

The Spirit of Accusation

Revelation 12:1-10 (NKJV) - 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. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 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. 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. 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. And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they [a]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. 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.**"

Questions / Comments:

- We have always been taught that Satan fell from Heaven. Why is he in the Throne Room?
- Why is even allowed to accuse us before God day and night?
- Where does Satan really have access

One of the great attacks against Israel and believers in the last days is releasing an accusing spirit. What is interesting is that the scriptures in Revelation calls Satan a dragon, a mythological creature. In Greek it calls him a serpent. It says that this dragon has water coming out of its mouth. In mythology dragons breath fire not water.

When you look in scripture water is not used as a negative thing in Satan's kingdom; on the contrary it used in a good connotation concerning the workings of God:

- Isaiah 12:3 – Therefor with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- John 7:38 – Out of you belly will flow rivers of living water...
- Joel 2:23-28 - Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you—The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come

to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.”

Who was Job?

- He was a mysterious person, not a lot is know about him
- He lived in the east: Mesopotamia / Saudi Arabia
- Many theologians believe he was son of Isaacar – Genesis 46:13
- Greatest man in the east – Job 1:1-3 - There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. 2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. 3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.
 - Based on today's prices, I did my own estimates of JOB's net worth in livestock. An adult ewe (female sheep), in the US today, will sell for upwards of \$150 each for decent commercial stock, up to \$300 or more for really nice purebreds and even more for registered animals. JOB ended up owning over \$2 million worth of sheep by the conservative estimate.
 - Camels are a little harder to figure but they seem to sell for between roughly \$9,000 to \$12,000 each in the US. So a very conservative estimate for 6,000 camels would be valued at over \$50 million.
 - Cattle prices, today, are the highest they've ever been here in the US. Calves are selling for around \$2/pound on the hoof. A bull(Ox) will weigh anywhere from 1500lbs for a smaller animal or a large one in poor condition, but a good sized one in good condition will weigh around a ton. If you just took half of that price per pound, you have an animal worth \$2000. But JOB's oxen were trained animals. How many acres of crops could be plowed with a thousand yoke of oxen? I would say an awful lot. Anyway, 2000 oxen(two to a yoke) would be worth roughly \$4 million sold by the pound.
 - "She asses" are actually worth money, here in the US, but males seem to be nearly worthless as you can find them for free on Craigslist quite often. If they are for sale they're usually pretty cheap. But I'm sure the female donkeys JOB had, were more valuable in JOB's day, because they were beasts of burden. But the ones we have today would be worth, conservatively, about \$100 each so that's another \$100,000.
 - Neither a camel, nor donkey would be worth anything unless it was used for something. So JOB may have been involved in some type of trade caravan business, indicating the capacity for even more wealth. In animal prices alone, **JOB would be worth around \$56,000,000 today**. But I doubt this was very important to brother JOB.
 - It takes roughly 1 acre/5 sheep of good grazing land and roughly 1 acre/cow. So the sheep and oxen alone would need about 4,800 acres which is 7.5 square miles. I don't know how many acres it would take for the donkeys and camels but if they needed only a half acre each that would be another 3500 acres.
 - Easily the land to graze on 8,300 would cost approximately 3-5 million
- When did Job live?
 - Neither the book of Job nor any other book of the Bible indicates forthrightly when God's servant Job lived upon the Earth. Furthermore, no biblical genealogies with chronological information,

such as that found in Genesis 5 and 11, help in approximating the century in which Job lived. Nevertheless, various clues within the book of Job seem to indicate Job lived sometime after the Flood, but long before the time of Moses.

- First, Job's postdiluvian status seems apparent from a question Eliphaz raised in his final speech. While accusing Job of wickedness, Eliphaz asked: "Will you keep to the old way which wicked men have trod, who were cut down before their time, whose foundations were swept away by a flood?" (Job 22:16, emp. added). As Wayne Jackson noted: "That this is a reference to the Flood of Noah's day is almost universally conceded by scholars" (1983, p. 58).
- Second, that Job was a patriarch who lived prior to the time of Moses, and probably closer to the time of Abraham, seems evident from the following facts:
- Like other patriarchs of old (Genesis 8:20; 12:7-8; 31:54), Job, as the head of his family, offered up sacrifices to God (Job 1:5; cf. 42:8). In the book of Job, there is no mention of the Levitical priesthood, the tabernacle, the temple, the Law of Moses, etc.
- Unlike Israelite law, where the family inheritance was passed on to daughters only in the absence of sons (Numbers 27:1-11; 36:1-13), Job gave his daughters "an inheritance among their brothers" (Job 42:15).
- Job's material wealth was measured, not in money, but in the amount of livestock he owned (Job 1:3; 42:12), which is more characteristic of patriarchal times.
- Finally, that Job lived long before the time of Moses seems evident by the fact that the longevity of his life is more comparable to the long lives of the patriarchs who lived around 2200 B.C. The book of Job reveals that Job lived long enough to marry, become "the greatest of all the men of the east" (1:3), and then witness his first 10 children reach at least the age of accountability (1:5), and probably much greater ages (cf. 1:13,18). Then, after suffering greatly, losing all of his children and his material wealth, God blessed Job with 10 more children and twice as much wealth (42:10-13). The book of Job then concludes: "After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. So Job died, old and full of days" (42:10-17, emp. added). Thus, it would appear that Job lived well into his 200s or beyond. Interestingly, the Septuagint testifies that Job died at the age of 240—an age more comparable to the ancestors of Abraham (e.g., Serug, Abraham's great-grandfather lived to be 230—Genesis 11:22-23).

