

Satan & His Kingdom

The Kingdom and the Covenant, Session 3

Why Satan Has a Kingdom

- A rebellion took place in heaven
 - Like all created beings, Satan was created to bring God glory
 - But he rebelled against God, who kicked him out of heaven
- Satan's Decline in Status
 - Originally
 - Eze 28:14-15, ¹⁴ "You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you."
 - After he rebelled
 - Rev 12:7, 9, ⁷ "And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back...." ⁹ "The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him."
 - After Adam & Eve sinned
 - Lk 4:6, "And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.'"
 - Jn 12:31(b), "now the prince of this world will be driven out."
 - "prince" (Gk, n, *archon*): official, leader, ruler
 - "world" (Gk, n, *kosmos*): physical world, world system, entire physical universe
 - After Jesus' resurrection: Satan was demoted & limited
 - "god of this age" – 2 Co 4:4
 - "god" (Gk, n, *theos*): god
 - "age" (Gk, n, *aion*): a stage/era of history
 - "ruler of the kingdom of the air" – Eph 2:2
 - "ruler" (Gk, n, *archon*)
 - "kingdom" (Gk, n, *exousia*): authority, domain
 - "air" (Gk, n, *aer*): air; sky
 - Currently
 - Whole world is under Satan's control – 1 Jn 5:19
 - Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth – Mt 28:18
 - Satan controls the fallen world system – Satan's kingdom
 - Jesus & we have authority on earth – we're part of Jesus' kingdom

- There is constant warfare between the kingdoms
- End of Satan's kingdom
 - Rev 11:15, "The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.'"
 - Rev 20:1-3
 - ¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.
 - ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.
 - Rev 20:10, "And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Characteristics of Satan's Kingdom

- Self-centeredness & rebellion
 - Self-centeredness considers one's own will, desires & interests more important than any others
 - Rebellion is based on self-centeredness, demands autonomy & therefore refuses to submit to any authority
 - Five "I will" statements are expressions of Satan's self-centeredness
 - Isa 14:12, "How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!"
 - Isa 14:13(a), "You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven.'"
 - Isa 14:13, "... I will raise my throne above the stars of God."
 - "raise" (Heb, v, *rwm*): to lift, exalt
 - "throne" (Heb, n, *kisse*): seat of honor or authority
 - "star" (Heb, n, *kokab*): star, globe; angel (figurative – Isa 14:12; Jude 13; Rev 1:20; 9:1)
 - Isa 14:13, "... I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain."
 - "sacred mountain" (Heb, n, *sapon*): literally, "the north"
 - Isa 14:14(a), "I will ascend above the tops of the clouds...."
 - Bible often relates clouds to God's glory; e.g., Ex 13:21; 40:34; Mt 17:5; Rev 10:1

- Isa 14:14, “... I will make myself like the Most High.”
 - The “most high” has absolute authority & autonomy
- Satan’s kingdom produces self-centered people who reject accountability
- Spiritual
 - Eph 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”
 - “spiritual forces” (Gk, adj, *pneumatikos*): that which belongs to the spiritual realm
 - “heavenly realms” (Gk, adj, *epouranios*): heavens, heavenlies, heavenly places
 - Satan’s agents are called “evil spirits,” whether demons (Lk 4:33) or other spiritual beings (Rev 18:2)
- Evil
 - Mt 10:1, “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”
 - “evil” (Gk, adj, *akathartos*): evil, impure, unclean
 - “spirit” (Gk, n, *pneuma*): refers to any spirit
 - Mt 13:19, “When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart....”
 - “evil one” (Gk, adj, *poneros*): evil, wicked, worthless, guilty
 - Gal 1:4, “... who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age....”
 - “evil” (Gk, adj, *poneros*)
- Open & fierce opposition to God & his followers
 - Mt 6:13, “... deliver us from the evil one.”
 - Jn 13:2(b), “... and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.”
 - 1 Pet 5:8, “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”
 - 2 Th 3:3, “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”
 - 2 Tim 3:12, “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted”
- Deception
 - Jn 8:44(b), “When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
 - 2 Co 11:14, “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”
 - Rev 12:9(a), “The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.”

- Loss, death & destruction
 - Jn 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
 - Eph 2:1-2, ¹ “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

However

- Jn 16:33(b), “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
- Ro 8:38-39, ³⁸ “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Ro 16:20(a), “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”
- 1 Jn 5:18, “We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.”
- Jas 4:7, “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Conclusion

- A statement that summarizes Satan’s past & future:

Lord Jesus, you *expelled* Satan from your presence, *defeated* him at the cross, *destroyed* his work and *greatly limited* his authority. In the future, you’ll confine him to the Abyss for 1000 years, then the lake of fire, where he’ll remain forevermore. Thank you, Lord.