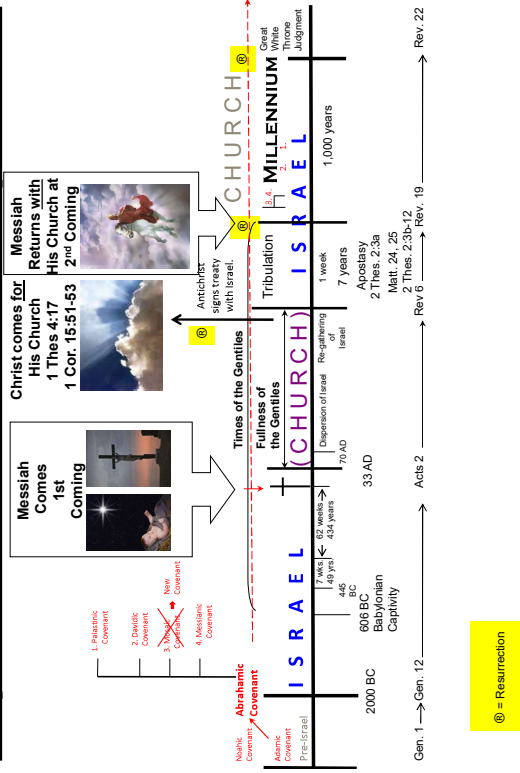


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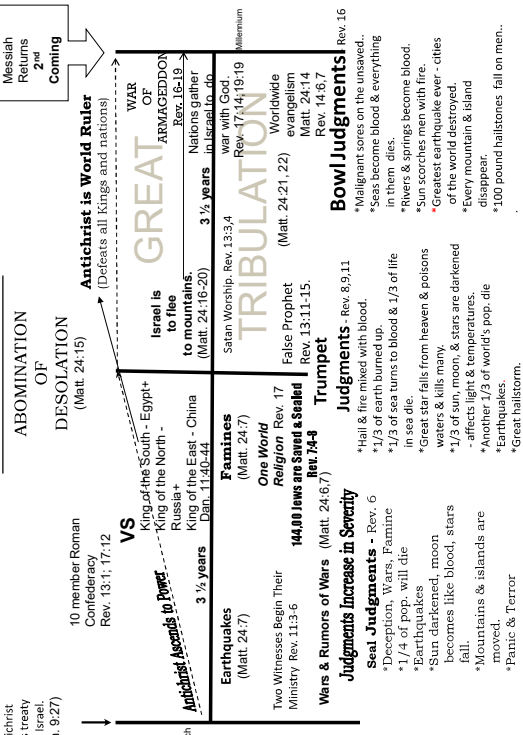
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Which heaven?

Scripture mentions more than 1 -

Deut 10:14

14 "Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens,

2 Chron 2:6

6 "But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him?"

Neh 9:6

6 "You alone are the Lord.

You have made the heavens,

The heaven of heavens with all their host,

1st Heaven

Atmosphere around the earth.
Firmament, clouds.

Gen 1:6-8,20

- 6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."
7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.
8 God called the expanse heaven.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens."

Isa 55:10

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth
And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

3rd Heaven

Where God dwells.
Paradise.

2 Cor 12:2-4

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows — such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I know how such a man — whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows —
4 was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

Ps 2:4

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.

Eph 1:19-21

19 These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might
20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,

2 Tim 4:18

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2nd Heaven

Planets, outer space.
Sun, Moon, Stars.

Gen 1:16-17

16 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.

17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

Ex 32:13

13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens,'

Deut 1:10

10 "The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day like the stars of heaven in number.

