

Understanding the Coming of Satan, the Antichrist

– with a table comparing the comings of Satan and Jesus

It is a fundamental teaching of the Word of God that Satan as a king will walk this earth for a period of time. He who once was visible, and was made invisible, will be allowed to become visible again to mankind. Those whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life will be astonished when they see him. Satan will kill all who disobey him, except for the 144,000 who are sealed and protected by God. His form will be destroyed by the brightness of the second coming of the real Jesus, and he will be relegated back to the bottomless pit until the end of the thousand years. Then he will be released once more to tempt the resurrected wicked once more to prepare for an assault on the New Jerusalem (Gog & Magog). But it will end with the great Judgment, and Satan, his angels, and all the wicked, being thrown into the lake of fire and fully consumed.

The purpose of this study is to provide you first with Bible verses that clearly differentiate between the coming of the false christ, Satan and the second coming of the true Christ. By studying these verses and passages, you will not be deceived when the invisible one becomes visible. For those who need a timeframe, that can be found in my lengthy paper, "What time is it?" But suffice to say, the time is short.

Work while it is day, for the night is coming.

Jesus said:

1. John 9:4 (NKJV) I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

Why did Jesus make this statement? Work "while it is day." For night is coming when no man may work.

What is Jesus' work, the work the Father gave Him to do? Is it not the salvation of souls? Are not His people ("our work") to join Him in this endeavor, doing all they can to help win people to Jesus? So when Jesus says, night is coming when no man may work, what He is saying is that there is coming a time when the opportunity for salvation will have ended, when the time for mercy and forgiveness is past and when this world will be turned over to Satan who will then appear. In the following passages, the final week of years (seven years) can be broken into two segments:

1. **A time of increasing calamities and political upheaval** – It is still day time when Jesus and His people can work for the salvation of souls, though there will be upheavals in the weather, earth and politics warning people to repent.
2. The **Time of Trouble** also known as the **Great tribulation** (night when no man can work for the salvation of souls, when the restraining hand of God and His angels will be withdrawn and Satan will be given control of the earth)

2. Daniel 12:7-8 (NKJV) Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"

3. Daniel 12:9-12 (NKJV) And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and **the abomination that makes desolate** is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

4. 2 Kings 23:13 (NKJV) Then the king [Josiah] defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the **abomination** of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the **abomination** of the Moabites, and for Milcom the **abomination** of the people of Ammon.

- In Daniel 12, there are two major segments of time, a literal 3½ years (1260 days) of initial trouble followed by the great time of trouble, which also lasts for a literal 3½ years time period (1290 days = 1260 plus the extra intercalary month) followed by a 45-day period. (see graph on the next page)
- The separating events between these two periods: 1) when the power of the holy people has been scattered, 2) the daily (intercession in heaven) ended and 3) the coming of the abomination, the demonic god, that makes desolate or causes destruction.

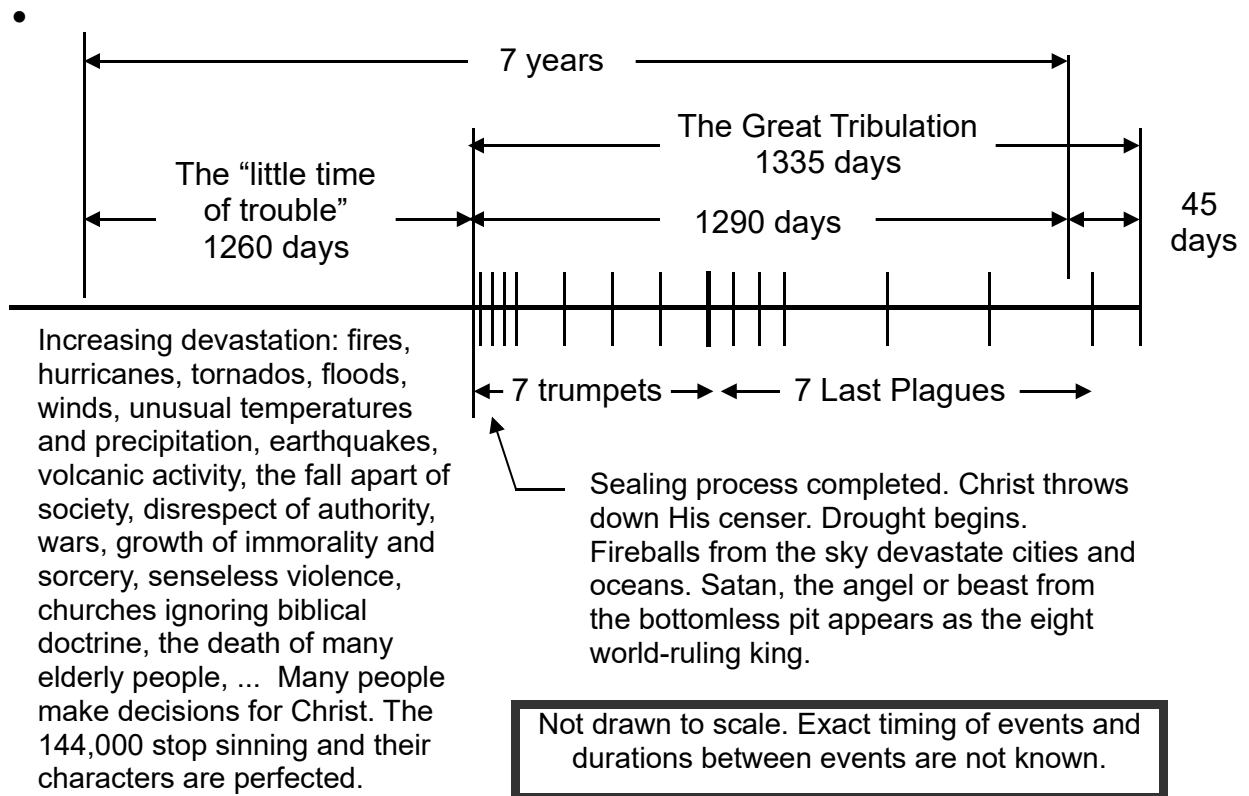
In Revelation, we find a parallel and more detailed scenario.

