

**[5000] “THE APPEARING OF SATAN”**  
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## I. The Appearing of Satan

- God has stepped to the forefront.
- God has reminded the world that He is still in charge
- God has the earth wrapped with His people
- God is about to liberate the captives and turn up the light.
  
- The earth is reeling from the judgments of God
- The world is at attention looking for relief.
- The earth and its inhabitants are in anguish and perplexity.
  
- This is the *winding down of sin* and the *winding up of salvation*.
- This is the *final curtain for the frivolous* and the *debut for the faithful*.
- The gloves are off; this is the last round, this is the final bell.
- Everybody is about to take a stand for somebody.

**[5000B]** Evangelism, 29 (1906) – “Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. **[5000C]** Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable.”

**[5000D]** 9T 28 – “I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: “We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, **[5000E]** but we did not know that they would come so soon.” Others, with agonized voices, said: “You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.”

Suddenly the restraint that God has had on Satan is loosened and the final movements shift into high gear. **God allows the world to gaze on the Deceiver just before it beholds the Redeemer.**

Satan lost his mind, lost his temper, and got expelled out of heaven. Even after he got kicked out he made some ludicrous claims:

**[5001]** (Isa 14:13-14 NKJV) “For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; **[5002]** (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’”

**MOD:** A plot that began 6000 years ago began to thicken and the arch enemy is about to see how unable his is to carry through on his threats.

**[5003]** (Isa 14:15 NKJV) “Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.”

God did not just put Satan out; Satan went from a *high estate* to the *lowest pit*.

**[5004]** (2 Pet 2:4 NKJV) “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”

The Lord did not just cast Satan out to heaven to the earth God placed a restraint on Satan so that he could only go so far. God also made reservation for Satan.

**Isaiah 14:15** records the word “**Pit**” and **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4** the word “**Hell.**”

**MOD:** You may recall the account when Jesus cast the demons out of the pigs and the demons begged Jesus not to do something. Look at that demonic request.

**[5005]** (Luke 8:30-31 NKJV) “Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. **[5006]** (31) And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.” (Bottomless Pit)

Each of the words used, “**Pit**”, “**Hell**” and “**Abyss**” all add up to the same thing.

**POINT:** From the fall of Satan to the present we have only seen the effect of his existence. We have not seen Satan himself. But that is about to change.

Let’s begin with **Matthew 24** and the aftermath of the **Great Tribulation:**

**[5007]** (Mat 24:21 NKJV) “”For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

As we discovered last meeting, this **Great Tribulation** is yet future. **The intensity of it demands a short duration.**

**[5008]** (Mat 24:22 NKJV) “”And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

**EMP:** The elect represent the people of God that have been sealed before the judgments of God were poured out; namely the 144,000. (**Rev 7:1-4**)

**[5009]** (Mat 24:23 NKJV) “”Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it.”

**MOD:** The Lord is not just warning us of what is to come, but of who is to come.

**[5010]** (Mat 24:24 NKJV) “”For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

**[5011]** (Mat 24:25-26 NKJV) “”See, I have told you beforehand. (26) “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.”

**EMP:** This Bible text is telling us that when the Anti-Christ comes those on the earth will say, “**He (Christ) is in the desert.**” The ultimate anti-Christ is Satan.

Satan will deceive many by making mankind think that Christ has come:

**[5012]** (Mat 24:27 NKJV) “”For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

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**[5013]** Faith I Live By 346.2 – “As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. **[5014]** Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, **[5015]** resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. . . . The shout of triumph rings out upon the air, “Christ has come! Christ has come!”

**EMP:** With an event of such great magnitude **do you think that Revelation is silent on such a magnificent “Crowning Act?”** The answer is **NO!**

**MOD:** On the heels of the first 4 trumpets the angels end **Rev. 8** by saying:

**[5016] (Rev 8:13 NKJV)** “And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, **[5017]** because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!””

**Revelation 9** opens with a scene of unimaginable importance:

**[5018] (Rev 9:1 NKJV)** “Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.”

**EMP:** The “**Star**” represented here is *symbolic* because it is called “**He.**” Furthermore, this verse makes it clear who this “**He**” is and where “**He**” came from. **He is a “fallen star” from “heaven.”**

Let’s let the Bible speak for itself:

**[5019] (Isa 14:12 NKJV)** “”How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!”

**MOD:** Lucifer means “Morning Star.” Earlier we read the **Isaiah 13: 13-15** earlier where Satan had “**I Will**” Trouble.” The difference between Satan and Christ is clear. Satan said, “**I Will**”, Jesus said, “**Not My Will Thine Be Done.**”

**MOD: Isaiah outlined all that Satan desired to do:**

- He desired to **ascend into heaven** (Wants to be the highest in Heaven)
- He desired to **exalt himself above the stars of God.** (Wants to rule the angels)
- He desired to sit in God’s seat (**Psalms 48:2** makes that clear)
- He wanted to be **high and lifted up & be like God.**

**Isaiah tells us that Satan will be revealed, he will be seen:**

**[5020] (Isa 14:16-17 NKJV)** “”Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

**[5021] (17) Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’’**

**EMP:** You may notice that **Revelation 9:1** says that Satan is given the **“key”** to the **“bottomless pit.”** If he owned the key he could let himself out at will.

**MOD:** Since God cast him out of heaven, and bound him in **“chains of darkness”** it stands to reason that only God could remove the restraint that has been place on Satan because God owns the key.

Let’s see what the Bible says:

**[5022] (Rev 1:18 KJV) “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”**

**MOD:** The Bible suggest that Satan was not the only one that was confined to the “abyss”/“bottomless Pit” his angels were also, remember **Luke 8:31?**

**[5023] (Rev 12:9 NKJV) “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”**

**MOD:** Remember **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4**, the **“angels who sinned”** were **“cast to hell.”**

**MOD:** SO, when the bottomless pit is opened in **Revelation 9**, not only Satan is revealed, his angels are also.

**[5024] (Rev 9:2-3 NKJV) “And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. [5025] (3) Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.”**

**EMP:** Revelation is suggesting that there are so many evil angels that will appear that the **“sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.”**

**QUEST:** Is there anywhere in the Bible where **serpents and scorpions** are associated with satanic forces? (**Deuteronomy 8:15 – wilderness journey**)

**[5026] (Luke 10:18-20 NKJV) “And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [5027] (19) “Behold, I give you the authority to trample**

