

Loris First Baptist Church
“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”

Doctrine #50 – The Judgment of Satan and Fallen Angels

Note: Most information based on pages 361-365 of the book “Major Bible Themes” by Lewis Sperry Chaffer.

The Judgment of Satan at the Cross

1. The conflict between God and Satan began with the fall of Satan from his original holy state long before Adam and Eve were created (see Doctrine #22).
2. Throughout the history of man, various judgments fell on Satan, including the judgment in the Garden of Eden which was inflicted on the serpent and the pronouncement anticipating Satan’s ultimate downfall given in Genesis 3:15.
 - a. There Satan was informed that the seed of the woman “*shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*” This referred to the conflict between Satan and God that resulted in the crucifixion of Christ.
 - b. Although Christ died on the cross, He was raised from the dead, and this is referred to as “*thou shalt bruise his heel.*”
 - c. By contrast, Satan had a deadly wound that would prove his complete downfall—expressed in the sentence, “*it shall bruise thy head.*” Christ in His death accomplished a lasting victory over Satan.
3. Reference to this same truth is found in John 16:11, where Christ indicated that the Holy Spirit, when He came, would convince the world “*of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*”
 - a. Satan’s judgment was pronounced at the cross, and Satan was held guilty of rebellion against God, which made necessary the sacrifice of Christ in order to save fallen men.
4. An earlier incident in the life of Christ also anticipated Christ’s victory over Satan.
 - a. When the seventy sent out to preach and perform miracles returned, they declared in Luke 10:17, “*Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*” Christ in reply said, “*I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven*” (10:18).
 - b. This was a prophetic anticipation of Satan’s ultimate downfall.

Satan Cast Out of Heaven

1. At the beginning of the Great Tribulation, forty-two months before the second coming of Christ, according to Revelation 12:7-9, a war takes place in heaven between Michael, the leader of the holy angels, and Satan (described as “the dragon”) and “his angels” (referring to fallen angels).
2. **Satan and the fallen angels are defeated and** *“The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.” (Rev. 12:9).*
3. As brought out in Revelation 12:10, Satan had been engaged in ceaseless accusation of the brethren and had *“accused them before our God day and night.”*
 - a. The accusing work of Satan, first introduced in Scripture in the Book of Job, is finally brought to an end then, in anticipation of the ultimate judgment on him.
 - b. Beginning at this point in the prophetic program, approximately forty-two months before the second coming of Christ (cf. Rev. 12:6), Satan and the wicked angels are at long last excluded from heaven.
 - c. The defeat of Satan which began when he was unable to tempt Christ, made evident by the casting out of demons by Christ and His followers, and rendered sure by the death of Christ on the cross, is now rapidly coming to its climax. Satan, already judged and declared guilty, now is about to find his judgment executed against him.

Satan Bound and Cast into the Abyss

1. At the second coming of Christ, judgment is inflicted, not only upon a blaspheming world and its rulers, but also upon Satan and fallen angels.
 - a. **In Revelation 20:1-3, John writes,** *“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”*
 - 1) In this graphic vision, a further advance in the judgment of Satan is recorded. John not only sees Satan bound and cast into the abyss, or the bottomless pit, and confined there, but also is told the reason for this action.
 - 2) The purpose is that Satan will be unable to deceive the nations until the thousand years of the millennial kingdom are past.

- 3) While this truth is conveyed to John in a vision, the interpretation of the vision is plain; Satan is unable to deceive the world any longer as he has done ever since Adam and Eve were created.
- 4) The vivid fact that Satan is bound during the thousand-year reign of Christ is another important evidence that the millennial kingdom is still “future” and is not to be identified with any present rule of God.
- 5) It is very obvious in Scripture that Satan is not bound now, as brought out in the previous study of Satan (see Doctrine #23).
- 6) Any literal fulfillment of Revelation 19-20 requires the “second coming” of Christ to occur “first” and the “binding” of Satan to follow immediately “afterward”.
- 7) Six times in Revelation 20 the thousand-year period is mentioned, with events preceding and events following. The binding of Satan clearly occurs before the thousand years begin.
- 8) While nothing is said in this passage concerning the fallen angels, it may be assumed they are also confined at this point, just as they were cast out of heaven with Satan forty-two months prior to Christ’s second coming.
- 9) There is no record in any millennial passage of Satanic activity until the very end, when Satan is loosed for a short period of time.

The Final Judgment of Satan

1. **Revelation 20:7** says: *“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.”*
2. The next verse declares that he *“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.” (Revelation 20:8)*
3. Led by Satan, a host of those who had only outwardly professed to follow Christ now show their true colors. These are children born in the Millennium, forced by circumstances to profess faith in Christ, but never actually born again.
4. Now in open rebellion they encircle “the camp of the saints” and “the beloved city,” Jerusalem. Their lot is one of immediate judgment and, according to **Revelation 20:9**, *“Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”*

5. Immediately thereafter, according to **Revelation 20:10**, “*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.*” This is the final doom of Satan, for his destiny is eternal fire which God prepared for the devil and his angels (see Matthew 25:41!)

