

"LEGAL TRIUMPH" – EPILOG

Satan, then, is at this time having his day in court. Even though the outcome of the trial is certain (the Judge saw him do it – knows all) as this outcome is recorded in the Holy Writ, the others in the courtroom are being shown **the integrity of the Judge**.

Satan's only deluded hope lies in an attack on the character of his Judge. If even ONE flaw can be found in God and His dealings with His creation, Satan must be acquitted e.g.: "After all, God, if you are not perfect, you can't blame me, etc."

This accounts for his presence before the throne and his accusations upon God's redeemed sons (look at them and their sins, how can you not damn them – Balaam made the same mistake in Numbers 22-25 and 31:16 – if they can be pardoned why not me etc.) Of course, Satan won't do what the redeemed did – repent and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Although he is guilty and though the outcome is already known, until the final verdict is put into effect he is still treated with some "honor" in court as a fallen prince – a fallen son of God. This explains:

ZEC 3:2 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO SATAN, THE LORD REBUKE THEE, O SATAN;
EVEN THE LORD THAT HATH CHOSEN JERUSALEM REBUKE THEE: IS NOT THIS
A BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE?

JUD 1:9 YET MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, WHEN CONTENDING WITH THE
DEVIL...DURST (dared) NOT BRING AGAINST HIM A RAILING ACCUSATION, BUT
SAID, THE LORD REBUKE THEE.

Michael understood that Satan's authority was a legal matter and that ultimately all authority is given and/or allowed by God. (Psa. 75:6-7, Rom. 9:17, Rom. 13:1)

Again, the Word of God tells us the final outcome of this trial before it happens in time. All is being done with *due process of law*.

The attack against God and His redeemed as a means of Satan's defense is shown in the first chapters of the Book of Job.

There in the throne area, on trial before the Judge and the heavenly audience, he accuses God and Job to take the spotlight off himself. If the Creator is not perfect, how can the creature be expected to be?

Thus the mortgage-debt for man, the earth, and the creation has been completely PAID, but the former owner and title holder **will not release** the property though it is no longer legally his.

It's like you purchase a car from a man. You pay off the full price, obtain the title (Rev 5:1-9), and the keys, but when you go to pick up the car the former owner won't give up possession. What do you do?

If there is a law enforcement body in the area, you would turn the matter over to it to enforce the removal of the purchased property from the ex-title holder and to place it into your hands. If there were no law in the area, you would have to take possession by force.

Jesus PAID the price of redemption, but Satan will not release his former property – neither the earth nor its prisoners.

As there is no law enforcement agency higher, Jesus (as did Joshua) will have to come back and take His INHERITANCE – the earth and its people – by FORCE.

PSA 2:8 ASK OF ME, AND I SHALL GIVE THEE THE HEATHEN FOR THINE INHERITANCE, AND THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH FOR THY POSSESSION.

So like the two Advents of Jesus, redemption has two aspects:

1. An already LEGALLY PAID off DEBT – this is our position.
2. But the FINAL REDEMPTION is FUTURE.

This will be accomplished at "THE DAY OF THE LORD" which will occur date wise on "THE DAY" of ATONEMENT (month 7, day 10) on the Jewish calendar for the year of His return.

MAT 24:30 AND THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN: AND THEN SHALL ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH MOURN, AND THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY.

ZEC 12:10 AND I WILL POUR UPON THE HOUSE OF DAVID, AND UPON THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, THE SPIRIT OF GRACE AND OF SUPPLICATIONS: AND THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED, AND THEY SHALL MOURN FOR HIM, AS ONE MOURNETH FOR HIS ONLY SON, AND SHALL BE IN BITTERNESS FOR HIM, AS ONE THAT IS IN BITTERNESS FOR HIS FIRSTBORN.

