



War in the Heavens: Battle for the 3rd Heaven

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Are we at war? Yes, but where are the battles being engaged at? In the mind? On earth? All are good answers, but I'm focusing on the 3 heavens because the warfare that occurred and is still occurring impacts everyone on earth. The three heavens are mentioned in 2Cor12:2 by Paul.

RSV 2 Corinthians 12:2

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the **third heaven**--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

Is this just information/entertainment - infotainment? No. This is getting to know our enemy: what he's capable of doing, what he's done in the past and knowing our Saviour is greater than all our enemies forces combined. This also touches the importance and need for one to have the proper garments on for the salvation from our enemies while we still are living life here on earth.



What do we know about our enemy? Satan was at one time called Lucifer and according to Ez28:12-14 he was one of the highest order of angel and stood next to the throne with his wings covering the throne – maybe similar to the ark of the covenant in Indiana Jones.

ASV Ezekiel 28:12-14

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation over the **king of Tyre**, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 **Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God**; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of **thy pipes was in thee**; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared.

14 **Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth**: and I set thee, so that **thou wast upon the holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

After an unknown time, sin germinated within Lucifer which led to eventually him getting kicked out of heaven Ez28:15-17. Two of his sins was pride and vanity.

ASV Ezekiel 28:15-17

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee.

16 By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Isaiah 14:12-15 goes more in depth to Satan's sin which was covetousness. Satan coveted the throne he wanted the title and position that wasn't his to have. Revelation chapter 4 gives a glimpse of the honor and glory to whom who sits on the throne.

KJV Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Rev4:2-11

2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.

3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,

6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind

7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Satan didn't leave heaven by meekness or gentleness. There was an all-out war. How long did that war last, what was the first shot heard around the heavens? The bible doesn't give that detail but the bible does state in Revelations 12:7-9 that Satan had gathered allies to his cause. Maybe some lower rank angels wanting a higher position or under the spell of the musical charm of satan (musical pipes in Ez28:13)

THE FALL OF THE REBEL ANGELS FROM LES TRÈS RICHES HEURES DU DUC DE BERRY (MINIATURE), C. 1410



ASV Revelation 12:7-9

7 And there was war in heaven Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels;

8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.



There is no turning back once one declares war. All your preparation and planning and troop placement will be tested. There are a lot of factors in going to war. Some basic principles of warfare that Satan must have followed can be found in Sun Tzu "The Art of War" by Samuel B. Griffith, 1963, Oxford University Press. Wu Chi (Sun Tzu) was born in the state of Wei (located within the modern nation of China) in 430 BC and was eventually put to death by the neighboring enemy state of Chu' in 381 BC. Sun Tzu laid out some basic common sense principles that an army must consider if they want to take on another nation and be victorious.

In the chapter of Marches p122 item 45.

"In war, numbers alone confer no advantage. Do not advance relying on sheer military power."

And note 4 of this item states

"'For it is not by the numbers of the combatants but by their orderly array and their bravery that prowess in war is wont to be measured.' Procopius, History of the Wars, p.347

That's good since the devil didn't have sheer overwhelming numbers to rely on. In Rev12:4 it stated that Satan was able to get 1/3 of the angels to rebel.

KJV Revelation 12:3-4

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Being out gunned by a 2 to 1 factor is not good odds as a commander. In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p79-80 in the chapter Offensive Strategy items 12-17 it speaks on troop use

12. Consequently, the art of using troops is this When ten to the enemies one, surround him;

13. When five times his strength, attack him;...

14. If double his strength, divide him...

15. If equally matched you may engage him....

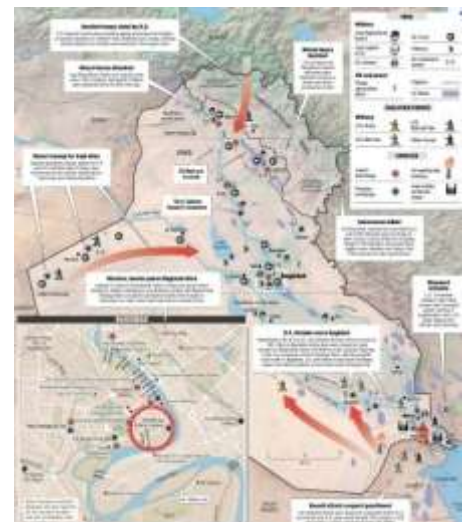
16. If weaker numerically, be capable of withdrawing...

