



**“That’s All Folks”
Revelation 12 & 20**

12 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ 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. 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. 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. 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.” ¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be

carried away by the flood. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 20

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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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. 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.

➤ **Who he is**

✓ **Great dragon**

His description “symbolically suggests his fierce power and murderous nature... a picture of the fullness of evil in all its hideous strength.” (Johnson)

✓ **Old serpent**

The reference to *serpent of old* indicates that the stand-off between the woman in labor and the serpent is an age-old situation which spans the time from Eve to the virgin Mary and beyond. Thus, the woman signifies not just *Mary*, nor just *Israel*, but the promise of a redeemer through the line of Israel stretching all the way back to the first woman, *Eve*.

[2 Corinthians 11:3](#)- But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

✓ **Devil**

[Διάβολος](#) [*Diabolos*], a compound word made up of [δία](#) [*dia*] (*against*) and [βάλλω](#) [*ballō*] (*to throw*). This title emphasizes his role as slanderer, *throwing* accusations *against* the saints.

Walvoord on the Devil: “The title ‘Devil’ is from the Greek *diabolos*, from the verb *diaballo*, which has the meaning of ‘defaming’ or ‘slandering.’ He is the master accuser of the brethren.”

✓ **Satan**

✓ **Deceiver**

planáō, plan-ah'-o; to (properly, cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue):—go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.

✓ **Persecutor**

Great wrath knowing his time is short!- verse 12

➤ **What he did and does**

✓ **Deceives**

✓ **Accuses our brethren**

κατηγορέω katēgoréō, kat-ay-gor-eh'-o; to be a plaintiff, i.e. to charge with some offence:—accuse, object.

☐ **Luke 23:10- And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.**

✓ **Loses often- is overcome**

❖ **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**

Satan's accusations toward the believer are essentially made against the perfect righteousness of Christ. This is how "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." In our initial appeal to Christ for salvation, His work on the cross takes into account all our sin, both past, present, and future. Our sin only affects our fellowship with Him, not our standing as a justified one (1 John. 1:9). Once we come to faith, Satan now appeals to the Judge Who is also the Justifier (Romans 8:33)

We may be even *worse* than Satan's accusations, but we are still made righteous by the work of Jesus on the cross (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14, and Hebrews 9:14).

νικάω nikáō, nik-ah'-o; from; to subdue (literally or figuratively):— conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.- Romans 8:37- (more than conquerors)

The blood of Jesus heals our troubled conscience, because we know that by His death our sin is atoned for (Hebrews 9:14). But to only use the blood of Jesus in that way is selfish. We should be like “these saints used the doctrine of atonement not as a pillow to rest their weariness, but as a weapon to subdue their sin.” (Spurgeon)

It works first because *His victory is our victory*. “First, you are to regard Satan this day as being already literally and truly overcome through the death of the Lord Jesus. Satan is already a vanquished enemy. By faith grasp your Lord’s victory as your own, since he triumphed in your nature and on your behalf... Come, my soul, thou hast conquered Satan by thy Lord’s victory. Wilt thou not be brave enough to fight a vanquished foe, and trample down the enemy whom thy Lord has already thrust down? Thou needest not be afraid, but say, “Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Spurgeon)

Therefore, we *use the blood of the Lamb* in spiritual warfare — *not* as a Christian “abracadabra,” as if chanting “The blood of Jesus, the blood of Jesus” could keep Satan away like garlic is said to keep away vampires. Rather, our *understanding*, our *apprehension*, our *focus* — may I say our *obsession* with the death of Jesus on the cross as our substitute wins the battle.

1 John 4:4- Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 5:4, 5- For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hebrews 10:19- Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

☐ **Hebrews 13:20**- Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

☐ **1 Peter 1:2**- Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood **G129** of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

☐ **1 Peter 1:19**- But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

☐ [1 John 1:7](#)- But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

❖ **and by the word of their testimony,**

Knowing and remembering the work of God in their life protects them against Satan's deceptions. As faithful witnesses, they have a testimony to bear — and because they know what they have seen and heard and experienced from God, they cannot be deceived by Satan's lies telling them it isn't true

[1 John 5:10](#)- He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness ^{G3141} in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record ^{G3141} that God gave of his Son.

❖ **and they did not love their lives to the death.**

[ἄχρι θανάτου](#) [*Achri thanatou*], *until death*, the same phrase Jesus used when writing to the persecuted church at Smyrna ([Rev. 2:10+](#)). These overcomers followed His instructions and maintained their testimony *to the point of death* and obtained the “crown of life” ([Rev. 2:10+](#)). Their death was merely a gateway to the continuance of their eternal life—their souls were safe. They did not fear those who could only kill the body: “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul ([ψυχήν](#) [*psychēn*]). But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul ([ψυχήν](#) [*psychēn*]) and body in hell” ([Mat. 10:28](#)).

Loving not **their lives** overcomes Satan's *violence*. If they do not cling to their own earthly lives, then there really is no threat Satan can bring against them. If they believe *to live is Christ, and to die is gain* ([Philippians 1:21](#)), then how can Satan's violence against them be effective?

([Hebrews 7:25- intercessor](#), and [1 John 2:1- an advocate](#)).

Don't give place to the devil- Ephesians 4:27

Don't fall into the condemnation of the devil (through pride)-1 Tim. 3:6

Don't fall into reproach and the snare of the devil (good report)- 1 Tim 3:7

Do recover yourself out of the snare of the devil. 2 Tim. 2:26

ἀνανήφω *ananéphō*, an-an-ay'-fo;; to become sober again, i.e. (figuratively) regain (one's) senses:—recover self.

Do stand against the wiles of the devil- Ephesians 6:11

Do resist the devil- James 4:7

Do be sober and vigilant- 1 Peter 5:8

➤ **Where he ends up**

¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The devil has been cast, in a series of stages, from the highest point in creation to the lowest.

The Bible describes four different falls of Satan. [Revelation 12:9](#) describes the second of these four falls.

- From glorified to profane ([Ezekiel 28:14-16](#)).
- From having access to heaven ([Job 1:12](#), [1 Kings 22:21](#), [Zechariah 3:1](#)) to restriction to the earth ([Revelation 12](#)).
- From the earth to bondage in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years ([Revelation 20](#)).
- From the pit to the lake of fire ([Revelation 20](#)).

At all events the doctrine of conscious, eternal torment for impenitent men is clearly revealed in the Word of God. Whether we can defend it on philosophic grounds or not, it is our business to believe it; and to leave it to the clearer light of eternity to explain what we cannot now understand, realizing that God has infinitely wise reasons for doing things for which we in our ignorance can see no sufficient reason at all. It is the most ludicrous conceit for beings so limited and foolish as the wisest of men are, to attempt to dogmatize how a God of infinite wisdom must act. All we know as to how God will act is what God has seen fit to tell us. (Barnhouse)

Is this really *eternal* punishment? Yes it is; the words mean exactly what they appear to mean. “There would be no way possible in the Greek language to state more emphatically the everlasting punishment of the lost than here in mentioning both day

and night and the expression 'forever and ever,' literally 'to the ages of ages.'"
(Walvoord)

That's all folks