ISA 61:2 TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD, AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD; TO COMFORT ALL THAT MOURN;

Note in the 3 Scriptures above the key word – MOURN. The RETURN of the Lord with all His armies of saints and angels "AS A THIEF" to kill, to steal and to destroy the wicked (and their possessions of which they had temporary stewardship) will initiate the fulfillment of the **YEAR OF JUBILEE** (Leviticus 25; Acts 3:19-21).

The YEAR OF JUBILEE was when all the people who had become slaves because of having to sell themselves to pay off their debts (and also often their land and families) were set free. All their debts were cancelled, and **the land was returned to its ORIGINAL OWNER**.

We understand then, that Satan is NEITHER yet "bound" nor has his dominion over the earth ended. The victory won by the Lord Jesus at the Cross and in the Resurrection has not yet been manifested in its fullness.

MAT 28:18 AND JESUS CAME AND SPAKE UNTO THEM, SAYING, ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH.

Although the above Scripture is true, other Scripture clearly speaks of Satan's authority as "the god of this world" being in effect years after the Cross (II Cor. 4:4). I John 5:19 adds that "the whole world **IS** under the power of the evil one".

Just as David was anointed to rule over God's people and yet years transpired before he actually was enthroned, Jesus has been anointed King of kings, but He is waiting for "the day" of His coronation.

Jesus is not now reigning as a king on the throne of "His father David" (which is an earthly throne) but is serving as our high priest (Heb. 7 and 8:1). As He fulfills this role, He does so from the throne of God in heaven (Rev. 3:21). When He returns to earth, He will do so as king, and He will reign in the full authority which He won at the Cross and Resurrection.

Thus, the Word of God speaks of the "crushing" of Satan as a FUTURE EVENT,

ROM 16:20 AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BRUISE SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET
SHORTLY ...

as the Book of Romans was penned years after the Cross.

The writer of Hebrews confirms this by saying that although everything has been put in subjection under Jesus' feet, "we do not yet SEE everything in subjection to Him" (Heb. 2:5-8).

Far from being now bound, Scripture speaks of Satan after the Cross, after the Resurrection, and even after Pentecost as:

1 PE 5:8 ... YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION, WALKETH
ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR:

and we are told to "resist" Satan (Jas. 4:7). Obviously, if Satan is a roaring lion on the prowl that is to be resisted, he cannot now be bound.

There is, however, a sense in which Satan has always been bound. Satan is not and has never been omnipotent. He is not now and never has been free to do anything he desires. The book of Job reveals that he could not touch Job without God's permission, and even when such permission was given, the attack was limited by clear stipulations.

Satan was further limited by the Cross and Resurrection in that since those events, the Holy Spirit has come to permanently INDWELL those who receive Jesus as savior. He enables them to be "overcomers" in their conflict with Satan.

1 JO 4:4 ... GREATER IS HE (The Holy Spirit) THAT IS IN YOU,
THAN HE (Satan) THAT IS IN THE WORLD. (also I John 5:1-5)

But these limitations on Satan do not constitute the "binding of Satan" that the Scriptures place as occurring at the very beginning of the Millennium. That binding will render him unable to "deceive the nations" any more (Rev. 20:3). Obviously this has not yet happened, thus Satan is not yet bound. Though legally defeated, he is still the ruler of planet earth and "prince of the power of the air" until he is removed by force! (Eph. 2:2)

It should be noted from Scripture (see Rev. 20:1-2 below) that in order to "bind" Satan, one must have:

1. the key to the bottomless pit,
2. the great chain, and
3. the power to apply them.

When the Lord Jesus comes back to the earth to forcibly retake it, Satan will be temporarily arraigned "in jail" during Christ's 1,000 year reign on the earth awaiting the time for the actual carrying out of his "death" penalty.

REV 20:1 AND I SAW AN ANGEL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, HAVING THE KEY OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT AND A GREAT CHAIN IN HIS HAND.