17. And if in all respects unequal, be capable of eluding him...;

In warfare you attack from multiple fronts at the same time. You create diversions to break off forces from the main body so you can circle round and attack from the flanks. The war between Jesus's and Satan's forces has been going on for an eternity (from man's point of view). Satan has battled on all fronts and in all three heavens, creating diversion to try and create a breach in God's forces.

The commanding general must know the enemies plans and troop movements in order to be successful in creating diversions. This knowledge requires inside information and only spies can give you that information.

In all wars you need spies. Spies give you critical information on how to array and deploy your forces. In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p144-147 in the chapter Employment of Secret Agents item 3-5,7-11,14



3. Now the reason the enlightened prince and the wise general conquer the enemy whenever they move and their achievements surpass those of ordinary men is foreknowledge....
4. What is called 'foreknowledge' cannot be elicited from spirits, nor from gods, nor by analogy with past events, nor from calculations. It must be obtained from men who know the enemy situation.
5. Now there are five sorts of secret agents to be employed. These are native, inside, doubled, expendable, and living.
7. Native agents are those of the enemy's country people whom we employ.
8. Inside agents are enemy officials whom we employ...
9. Doubled agents are enemy spies whom we employ...
10. Expendable agents are those of our own spies who are deliberately given fabricated information...
11. Living agents are those who return with information...
- 14...There is no place where espionage is not used



And In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p106 in the chapter Maneuver item 12

12. Now war is based on deception. Move when it is advantageous and create changes in the situation by dispersal and concentration of forces.

What are these deceptions? In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p133 in the chapter The Nine Varieties of Ground Item 26

Meng: Lay on many deceptive operations. Be seen in the west and march out of the east; lure him in the north and strike in the south. Drive him crazy and bewilder him so that he disperses his forces in confusion.

Chang Yu: Take him unaware by surprise attacks where he is unprepared. Hit him suddenly with shock troops.



Here's the first major flaw in Satan's planning. Satan must have believed that Jesus wasn't aware of his detailed plans that he drew up in his secret liar. Satan probably thought that his brilliant campaign was flawless. Little did Satan know that Jesus saw everything. Ezekiel8:12 shows that Jesus sees everything – even if it's hidden away. Jesus saw but Jesus is a master poker player. Jesus sees all the hands around the table and He knows what card the dealer will pass out next.

Ez8:7-9,12

- 7 And he brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, there was a hole in the wall.
- 8 Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig in the wall." So I dug in the wall, and behold, there was an entrance.
- 9 And he said to me, "Go in, and see the vile abominations that they are committing here."
- 12 Then he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, **The LORD does not see us**, the LORD has forsaken the land."

In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p84 in the chapter Offensive Strategy Item 30-33

30. It is in these five matters that the way to victory is known.
31. Therefore I say 'Know the enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles you will never be in peril.
32. When you are ignorant of the enemy but know yourself, your chances of winning or losing are equal.
33. If ignorant both of your enemy and of yourself, you are certain in every battle to be in peril...

Here's another flaw in Satan's military campaign. He severely underestimated Jesus' capabilities. In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p92-93 in the chapter Energy Item 18. A great commander may appear weak when he is extremely strong. Paul said in 2Cor12:10 "When I am weak, then I am Strong". Jesus may have appeared weak but Satan found out that Jesus was strong.

