

## LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN

**Luke 10:18** And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” 1005

**Matthew 24:27** For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 961

✓ “Lightning” isn’t a metaphor for \_\_\_\_\_, but for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ezekiel 28:17, 19** “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you... All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.” 831

## SATAN'S FOUR-STEP FALL

### 1. Lucifer Originally Cast From Heaven

**Revelation 12:7-9** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 1182

### 2. Satan Exposed As a Liar and Murderer at Calvary

**Revelation 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 1182

### 3. Those For Whom Christ Died Demonstrate Loyalty to God

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 1182

### 4. The Devil’s “Short Time”

**Revelation 12:12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! 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.” 1182



## WHY NOT NOW?

**Revelation 19:11-21** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 1187

**Revelation 20:1-3** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. 1188

- ✓ The lone survivor among the wicked at the return of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Instead of being destroyed, \_\_\_\_\_ is “bound” for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- ✓ Of course Satan can “deceive the nations no more” because, at this point, they’re all \_\_\_\_\_!
- ✓ After this set amount of time, apparently Satan \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ for a little while.

## THE SAINTS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD

**Revelation 20:4-6** *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. 1188*

- ✓ Although a certain judgment has already taken place (see **Daniel 7:7-10** 864), now a work of judgment is entrusted to the redeemed who were victorious against “the beast,” even at the cost of their lives.
- ✓ **1 Corinthians 6:2, 3** *“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?...Do you not know that we shall judge angels? 1102 (see also 2 Peter 2:4 1166; Jude 6 1173; Matthew 8:28, 29 942)*
- ✓ Obviously these saints are not determining who should be saved or lost as Christ already divided the righteous from the wicked at His second coming. But they are reviewing the judgments made and ratifying them with their approval because it matters to God what His creatures think of Him!
- ✓ **Psalms 149** *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints... For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord! 603*

**Revelation 20:7-8, 12-13** *Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth... to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 1188*

## EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW

- ✓ The only ones who had yet to see the contrast between Christ and Satan are the wicked.
- ✓ This isn’t another chance at salvation, but simply their opportunity to understand why they are lost.
- ✓ They see the character they have developed would not be satisfied living in God’s pure kingdom.

God’s going to take \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven, who would be \_\_\_\_\_ there.

**Isaiah 45:22-24** *“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him. 702*