"Satan's Great Presumption" Revelation 12: 7-12

Point of Clarification:

- 1) Satan's original fall was in the past Ezekiel 28: 14-17
- 2) Satan is not only a deceiver, he is an influencer (one third of the angels followed him)

 Revelation 12: 4

Verse 7 - 9 Satan's presumption and consequence

Presumption = behavior perceived as arrogant, disrespectful, and transgressing the limits of what is permitted or appropriate

God chooses to defend heaven with Michael and his angels

More information on Michael:

1) Michael is an archangel assigned to protect Israel - <u>Daniel 12: 1</u>

- 2) Michael is the only archangel named in Scripture (there are more)

 Daniel 10: 13
- 3) Michael helps other angels in angel conflicts Daniel 10: 13 and 20-21

The result of Satan's presumption:

- Cast out of heaven, cast to earth

Cast = "ballo" = the verb implies impulse, to throw, to thrust, to strike

SATAN WAS BODY SLAMMED!



Satan discovered what we all must discover:

The law of unintended consequences

Verse 10 Satan may presume, but Christ is victorious!

Prior to being cast out, Satan would bring charges against the believer

Satan can only bring his legal case at the place of accusation:

Zechariah 3: 1-2 Luke 22: 31

Satan can bring his legal arguments, but you have been exonerated (you are not guilty). How?

By the blood of Christ!

Jesus paid our sin debt He died for us! He paid the price for our sins!!

The sixth cry from the cross - "it is finished" = "tetelestai" = paid in full!!!

The justice of God was satisfied when Jesus paid the great price of ransom!!

Our old man died at the cross; we were crucified with Christ - Romans 6: 6-9

If my old man is dead, why do I struggle with sin?

"Our old man is dead" is a legal term; the flesh I reside in is in rebellion against God

Am I doomed to live out this life in constant defeat?

NO!!

You are in a *PROCESS* of sanctification - *being set apart to God*

This is a *PROCESS*; it is not instantaneous, *it takes work!!*

The Holy Spirit in you provides you with the strength to change!

Verse 11 Because Christ was victorious, you can be victorious!!

How does a believer overcome the incessant attacks of Satan? KNOW THE FACTS!

- Fact #1 Satan is able to accuse us because we continually sin 1 John 1:8
- Fact #2 The one-time sacrifice of Christ justifies believers eternally Hebrews 10: 14

- Fact #3 "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb"
 Revelation 12: 11
- Fact #4 Our sin affects our fellowship, not our standing as a justified one 1 John 1: 9

Knowing these facts will allow you to stand, *like a bull in a blizzard*, against Satan's attacks!!

How do we overcome Satan's death threats?

- 1) "By the blood of the Lamb" filled with the Holy Spirit, I can stand through the impossible
- 2) "By the word of their testimony" witness for Christ to the death
- 3) "By not loving their lives to the death" they knew "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5: 8

Jesus actually taught that you will never die - Do you remember? John 11: 25

Verse 12 Satan's presumption consequence - thrown to the earth!

Heaven rejoices, but woe to the earth!!

Why woe to the earth?

Satan is having a fit!!

What does Satan now know?

"He has a short time"

CLOSING:

Satan's Great Presumption

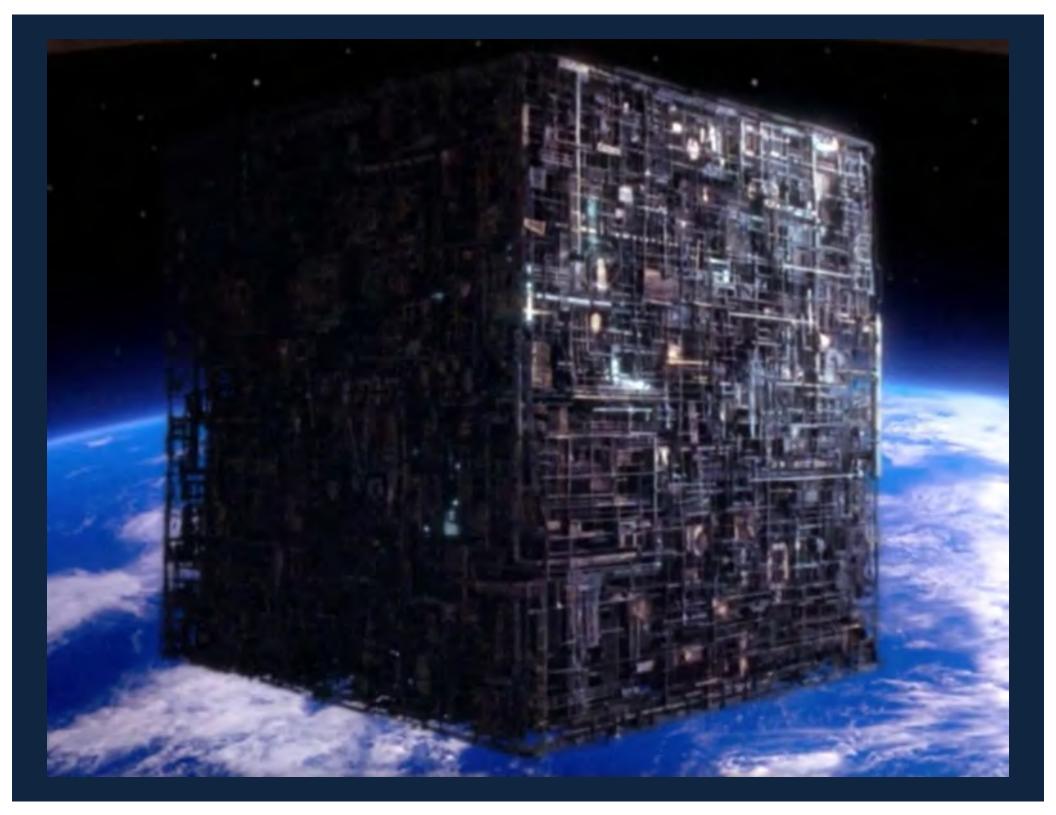
Satan's desperation is evident today:

- 1) He is in an all-out effort to establish a one-world government (GLOBALISM)
- 2) A one-world economic system
- 3) A one-world religion

- 4) To destroy Biblical Christianity the True Church
- 5) Satan is alive and well on planet earth, and Israel and you are his target!

The clarion cry of progressives is:

Get on board, resistance is futile (Borg)



Our world is being prepped now for the coming man of sin - the antichrist, the beast!!

The True Church will resist him and be a target of retribution, until removed by the Rapture!

What does every believer need?

- 1) An intense time of discipleship baby Christians are fodder for the roaring lion
- 2) Stay in fellowship isolated Christians are easy prey!
 The lion will pounce on the isolated
- 3) Stay disciplined in what we allow into our minds Satan's target is your mind!!

What are we to do?

Contend for the faith - Jude 3

True faith is worth fighting for - may we contend earnestly for the faith!

Jude closes his short epistle with one of the most splendid benedictions in the New Testament

Allow the Holy Spirit to give you an expression of good wishes!

"To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy. To the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." **Jude 24-25**