REV 20:2 AND HE LAID HOLD ON THE DRAGON, THAT OLD SERPENT, WHICH IS THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, AND BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS,

REV 20:3 AND CAST HIM INTO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, AND SHUT HIM UP, AND SET A SEAL UPON HIM, THAT HE SHOULD DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO MORE, TILL THE THOUSAND YEARS SHOULD BE FULFILLED: AND AFTER THAT HE MUST BE LOOSED A LITTLE SEASON.

REV 20:4 AND I SAW THRONES, AND THEY SAT UPON THEM, AND JUDGMENT WAS GIVEN UNTO THEM: AND I SAW THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE BEHEADED FOR THE WITNESS OF JESUS, AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD, AND WHICH HAD NOT WORSHIPPED THE BEAST, NEITHER HIS IMAGE, NEITHER HAD RECEIVED HIS MARK UPON THEIR FOREHEADS, OR IN THEIR HANDS; AND THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.

Then after a brief release "on bond", Satan again revolts gaining many followers:

REV 20:7 AND WHEN THE THOUSAND YEARS ARE EXPIRED, SATAN SHALL BE LOOSED OUT OF HIS PRISON,

REV 20:8 AND SHALL GO OUT TO DECEIVE THE NATIONS WHICH ARE IN THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH, GOG AND MAGOG, TO GATHER THEM TOGETHER TO BATTLE: THE NUMBER OF WHOM IS AS THE SAND OF THE SEA.

REV 20:9 AND THEY WENT UP ON THE BREADTH OF THE EARTH, AND COMPASSED THE CAMP OF THE SAINTS ABOUT, AND THE BELOVED CITY: AND FIRE CAME DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, AND DEVOURED THEM.

The wicked one is re-taken, and the final sentence is meted out:

REV 20:10 AND THE DEVIL THAT DECEIVED THEM WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHERE THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET ARE, AND SHALL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER.

After that:

1 CO 15:24 THEN COMETH THE END (of the 1000 year reign), WHEN HE (Jesus) SHALL HAVE DELIVERED UP THE KINGDOM TO GOD, EVEN THE FATHER; WHEN HE SHALL HAVE PUT DOWN ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER.

1 CO 15:25 FOR HE (Jesus) MUST REIGN, TILL HE (Father) HATH PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS (Jesus) FEET. (see psa 8:6, 110:1 and I Co. 15:28 below)

1 CO 15:26 THE LAST ENEMY THAT SHALL BE DESTROYED IS DEATH.

1 CO 15:27 FOR HE (Father) HATH PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS (Messiah's) FEET. BUT WHEN HE (Father) SAITH ALL THINGS ARE PUT UNDER HIM (Messiah), IT IS MANIFEST THAT HE (Father) IS EXCEPTED, WHICH DID PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM (Jesus).

1 CO 15:28 AND WHEN ALL THINGS SHALL BE SUBDUED UNTO HIM, THEN SHALL THE SON ALSO HIMSELF BE SUBJECT UNTO HIM THAT PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.

Then the 1,000 year long "DAY OF THE LORD" will end:

2 PE 3:7 BUT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, WHICH ARE NOW, BY THE SAME WORD ARE KEPT IN STORE, RESERVED UNTO FIRE AGAINST THE DAY OF JUDGMENT AND PERDITION OF UNGODLY MEN.

REV 20:4 AND I SAW THRONES, AND THEY SAT UPON THEM, AND JUDGMENT WAS GIVEN UNTO THEM: AND I SAW THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE BEHEADED FOR THE WITNESS OF JESUS, AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD, AND WHICH HAD NOT WORSHIPPED THE BEAST, NEITHER HIS IMAGE, NEITHER HAD RECEIVED HIS MARK UPON THEIR FOREHEADS, OR IN THEIR HANDS; AND THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.

REV 20:5 BUT THE REST OF THE DEAD LIVED NOT AGAIN UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED. THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION.

REV 20:11 AND I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE, AND HIM THAT SAT ON IT, FROM WHOSE FACE THE EARTH AND THE HEAVEN FLED AWAY; AND THERE WAS FOUND NO PLACE FOR THEM.