18. Apparent confusion is a product of good order; apparent cowardice, of courage; apparent weakness, of strength.

Tu Mu: The verse means that if one wishes to feign disorder to entice an enemy he must himself be well-disciplined. Only then can he feign confusion. One who wishes to simulate cowardice and lie in wait for his enemy must be courageous, for only then is he able to simulate fear. One who wishes to appear to be weak in order to make his enemy arrogant must be extremely strong. Only then can he feign weakness

RSV 2 Corinthians 12:10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; **for when I am weak, then I am strong.**

The bible doesn't mention any previous rebellions in heaven prior to Satan's war so one would conclude that Satan's war was the first one. Satan may have assumed that Jesus was just a God of peace and didn't know anything about war. This was his mistake and all the Christians who believe Jesus is only a kind, gentle, grandfatherly figure. Jesus is a God of peace and love but Jesus is also a God of war.

The Book of Enoch in Chapter 7:1-2,7 indicates that there were 200 fallen angel leaders that came down to the earth. Some of their specialties are listed out in Enoch8:1-8 at what type of knowledge they knew. They knew weaponry, sorcery and astrology – powerful weapons as illustrated many places in the bible.

Book of Enoch - Chapter 7:1-2,7

¹It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful.

²And when the angels, ⁽³⁾ the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, **Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children.**

(3) An Aramaic text reads "Watchers" here (J.T. Milik, *Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4* [Oxford Clarendon Press, 1976], p. 167).

⁷Then they swore all together, and all bound themselves by mutual execrations. **Their whole number was two hundred,** who descended upon Ardis, ⁽⁴⁾ which is the top of mount Armon.

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In the book of Enoch, Chapter 8, it speaks of the areas which the fallen angels taught the population of the earth. The 200 leaders were knowledgeable in many areas

Book of Enoch - Chapter 8:1-8

¹Moreover Azazyel taught men to make **swords, knives, shields, breastplates**, the fabrication of mirrors, and the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments, the use of paint, the beautifying of the eyebrows, *the use of stones of every valuable and select kind*, and all sorts of dyes, so that the world became altered.

²Impiety increased; fornication multiplied; and they transgressed and corrupted all their ways.

³Amazarak taught all the **sorcerers, and dividers of roots**

⁴Armors *taught* the **solution of sorcery**;

⁵Barkayal *taught* the **observers of the stars,** ⁽⁹⁾

(9) **Observers of the stars.** Astrologers (Charles, p. 67).

⁶Akibeel *taught* **signs**;

⁷Tamiel *taught* **astronomy**;

⁸And Asaradel *taught* the **motion of the moon,**



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I suspect that Jesus took the initial wave of attack (Mt5:39) allowing all of Satan's angels to commit the sin of rebellion. Jesus has a plan of attack and once Jesus sets the troops into motion then Jesus' Juggernaut won't be stopped Nah1:9-10

Mat 5:39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. **But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.**



Sept Nahum1:9-10

9. **What are you devising against the Lord? He will make complete destruction,** and not punish twice by distress for the same thing. 10. Because one shall be utterly destroyed, and consumed like bindweed and dry stubble.

What is Jesus' plan of attack? Fire

In Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" p141-142 in the chapter Attack By Fire item 1, 13, 14



*1. There are five methods of attacking with fire. The first is to **burn personnel**; the second, to **burn stores**; the third, to **burn equipment**; the fourth, to **burn arsenals**; and the fifth, to **use incendiary missiles**.*

13. Those who use fire to assist their attacks are intelligent; those who use inundations are powerful.

14. Water can isolate an enemy but they cannot destroy his supplies or equipment.

The Flood of Noah didn't destroy all Satan's forces but when Jesus comes back he will burn the wicked people, storerooms, equipment, arsenals up and leave none to grow back and Jesus will use His incendiary missiles the descendants of Jacob. Dt4:24, Obad1:18

KJV Deuteronomy 4:24 **For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire,** even a jealous God.

KJV Obadiah 1:18 And the house of **Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble,** and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and **there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau;** for the Lord hath spoken it.