1. In Revelation 7 it describes 4 angels holding back the winds of strife and destruction UNTIL the sealing of 144,000 of God’s people has been completed. The sealing process then ends.
2. In Revelation 8:3-5, it describes an angel serving as a priest in heaven who throws down his censer, ending his intercessory ministry. This angel represents Jesus Christ.
3. In Revelation 8:7-13 we see tremendous destruction taking place upon the earth, namely balls of fire which result in trees and grass being burned up, ships being destroyed, the land being hit and likely there will be cities destroyed.
4. In Revelation 9:1-12 it describes a fallen angel who is allowed to open up the bottomless pit, also known as the abyss, which in the Hebrew mindset was considered to be the abode of demons. The demons are released to harass and destroy the earth. “And they had as **king** over them the **angel** of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.” In the footnote, it declares that these names mean **destruction** and **destroyer**, similar to the idea of a demonic god who causes desolation. Elsewhere in Revelation, we see this angel is also called the **beast** from the bottomless pit.

So the parallels are the same. A sealing of God’s people, the daily intercession in heaven ends, balls of fire fall upon the earth causing major destruction followed by the coming of Satan.

- Recapping:
 - **time of increasing calamities and political upheaval – one can call it “the little time of trouble”** It is still day time when Jesus, the Holy Spirit, heavenly agencies and God’s people can work for the salvation of souls.
 - **Great tribulation / Time of Trouble.** Mercy has ended and it is night when no man can work for the salvation of souls.
 - There is an additional 45 days that I understand but will not discuss at this time.

- It is my conclusion, based upon much research and **five signs given to me by God**, that we are in the time of increasing calamities and political upheaval right now, and the time of Mercy will be ending over the next few years (perhaps as soon as the Fall of 2019 but most likely the Spring of 2020). Every soul will be marked for either eternal life or condemnation. When the balls of fires come (asteroids, meteors impacting the earth in a major way), one can know the time of mercy, the daily intercession of Jesus in heaven, has ended and He has thrown down his censer in the heavenly sanctuary.



5. Matthew 24:23-31 (NKJV) “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

6. “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

7. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

8. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NKJV) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or

troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

9. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

10. 1 John 2:18 (NKJV) Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

11. Revelation 7:1-3 (NKJV) After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, “**Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**”

12. Revelation 9:1,2,11 (NKJV) Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. ...11 And they had as **king over them the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. [destroyer]

13. Revelation 11:7 (NKJV) When they finish their testimony, **the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit** will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

14. Revelation 17:8-11 (NKJV) **The beast** [angel] that you saw was [visible], and is not [visible], and **will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition**. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet [will become visible].

15. “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth [king], and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

- The seven mountains are the seven hills of Rome. The seven kings/kingdoms are (in order): the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Ptolemaic (king of the south), Seleucid (king of the north), Roman and Holy Roman Empires. The eighth king [Satan the fallen angel] once was visible, now is not visible, yet will become visible again and the world will be astonished when they see him. In the Islamic eschatological perspective, this beast is a “good beast” and the city is the city of Constantinople / Istanbul, which also sits on seven hills and which was the capital city of the Roman/Byzantine Empire (330–1204 and 1261–1453 A.D.) at the time of Mohammad.

Book of Adam, Chapters 16 & 17 (Satan becomes invisible)

¹ [Satan said to Adam] Then God became angry with us and commanded us, them and me, to be cast down from our dwellings to the earth. As for you, he commanded you to dwell in paradise.
² When I had realized that I had fallen before you, that I was in distress and you were in rest,
³ then I aimed at hunting you so that I might alienate you from the paradise of Delights, just as I had been alienated because of you.

¹ When Adam heard that, he cried in a loud voice and said, "Lord, my life is in your hands. Make this enemy distant from me, who desires to lead me astray and seeks to destroy my race. It is by him that Eve has been lost."

