



# PROPHECY EXPO

## Why God Moves His Throne to a New World

- I. A key verse for understanding God's ultimate plan for this world is found in an apostrophe (a break in the regular story line) of Revelation 12:6

"And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,  
<sup>8</sup> and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.  
<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."  
(Revelation 12:7-9; NASB195; SP1218)

- A. According to Revelation 12:7-10 there was a war in heaven with Jesus (called Michael, the warrior name of God) leading one side and Satan leading the opposing side

1. The struggle was an issue of "power"
2. Satan obviously thought He had the "juice" to force his will on God. It would be foolish to think the issue between God and Satan had anything to do with real estate
3. Whatever the issue was, Satan thought he could force things his way
4. The issue seems to have to do with humans, in that Satan is identified as the "accuser of our brethren." Why would John mention this characteristic twice (Revelation 12:10), if it was not pertinent to the discussion of Satan being thrown from heaven?
5. What could he accuse us of, sinfulness? Any dolt knows humans are sinful!

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
(Romans 3:23; NASB121; SP1107)

"But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away."  
(Isaiah 64:6; NASB532; SP741)

6. From the information provided, the only conclusion we can reach is that Satan thought he could keep us from God’s grace by his accusations of our unworthiness

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, `Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.’”  
(Revelation 12:10; NASB195; SP1218)

7. Satan was right. We are, on our own, unworthy.

"So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.'"  
(Luke 17:10; NASB62; SP1023)

8. On the other hand, our unworthiness made us worthy of the blood of the Lamb. We, like every other human who ever found God, received the promise of eternal life through the blood of Jesus

"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."  
(Revelation 12:11; NASB195; SP1218)

"In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness."  
(Jeremiah 33:16; NASB565; SP780)

9. Even the heavenly host rejoiced over the victory and the blood of the Lamb

"For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them."  
(Revelation 12:12; NASB195; SP1218)

- B. It is because Satan lost in heaven, (that is, he lost the argument about keeping humans out of heaven) that he is working so hard to keep people from trusting in the power of the Lamb and God’s plan whereby He will take them to heaven and Satan is taking his anger out on this world

“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a **short time**.”

(Revelation 12:12, emphasis supplied; NASB195; SP1218)

1. Satan has pulled out all stops to keep us from accepting Jesus and His blood as our hope

“Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

<sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.”

(1 Peter 5:8-9; NASB182; SP1199)

2. But, if we are faithful to God He will prepare us for eternal glory in Jesus

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.”

(1 Peter 5:10; NASB182; SP1199)

II. Revelation 12 tells how the battle began. Revelation 20 tells us how this eternal, heavenly battle will end. It will end with the abolishment of sin, pain, and death.

- A. Both death and the grave will be destroyed

“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

<sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

(Revelation 20:14-15; NASB200; SP1225)

“If I look for Sheol as my home, I make my bed in the darkness.”

(Job 17:13; NASB378; SP533)

“Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure; And Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din *of revelry* and the jubilant within her, descend *into it*.”

(Isaiah 5:14; NASB490; SP694)

“Then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.  
<sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.  
<sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be abolished is death.”  
(1 Corinthians 15:24-26; NASB139: SP1133)

B. There will also be no more pain or mourning or crying. New things have come

“And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”  
(Revelation 21:4; NASB200; SP1226)

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”  
(2 Corinthians 5:17; NASB147; SP1139)

“And He who sits on the throne said, `Behold, I am making all things new.’”  
(Revelation 21:5; NASB200; SP1225)

III. Jesus will marry the New Jerusalem (and His people)

A. The New Jerusalem will come out of heaven

“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,  
<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.”  
(Revelation 21:10-11; NASB200; SP1226)

B. It will have no temple other than God

“I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”  
(Revelation 21:22; NASB200; SP1226)

C. It will have no sun

“I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”  
(Revelation 21:22; NASB200; SP1226)

IV. Marrying the New Jerusalem is a figurative way of marrying its people

A. Those who overcome are adopted by God to sonship

“He who overcomes will inherit these things,  
and I will be his God and he will be My son.”  
(Revelation 21:7; NASB200; SP1225)

B. Drink from the water of life

“Then He said to me, `It is done. I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who  
thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.”  
(Revelation 21:6; NASB200; SP1225)

C. Eat from the tree of life

“In the middle of its street. On either side of the  
river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of*  
fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves  
of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”  
(Revelation 22:2; NASB201; SP1226)

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the  
right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.”  
(Revelation 22:14; NASB201; SP1227)

D. We become God’s sons and daughters. We drink from the water of life and eat from the tree of life. God has come to live with us and be our God. He moves His throne to this earth because He is now our God and we are His children