The purpose of this study was to see some of Satan's tactics, how much he lost (his status as a covering angel) and how much damages he has caused (led 1/3 of the angels to rebel and destroyed earth) and to urge the reader the absolute need to live wisely & prudently. If 99.999% of the Angels defected over to Satan then Jesus still would have won. Jesus had the power to create all seen and unseen. Jesus certainly has the power to destroy all. That is the power we have in Jesus. That power is only transferred to the person only after the act of baptism as the example of Jesus being baptized in the river Jordan shows Mt3:13-17

KJV Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him**

17 **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

Jesus believed in the Father. Jesus confessed and spoke about the Father when he was twelve years old in the temple Lk2:40-47 but Jesus didn't receive the Holy Spirit until He rose up out of the water after being baptized (completely submerged under the water) by John the Baptist. Is it allowable for churches to baptize teens? Jesus received a blessing as a babe Lk2:34 but Jesus was baptized as an adult. An adult is defined 4 places in the old testament as someone over the age of 20 years old.

KJV Luke 2:40-47

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when **he was twelve years old**, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days **they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.**

47 **And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.**

RSV Luke 2:34 and **Simeon blessed them** and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against

How do you become pleasing in the sight of the Father? By being baptized. Why are you pleasing in God's sight? Because your filthy sins has been washed away.

There is only 1 type of baptism (Eph4:5) so one better study and pray that they have gotten the correct one.

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**,

Just believing and saying the sinners prayer (below) won't save you because you are now at the level of demon belief since the demons also believe in Jesus - James219

*Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned against you, and that my sins separate me from you. I am truly sorry, I repent of my sins. I now want to turn away from my sinful past, and turn to you for forgiveness. Please forgive me of my sins, and help me avoid sinning again. I believe that you (Jesus Christ), died on a cross for my sins, that you(Jesus)was raised from the dead by God the father on the third day, is now alive, and now hears my prayer. I believe your blood shed on the cross blots out my sins. I invite Jesus to become my Savior and the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You and to convict me when I sin. I pledge to grow in grace and knowledge of you. My greatest purpose in life is to **follow your example** and do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*

Pasted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinner's_prayer>

**note the sinner's prayers mentions follow Jesus' example which is adult full immersion water baptism but the sinner's prayer makes no reference to adult full water immersion baptism (Acts2:38). It is truly a sinner's prayer if one says this prayer without being baptized because you will still be a sinner after you have said this prayer.*

RSV James 2:19

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe**--and shudder.

The demons ran to Jesus and confessed Jesus publicly in Lk4:40-41 so just believing and confessing in Jesus will still put you in the company of demons and won't save you.

RSV Luke 4:40-41

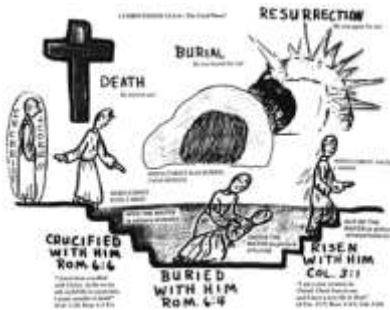
40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

41 **And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!"** But he rebuked them, and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

What transforms you from just being at the level of belief and confession? Repentance and Baptism which is stated in Acts2:38 and Mark16:16.

RSV Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

RSV Mark 16:16 He who **believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.



You must repent and be baptized and you must believe and be baptized. It's only after you believe and have repented that you should get baptized. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit after baptism. Baptism must be at an age where you can repent (not as an infant when one don't have a clue what is going on or a teen who is not emotionally mature).

Many churches baptize their members but many of those baptisms are to recognize those members as joining their church. Acts2:38 clearly state that you need to be baptized (immersed) totally under water (not sprinkling or belief only). You need the reason why you are getting baptized – not a sign of outward sign of an inward grace. Baptism is for the forgiveness of your sins. You need to be baptized under the proper authority who is granting repentance: Jesus Christ.

Without the proper baptism you are naked and unprotected in the world. At this state you are easy prey for satan.

More could be said but this concludes the war in the 3rd heaven. Up next is Part two Battle for the second heaven which will go into satan's warfare with Jesus' army in outer space inching ever so close to the final frontier: Battle ground Earth.



Regards,

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Mt22:14+Rm10:14+Lk11:28+Jn3:16+Mk6:12+Rm10:9+Acts2:38+Heb10:26=1Pt3:21->Mt28:19-20

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