

# Major Bible Themes

## 52 Vital Doctrines of the Scriptures Simplified and Explained

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### The Judgment of Satan and Fallen Angels

- Introduction
  - The conflict between God and Satan began with the fall of Satan from his original holy state long before Adam and Eve were created.
  - Throughout history, various judgments have been pronounced against Satan.
    - ✦ Jesus, speaking of the coming Holy Spirit, referred to these past judgments pronounced against Satan (John 16:11).
    - ✦ At his fall, Satan was cast out of the throne room of heaven (Isa 14:12; Luke 10:18).
    - ✦ At the fall of man, Satan's defeat at the cross by the Seed of the Woman was prophesied (Gen 3:15).
- Satan Completely Removed from Heaven
  - Though Satan has already been cast out of the throne room of heaven, he still has judicial access to the courtroom of heaven (Rev 12:10).
  - During the Tribulation, Michael and his angels wage war against Satan and his angels (Rev 12:7).
  - Satan and the fallen angels will be no match for Michael and the holy angels (Rev 12:8).
  - At that time, Satan and the fallen angels will be completely banned from any and all access to heaven (Rev 12:9-10).
- Satan Bound and Cast into the Abyss
  - At the Second Advent of Christ, judgment is inflicted upon a blaspheming world and also upon Satan and his fallen angels.
  - In Rev 20:1-3 John sees a vision of an angel holding the key to the abyss and yielding a chain with which to bind up Satan.
  - Satan will be thrown into the abyss and confined there during the 1,000 year reign of Christ so that he will not be able to deceive the peoples any longer.
  - While no reference is made to the fallen angels here, we do not find any activity of Satan or his minions in any Millennial passage until Satan is released at the end of the 1,000 years.
- The Final Judgment of Satan
  - In Rev 20:7-8 we learn that Satan is released at the end of the 1,000 years and comes out to deceive the peoples all over the earth and lead them in a rebellion against Christ.
  - He recruits followers from among the children born during the Millennium who are never born-again through faith in Christ.
  - This worldwide march upon Jerusalem will end in spectacular fashion when God sends down fire from heaven to devour the rebellious crowd (Rev 20:9).

- God also deals immediately with Satan who receives his final judgment upon being thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:10).
- Although the Lake of Fire is a place prepared specifically for Satan and the fallen angels, this will be the final destination for all who reject Christ (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:15).
- In the providence of God, Satan and the fallen angels have exerted great power and influence on the world, but their ultimate defeat is assured as is their eternal judgment.
- Christians who are afflicted by Satan can rest in the fact that all enemies of God will be judged in His perfect time.
- There are only two ultimate judgments: one resulting in unending bliss, the other in unending torment.
- Questions
  - What judgments have already been handed down to Satan?
  
  - Describe the coming angelic war between Michael and Satan and its outcome.
  
  - What has Satan been doing in the courtroom of heaven throughout the history of mankind?
  
  - Describe the downfall of Satan at the beginning of the Millennium.
  
  - How does the binding of Satan affect the Millennial Kingdom?
  
  - What is the outcome of the release of Satan at the end of the Millennium?
  
  - Who joins Satan in rebellion and what is the outcome of their rebellion?
  
  - Describe Satan's final judgment and that of the fallen angels.
  
  - How can Christians be reassured amid their spiritual conflict of their ultimate victory?