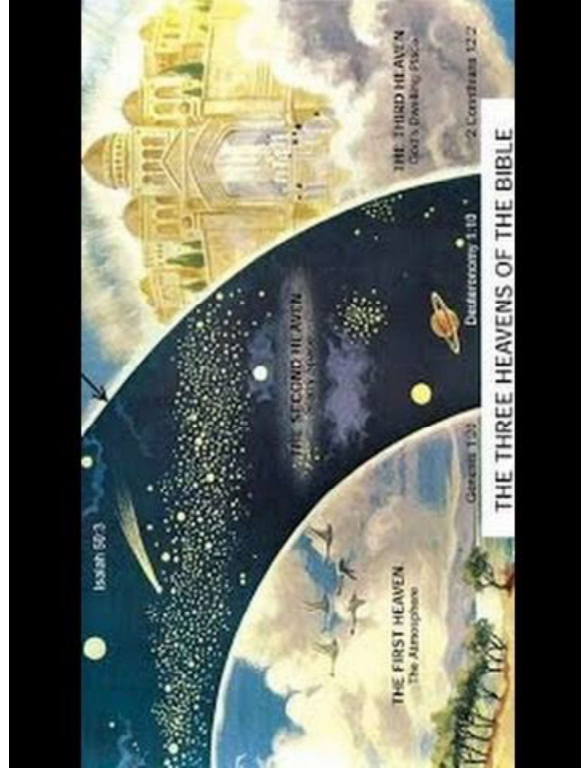
Ps 8:3

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

Eph 6:12

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The 3 Heavens



John 12:31

31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

"now the ruler of this world *is in the process of being cast out of this world.*"

1. **Cast out** of heaven as his home. (Ez. 28:16,17)
2. **Cast out** of heaven to earth (Rev. 12:9)
3. **Cast into** the abyss for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1ff)
4. **Cast into** the eternal lake of fire (Rev. 20:10)

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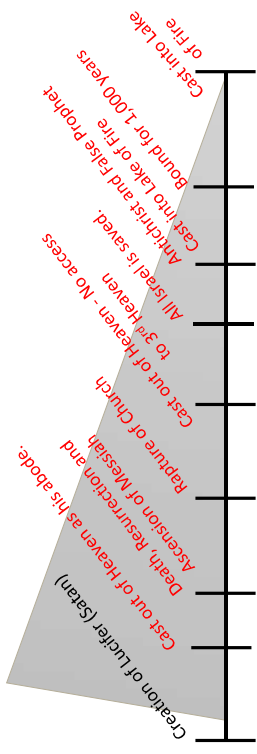
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"now the ruler of this world will be cast out."



● Major events where Satan is being "cast out".

"was thrown down"

Now we have the arrival of Satan and all of his fallen demons landing on the earth, along with the stinger locusts demons who come up out of the Abyss, along with the 200,000,000 demon horsemen and the 4 demons that were chained at the Euphrates River.

Luke 10:17-18

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

"the devil"

διὰ βολῶσσι – to slander, to falsely accuse.

- He is like a prosecutor before the throne of God, trying to arraign (to bring to court) God's people at the bar of God's divine and holy justice by accusing them of their sins.
- He goes everywhere in the earth collecting evidence. He is looking for evidence that he can take before the throne of God that hopefully will cause God to turn his back on us.
- No matter how much evidence about our sin he has managed to collect, and he's got a ton of it on all of us, no matter how much he accuses, Romans 8 always answers backs:

Rom 8:33-35,38,39

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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“Satan” – Σατανᾶσ - adversary, enemy.

Satan is the enemy or opponent of God and His people.

Satan's goals –

- defeat God.
- destroy His plan.
- wipe out His people one way or another.
- he is there reminding God of our sin and our failure.
- he is telling God He ought to send us all to hell.
- He is saying God should let go of us because we aren't worthy.
- he wants to show that he can destroy salvation.
- he wants to show that he can break salvation.
- he wants to show that in fact he can take someone out of the hand of God.
- he wants to show that he can find a condemnation for which God will indeed have to remove the salvation He once gave.
- he wants to prove the promises of God are false.
- he wants to show that God's saving power can be broken.
- he wants to show that the sacrifice of Christ can be shattered and somebody can have been saved and then lose it.

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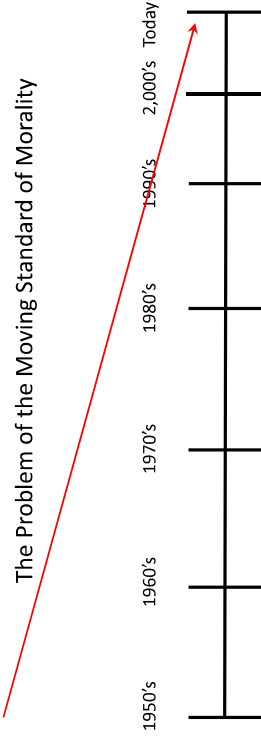
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- moral level.
- an ideological level. (political and economic)
- theological level.
- philosophical level.