Matthew 25:41 “*Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.’*”

6. The fallen angels are also judged, because they followed Satan’s original rebellion against God.

Isaiah 14:12-17 “*How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. THOSE WHO SEE YOU STARE AT YOU, THEY PONDER YOUR FATE: ‘Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?’”*

Ezekiel 28:12-19 “*Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. YOU WERE ANOINTED AS A GUARDIAN CHERUB, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, GUARDIAN CHERUB, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, AND IT CONSUMED YOU, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.’”*

2 Peter 2:4 “*GOD SPARRER NOT THE ANGELS THAT SINNED, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, TO BE RESERVED UNTO JUDGMENT.”*

- a. The “Hell” mentioned by Peter as the place fallen angels have been sent to for judgment, refers to Tartarus, a place of eternal punishment, and not Hades, where the wicked dead go prior to being cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:13-14; *The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and HADES GAVE UP THE DEAD THAT WERE IN THEM, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.”*

- b. The judgment of angels is also mentioned in **Jude 6**, where it is revealed, “*And THE ANGELS which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT DAY.*”
 - c. When Jude 6 is joined with other passages referring to the fall and judgment of Satan and the wicked angels, it becomes clear that—while Satan and some of the angels are allowed a measure of freedom and because of this carry on a ceaseless warfare against the holy angels and the people of God on earth—other angels are bound and not allowed freedom.
 - d. All demons, however, are destined for judgment at “*the judgment of the great day,*” referring to the judgment on Satan and all the fallen angels which will take place after the close of the millennial kingdom.
7. Although in the providence of God, Satan and the fallen angels have exerted great power and influence on the world and have ceaselessly opposed God, their ultimate defeat is sure and their eternal judgment follows.
 8. Christians afflicted by Satan, however, as Job was in the Old Testament, can rest in the fact that their victory ultimately is assured and the enemies of God will be judged in His time.
 9. That their punishment is endless is borne out by the fact that the beast and the false prophet cast into the lake of fire at the beginning of the Millennium are still there at the end of the Millennium.
 10. As Scripture makes clear, there are only two ultimate judgments, one the unending bliss of heaven, the other the unending torment of the lake of fire.

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1. Read Pages 1-5 from the Doctrine#50 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions about “The Judgment of Satan and Fallen Angels” as you read:

a. The Judgment of Satan at the Cross

- 1) True or False. The conflict between God and Satan began after Adam and Eve were created and Satan was jealous of God’s relationship with mankind. (page 1, top)

- 2) When the Lord informed Satan that the *“seed of the woman”* would bruise Satan’s head and Satan would bruise the seed of the woman’s *“heel”*, what was the Lord referring to? (page 1, top; Genesis 3:15)

- 3) According to John 16:11, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit, when He came, would convince the world *“of judgment”*, because of *“what”*? (page 1, bottom-middle)

- 4) What was *“pronounced”* at the cross which made necessary the sacrifice of Christ in order to save fallen man? (page 1, bottom)

- 5) When Christ told the 70 disciples He had sent out to preach and perform miracles, *“I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven”*, what was this a prophetic anticipation of? (page 1, bottom)

b. Satan Cast Out of Heaven

- 1) According to Revelation 12:7-9, at the beginning of the Great Tribulation Period (i.e. “42 months before the second coming of Christ”) a war takes place in heaven. Who is fighting in this war?

- 2) What is one “ceaseless” activity of Satan that will be immediately ended when he is finally hurled down from heaven to the earth? (page 2, top; Revelation 12:10)

- 3) When does the Bible reveal that Satan will finally be kicked out of heaven? (page 2, middle; Rev 12:6)

- 4) When did the defeat of Satan really begin? (page 2, middle; see Matthew 4:1-11)

c. Satan Bound and Cast into the Abyss

- 1) At the second coming of Christ, judgment is inflicted, not only upon a blaspheming world and its rulers, but also upon “whom”? (page 2, bottom; Revelation 20:1-3)

- 2) What is the major purpose of Satan being bound up in the “Abyss” during the Millennial Reign of Christ? (page 2, bottom)

- 3) The vivid fact that Satan is bound during the thousand-year reign of Christ is evidence of what important teaching about the millennial kingdom? (page 3, top; Revelation 20:1-3)

- 4) Any literal fulfillment of Chapters 19 and 20 of the Book of Revelation requires the “binding of Satan” to immediately follow “what”? (page 3, top)

d. The Final Judgment of Satan

- 1) What does Satan do when he is released from the Abyss near the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ? (page 3, bottom; Revelation 20:7-8)

- 2) Who are the people on the earth that are deceived by Satan to march into battle with him at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ? (page 3, bottom)

- 3) What happen to the people who are deceived by Satan at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ? (page 3, bottom; Revelation 20:9)

- 4) According to Revelation 20:9, what happens to Satan after he leads an army to march against Jerusalem at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ?

- 5) According to Jesus, why did God create the “lake of fire”? (Matthew 25:41)

- 6) Why are the fallen angels judged along with Satan? (page 4, top; 2Peter 2:4)

- 7) True or False. The “hell” that demons are thrown into for their eternal punishment is the same place called “Hades” where the wicked dead (“men”) go prior to be cast into the lake of fire. (page 4, bottom; 2Peter 2:4; Revelation 20:13-14)

- 8) What does the term “*the judgment of the great day*” refer to as revealed in Jude 6? (page 5, top)

- 9) True or False. According to the Bible, Satan, and all of the fallen angels (i.e. “demons”) that rebelled against God with him, are loose right now and will remain so until the beginning of Christ’s Millennial Reign on the earth. (page 5, top; 2Peter 2:4; Jude 6)

- 10) Although in the providence of God, Satan and the fallen angels have exerted great power and influence on the world and have ceaselessly opposed God, was is “sure” to follow? (page 5, middle)

- 11) Christians afflicted by Satan, as Job was in the O.T., can rest in assurance of what biblical “fact”? (page 5, middle)

- 12) What are the only two “ultimate judgments” that are revealed in Scripture? (page 5, middle-bottom)