that He evidently valued as being far more important. “You shall receive power,” He said, “when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Jesus, who knows all there is to know about us, knew then and evidently knows now that the only remedy for our human hostilities is the new covenant, with its promises of (1) forgiveness, (2) power to change, and (3) a place among God’s people. He *wants us to introduce this covenant to everyone, everywhere*, in the power of His Spirit.

The inference is obvious. When this good news about the kingdom has been carried in the power of the Spirit “throughout the whole world,” then and only then “the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). ■



And this good news
of the kingdom will be
proclaimed throughout
the world, as a testimony
to all the nations...

MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV



WORDS of WISDOM

Lighting the Way for Others

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (lggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Ida began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?

Biblical Resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Facing the Future

Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.

— François Fenelon

So Help Me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people by ourselves. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid.

H.P. Nichols, a 19th-century poet, wrote:

If I resolve, with the new year, a better child to be,
'Twill do no good at all, I fear, but rather harm to me,
Unless I try, with every day, no angry word to speak;
Unless, each morn, to God I pray to keep me mild and meek.
Then let me try with all my might, and may God help me too,
Always to choose the way that's right, whatever act I do.

Be of Good Cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year's most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year's resolutions, Christmas debts, and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (KJV).


For Everything a Season

Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. “What did you see?” he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. “Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life,” he counseled his children. “Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived.

“Furthermore,” he added, “don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn.”



YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

If Satan was cast out of heaven, why does Job 1:6 sound like he's got access to it?

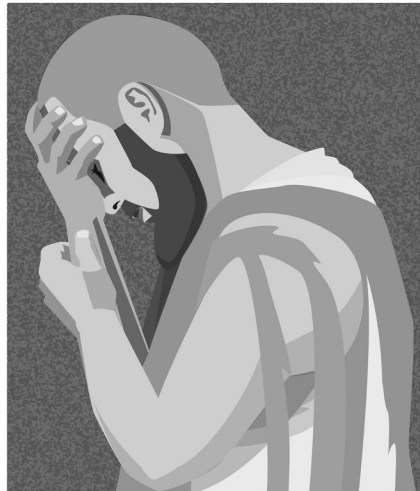
"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them" (Job 1:6).

First, I believe Satan was cast out of heaven after he led Adam and Eve into rebellion. The devil then basically set up the Earth as a staging ground to fight God. The apostle Paul says Earth is now a theater to the universe (1 Corinthians 4:9), meaning the universe is watching what's happening on this tiny planet.

But when you get to Revelation 12, where it mentions the war between Michael and the dragon and how the dragon is cast out, it's not all regarding future prophecy. Some prophecy looks back, and this is an example of that. Satan did not just come to Earth when Revelation was written. He started working here with his fallen angels when man fell. So Revelation 12 is a prophetic picture looking backward.

I also believe Satan could have been cast out of heaven in degrees. When Christ completed His ministry and said, "It is finished," (John 19:30), Satan's access to heaven was even more limited. Yet Satan still works as an accuser of the faithful and, in some way, he can discourse with God. The Lord is everywhere, so Satan can shake his fists at God in heaven and say, "The only reason Job serves you is because you protect him," and be heard. Satan also accused Joshua the high priest in Zechariah, so he is still able to accuse. But he can't go into the gates of heaven and tempt the angels anymore.

Someday, after Christ returns, Satan will be bound in chains: "I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon...who is the devil and satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up" (Revelation 20:1-3). I sure look forward to that day!



God Lets Satan Test Job

*Bible
Trivia*

1. Which disciple was crucified upside-down?
2. What two men in the Bible never died?
3. Who is the oldest man in the Bible?
4. Who is Methuselah's father?
5. How long did the Israelites wander through the wilderness?
6. How many times did Noah send out a dove from the Ark?
7. What did the dove bring back that let Noah know that the water was receding?
8. Who was pregnant at the same time as Mary?
9. Who said "Am I my brother's keeper?"
10. What was the name of the forbidden tree Adam and Eve ate from?
11. What is the longest book in the Bible?

Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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Recovery

Looking back on yesterday
 I see a life of pain
 That brought me tears and misery
 Because I was so vain...
 I took for granted those I love
 By things I said and did
 Not knowing I was killing them
 Because of how I lived...
 I walked along just with my pride
 Hiding all I felt
 Until one day I realized
 I'm headed down toward hell...
 I took a look at who I was
 And suddenly awoke
 To wanting to be just myself
 That person God so loved...
 I changed my ways and places too
 And started to look out
 For places where recovery
 Was what we talked about...
 They taught me 'bout a brand new life
 That only they could give
 The life that N.A. people shared
 when in recovery...
 This little small community
 Was powerful enough
 To guide me through it step by step,
 By just the way it's done...
 The way they shared and gave of self
 Has brought me to my knees,
 'Cause now I know there is some hope
 For all who wish
 Recovery...
 — Evelyn Lugo

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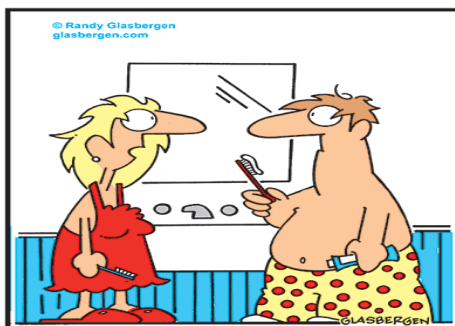
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**Bible Trivia
Answers**

1. Peter
2. Elijah & Enoch
3. Methuselah
4. Enoch
5. 40 years
6. Three times
7. A freshly plucked olive leaf
8. Elizabeth
9. Cain
10. The Tree of Life
11. Psalms

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there next. Do this until all verses are marked. Now you are ready to share a Bible study on the given topic with a friend or acquaintance, with your verses listed in order.

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT:

SUBJECT	LABEL	FIRST VERSE
1- ANGELS	1A	Heb. 1:13, 14
2.-GOD'S PURPOSE FOR WORLD	1P	Eccl. 1:4
3-THE WAY OF SALVATION	1WS	Matt. 19:16
4-NEARNESS OF CHRIST'S RETURN	1NR	Matt. 24:3
5-SECOND COMING OF CHRIST	1SC	Heb. 9:28
6-BIBLE TEMPERANCE	1BT	1 Cor. 10:31
7-MILLENNIUM	1M	Rev. 20:5
8-MOST WONDERFUL PROPHECY IN BIBLE	1WP	Dan. 8:3-14
9-MEANING OF HELL	1MH	1 Cor. 15:55
10-WHERE ARE THE DEAD?	1WD	Eccl. 12:7
11-PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED	1PW	2 Pet. 2:9
12-HEAVEN	1H	2 Cor. 12:2
13-CHRISTIAN'S RULE OF LIFE	1CR	Jam. 2:8-12
14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
15-LORD'S DAY	1LD	Rev. 1:10
16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
17-CHANGE OF SABBATH	1CS	Ex. 20:8-11
18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
20-SEVEN LAST PLAGUES	1SP	Rev. 15:1
21-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
24-CHRISTIANS IN DRESS	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
26-THE TRUE CHURCH	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK	1SW	Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

No. 10 WHERE ARE THE DEAD?: 1WD: Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2WD: Acts 2:34; 3WD: Psalm 17:15; 4WD: I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 5WD: I Corinthians 15:16-18; 6WD: Ecclesiastes 3:20; 7WD: Psalm 146:13, 14; 8WD: Psalm 115:17; 9WD: Job 14:10-13, 21; 10WD: Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.