** Deception is going on at every conceivable level in the human and superhuman realm. We live in a deceived world.

**EVERY SIN YOU COMMIT IS THE
RESULT OF DECEPTION.**

**YOU WERE DECEIVED INTO THINKING
THAT CHOOSING TO DO SATAN'S
WILL IS BETTER THAN
CHOOSING
GOD'S WILL.**

Rev 20:10

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

Rev 20:1-3, 7, 8

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

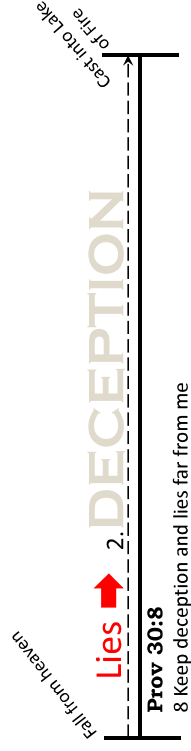
2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth,

1. Self-deceived
(when you make yourself believe something that is not true)



John 8:44

44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1. Satan's occupation from his fall to the Lake of Fire is deception.

2 John 7

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Rev 13:14

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Rev 19:20

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image;

“Educated and ignorant, king and pauper, male and female, Jew and Gentile, strong and weak, young and old, black and white—all are deceived by him.”

- Henry Morris

II. Self-deception is the worst form of deception because it is so difficult to recognize.

Gal 6:3

3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself

James 1:26

26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Obad 3

3 "The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,

1 Cor 3:18-19

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise.

1 Cor 6:9-10

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

III. Over and over the believer is warned not to be deceived.

1 Cor 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Gal 6:7

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

Eph 5:6

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Col 2:8

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception,

How to keep from being deceived:

1. You must love the truth.

- In reality there is only the truth, and there are lies.
- If you move away from one you will be left with the other.

2 Thess 2:8-12

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Heb 5:13-14

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

2. By testing the spirits.

1 John 4:1-3

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God;

****You always test the spirits against the Word of God.**

3. By knowing what schemes and strategies Satan employs.

2 Cor 2:11

11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

- Satan is the master recycler.

17th century

Rationalism
Socialism

19th century

Rationalism
Process theology

20th century

Rationalism
Open theism

Deut. 13

Mysticism
False signs and wonders.

1 Cor. 12-14

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False signs and wonders.

Is. 29:13

Legalism
Israel

Matt. 23 & Gal.

Legalism
Pharisees + Judaizers

Today

Legalism
Moralism

Mysticism
False signs and wonders.

*There is not one "new" false teaching today but that it has been recycled from previous centuries. "Nothing new under the sun"

4. *By being aware that Satan operates a stealth warfare through other people.*

Matt 7:15

15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

2 Cor 11:13-15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

Jude 4,12

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear,

Gen 3:1-7 – Satan is a preacher.

1. Satan opens God's Word

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

2. Satan seeks to interpret God's Word.

4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"

3. Satan gives the application.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it: your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

4. Satan is offering an invitation.

6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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Civilla Durfee Martin (1866-1948) was born in Nova Scotia and died in Atlanta, Ga. Martin was the daughter of James N. and Irene Harding Holden, and was a school teacher with modest musical training. Together with her husband, Walter (1862-1935), they often wrote gospel songs for revival meetings.

Walter Stillman Martin was a Baptist minister who received his education at Harvard. He moved to Atlanta in 1919, a location that became the base for revivals that he held throughout the U.S.

The song that Civilla wrote was inspired by Matthew (10:29-31), "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. . . . So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."



Civilla D. Martin
(1866-1948)

Civilla describes the context out of which the hymn was born: “Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheelchair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them.



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One day while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright helpfulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle’s response was simple: ‘His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.’ The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Walter and me. The hymn ‘His Eye Is on the Sparrow’ was the outcome of that experience.”
The next day she mailed the poem to Charles Gabriel, a famous composer of gospel songs, who wrote a tune for it.

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

1. Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for Heav’n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Refrain

*I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*



2. Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Refrain

3. Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
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