REV 20:12 AND I SAW THE DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT, STAND BEFORE GOD; AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED: AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE: AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.

REV 20:14 AND DEATH AND HELL WERE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH.

REV 20:15 AND WHOSOEVER WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

2 PE 3:10 BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT; IN THE WHICH THE HEAVENS SHALL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT, THE EARTH ALSO AND THE WORKS THAT ARE THEREIN SHALL BE BURNED UP.

2 PE 3:12 LOOKING FOR AND HASTING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD, WHEREIN THE HEAVENS BEING ON FIRE SHALL BE DISSOLVED, AND THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT?

And after the destruction of this present heaven and earth:

2 PE 3:13 NEVERTHELESS WE, ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE, LOOK FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, WHEREIN DWELLETH RIGHTEOUSNESS.

REV 21:1 AND I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH: FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH WERE PASSED AWAY; AND THERE WAS NO MORE SEA.

REV 21:2 AND I JOHN SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND.

REV 21:3 AND I HEARD A GREAT VOICE OUT OF HEAVEN SAYING, BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE WITH THEM, AND BE THEIR GOD.

REV 21:4 AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES; AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW, NOR CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN: FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.

REV 21:9 AND THERE CAME UNTO ME ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS WHICH HAD THE SEVEN VIALS FULL OF THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, AND TALKED WITH ME, SAYING, COME HITHER, I WILL SHEW THEE THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE.

REV 21:10 AND HE CARRIED ME AWAY IN THE SPIRIT TO A GREAT AND HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHEWED ME THAT GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD,

REV 21:11 HAVING THE GLORY OF GOD: AND HER LIGHT WAS LIKE UNTO A STONE MOST PRECIOUS, EVEN LIKE A JASPER STONE, CLEAR AS CRYSTAL;

REV 21:22 AND I SAW NO TEMPLE THEREIN: FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE OF IT.

REV 21:23 AND THE CITY HAD NO NEED OF THE SUN, NEITHER OF THE MOON, TO SHINE IN IT: FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT, AND THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT THEREOF.

REV 21:24 AND THE NATIONS OF THEM WHICH ARE SAVED SHALL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF IT: AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH DO BRING THEIR GLORY AND HONOUR INTO IT.

REV 21:27 AND THERE SHALL IN NO WISE ENTER INTO IT ANY THING THAT DEFILETH, NEITHER WHATSOEVER WORKETH ABOMINATION, OR MAKETH A LIE: BUT THEY WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.

REV 22:1 AND HE SHEWED ME A PURE RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE, CLEAR AS CRYSTAL, PROCEEDING OUT OF THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB.

REV 22:2 IN THE MIDST OF THE STREET OF IT, AND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, WAS THERE THE TREE OF LIFE, WHICH BARE TWELVE MANNER OF FRUITS, AND YIELDED HER FRUIT EVERY MONTH: AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE WERE FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.

REV 22:3 AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE CURSE: BUT THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB SHALL BE IN IT; AND HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM:

REV 22:4 AND THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE; AND HIS NAME SHALL BE IN THEIR FOREHEADS.

REV 22:5 AND THERE SHALL BE NO NIGHT THERE; AND THEY NEED NO CANDLE, NEITHER LIGHT OF THE SUN; FOR THE LORD GOD GIVETH THEM LIGHT: AND THEY SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER.

REV 22:16 I JESUS HAVE SENT MINE ANGEL TO TESTIFY UNTO YOU THESE THINGS IN THE CHURCHES. I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, AND THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR.

REV 22:17 AND THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, COME. AND LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, COME. AND LET HIM THAT IS ATHIRST COME. AND WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY.

REV 22:20 HE WHICH TESTIFIETH THESE THINGS SAITH, SURELY I COME QUICKLY. AMEN. EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS.

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