What did Job definitely had that interested Satan?

1. **Integrity** - Job 1:1
2. **Intercession** – Job 1:5
3. **Increase** - Job 1:10
4. **Influence** – Job 29

What was Satan really after:

1. **Integrity** – Who you are with God
2. **Influence** – who you are with people

These two things give access to the other two things!

Satan and The Throne Room:

- We know for sure that in the beginning he had Throne Room access
- Satan was expelled from Heaven – Isaiah 14
- He lost access as heavenly worship being – Ezekiel 28
- When he was expelled he becomes the prince of the “power of the air”
- He now has principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places

The Throne Room is a Court Room:

- Jesus is ever living to make intercession for you – **Hebrews 7:25**
- Why, because there is an accuser who comes into that court room with accusations – When you have a prosecutor it is only just that there must be a defense attorney.
- Job 1:6-11 - Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and [a]Satan also came among them. 7 And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come? So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”
- **2 Chronicles 18:18-22 - Then Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left. 19 And the Lord said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 20 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ The Lord said to him, ‘In what way?’ 21 So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the Lord said, ‘You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.’ 22 Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you.”** (Ahab wanted to know if he was going to win the battle at Ramoth Gilead...)
 - The theological question is that a spirit God sent or allowed or Satan?
 - The point that I want you to see is that in heaven to God’s right hand and left is a “divine council” made up of the “Sons of God”.
- The phrase “divine council” comes primarily from **Psalm 82:1 (“God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment”;** ESV). The words “God” and “gods” in this verse are both the Hebrew word *’elohim*. The first instance must be singular because of the Hebrew grammar (the verb translated “has taken his place” is grammatically singular), while the second instance must be treated as a plural since it is preceded by “in the midst of” (prepositional phrase *beqereb*). The gods (plural *’elohim*) of Psa 82:1 are called “gods” and “sons of the Most High” (the God of Israel) later in verse 6 of the same psalm.

- These same “sons of God” are described as being in God’s council or assembly—located in the heavens, the spiritual realm of divine beings, not on earth—in Psalm 89:5-7: 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, 7 a God greatly to be feared in **the council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all who are around him?

Look at Revelations 12:10 – He accuses the brethren day and night... How does Satan accuse Job. He can’t accuse him of sin because he has integrity. The only way he can get to Job is accuse his **MOTIVES**

- He knows if he can question his motives it will give him access to everything else. “He serves you for naught...only because you bless him and protect him.”
- This is the enemies tactic. He does this in hopes **IN YOUR FRUSTRATION YOU WILL VIOLATE YOUR INTEGRITY IN AN EFFORT TO DEFEND YOUR MOTIVES!**

He is a WORD FROM THE LORD in this season:

The Lord spoke a word to me this morning at 4:30am on my knees in hotel room. **He brought Proverbs 11:3 in my spirit (read it). He said, “Tell your people don’t worry about your REPUTATION, worry about your INTEGRITY. One is about appearance the other is about substance. One has to be protected and the other needs no protection. One drives you but the other leads you. Who you are is more important than what you look like.” If the outside of the cup is clean yet inwardly poisonous it is death. Our personal and systemic integrity will lead us now. We chatter about being AUTHENTIC, it’s only in moments of testing that people find out what’s inside the cup.**

Conclusion:

1 John 2:1 (NLT) - My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate who pleads our case before the Father**. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

- Advocate - An advocate is a person who comes to our aid or pleads our case to a judge. Advocates offer support, strength, and counsel and intercede for us when necessary. The Bible says that Jesus is an Advocate for those who’ve put their trust in Him: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1). In other verses, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our Advocate (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). The English word advocate has been translated from the Greek word parakleton, which means “helper, adviser, or counselor.”
- In a human court system, an advocate speaks for the rights of his or her client. We call them lawyers because they have studied the intricacies of the law and can navigate through those often complicated statutes with accuracy and precision. That is the picture John paints when he refers to Jesus as our “advocate with the Father.”

Zechariah 3:1-5 - Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.