² At that moment, **[Satan] became invisible.**

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Comparing Satan’s coming vs. Jesus’ coming

The sealing or marking of God’s people is completed just prior to Christ throwing down His censer (Revelation 8:3-5), ending His intercessory ministry in heaven (also known as “the daily” Daniel 12:11). This completion allows God to entirely withdraw His restraining hand, telling the four angels holding back the winds of strife (Revelation 7:1-3) to remove their protection from the earth, to stand down. 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 puts it this way: “And now you know what is restraining, that he [Satan, the man of sin] may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.” Once the restraining hands(s) are removed, Satan is allowed to attack the world with fireballs and great destruction just before his coming (Revelation 8:7-13). Jesus, in Matthew 24:24 states that “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” God had lovingly provided detailed differences so that no true follower of His need be deceived by the coming of the evil ones. Here is a list of the differences:

<p>Satan’s arrival begins the period known as the Great Tribulation which lasts for ~1290 days. He is the abomination (demonic god) that causes desolation, also known as the Antichrist, the man of sin, the angel from the bottomless pit who is named Abaddon or Apollyon, the beast from the bottomless pit, the eighth king of Revelation 17.</p>	<p>Jesus’ arrival ends the period known as the Great Tribulation as He redeems His people.</p>
<p>Satan appears from a clear blue sky. It is a</p>	<p>Jesus comes on clouds of great glory from the</p>

time of no rain. The clouds representing Christ's robe of righteousness have been withdrawn. While many see him directly, others see him via TV or the Internet.	east. Every eye shall see Him. (Matthew 24:27, 30)
Satan appears shortly after the balls of fire (asteroids, meteors) destroy much of the earth. These burn up much of the greenery and cause large waves to destroy cities along the coast as well as many ships. (Revelation 8:7-11). In fact, it is Satan and his angels who guide these fireballs and who do this destruction.	Jesus appears AFTER the battle of Armageddon and a great hail storm (the 6 th and 7 th of the seven last plagues) (Revelation 16 & 19). Also the sun and moon are darkened and the stars appear to fall just before His appearing. (Rev. 6:12, Matthew 24:29)
Satan cannot resurrect, so no mention is made of the resurrection of the righteous dead at Satan's coming (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). It's possible that some of his angels / spirits posing as resurrected loved ones will appear and facilitate the grand deception.	The dead in Christ are raised to life with a new immortal body and the living redeemed are transformed into immortality and are caught up in the air to be with the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15, Philippians 3:21, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
Satan touches down and remains on earth. He is seen in various places around the earth.	Jesus does not touch down at His return . His angels gather together the elect from one end of heaven to the other. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Mark 13:27, Matthew 24:31 – see also John 14:1-3 Jesus comes to take His friends to be with Him in heaven). The redeemed then return with Jesus to the New Jerusalem in heaven. At Jesus' third return after the millennium, He does touch down on the hill of Jerusalem which becomes a large plain. (Zechariah 14:3-4)
	Jesus wears a robe dipped in blood and has a sharp sword in his mouth with which to smite the nations (Revelation 19:13,15).
	Christ holds an old-fashioned sickle in one hand and a silver trumpet in the other.
Satan cannot heal those with missing limbs.	Jesus, as the Creator can easily heal missing limbs and resurrects people and does so at times during the Great Tribulation (Revelation 11:11)
After his coming, Satan stays on earth as a world-wide king to continue deceiving the masses. The earth initially appears to flourish under his spell, but he cannot stop the seven last plagues. He reigns for ~3½ years. God has two witnesses testifying in Jerusalem, and prophesying about 3½ years of no rain, plagues and destruction. Satan eventually kills them, but then they are resurrected and taken	After His coming, Jesus immediately begins the return journey to heaven with the redeemed. The earth is laid desolate for 1000 years. (Isaiah 24-26, Zephaniah 1:2-7, 14-18)

up to heaven.	
Satan initiates a law that countermands one of God's laws, specifically the fourth commandment which states that the seventh-day Sabbath is to be kept holy (Exodus 20). One may not buy or sell unless they agree to obey this law (Revelation 13:17). Eventually there is a death-penalty for those who refuse to obey this law. This results in the beheading and thus martyrdom of many believers. (Revelation 20:4)	Jesus would never abrogate or dispense with the commandment that is a sign between Him and His people (Exodus 31:12,17, Ezekiel 20:12, 18). God's seventh-day Sabbath is to be kept throughout eternity (Isaiah 66:22-23). Choosing to obey God's law vs. Satan's law is the final test of loyalty to Him. God even allows the Ark of the Covenant to be brought out from its hiding place and for all to see the tables of stone with the unchangeable law written by the very finger of God.

The book, *the Great Controversy* can be ordered via Amazon.com. Search terms: Great Controversy Illustrated. The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan (Fully Illustrated with 830 Pictures, 47 maps, many charts) Including: The Crucifixion: Historical and Medical Facts is rated: 86% Five Stars.

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God has provided plenty of insights as to the coming of His adversary, the evil one and his angels. But even as important as recognizing Satan's coming will be, it is even more important to know, love and obey our great Friend, Jesus Christ who gave His all that we might have life eternal. Please dedicate or rededicate your life to Him today!