

## War in the Heavens:



**Heaven's Anguish -**



**Hell's 3 day party**

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Strength or Weakness, Joy or Sorrow, Love or Hate, Righteousness or Wicked, Intelligent or Stupid, Good or Evil, Heaven or Hell, Free or Bonded, Triumphant or Routed.

Every situation there is always a winner or loser. One side is always celebratory and the other side despondent. This study covers that fine line of winner and loser on the death and resurrection of Jesus. The one face down on the ground may eventually rise to stand up with his boot on the face of the former oppressor; which what happens in this study.

### Part one - questions

Many times I have read bible passages and multiple questions come to mind. Reading thru the bible some of those questions are answered but others linger in the mind.

Take for example of Mt27:45 where Jesus is on the cross and it's stated that there was darkness over all the land for 3 hours. Is the darkness similar to a black colored thunderstorm covering the sky? A few verses later in Mt27:51 the overcast sky was followed by a great earthquake.

RSV Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour **there was darkness over all the land** until the ninth hour.

RSV Matthew 27:51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the **earth shook, and the rocks were split;**

King David describes, in Ps18:1-14, it goes into detail on the darkness across the land.

RSV Psalms 18:1-14

1 I LOVE thee, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

4 **The cords of death encompassed me, the torrents of perdition assailed me;**

5 **the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me.**

6 **In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

This is Jesus crying out to the Father while on the cross.

7 Then the **earth reeled and rocked;** the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

9 He **bowed the heavens,** and came down; **thick darkness** was under his feet.

10 He rode on a cherub, and flew; he came swiftly upon the wings of the **wind.**


11 He made darkness his covering around him, his canopy thick clouds dark with water.

12 Out of the brightness before him there broke through his clouds hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the **Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.**

14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he flashed forth **lightnings,** and routed them.



 Jesus is on the cross at this point **so who came in the clouds?**

There can be only one other person and that is the Father himself. This is a very awesome thought. In the New Testament, The Father made His presence known several times by stating how pleased He was with Jesus. The Father was never described as coming into the earth's atmosphere in a bodily form as it's mentioned in Ps18:9 (note: everything seen and unseen is derived from the Father thru Jesus' creation of all). What is any caring Father going to do when He hears His son crying out to Him? He is going to go to him.

Verses 7 thru 14 show the anger of the Father. The Father is ticked off because the people have rejected, tortured and were in the process of executing His only son.

Seeing the wrath of the Father in Ps18 drives home the statement in Hebrews10:29-31 about falling into the hands of the living God after rejecting Jesus. Woe to them that do.



RSV Hebrews 10:29-31

29 How much worse punishment do you think will be deserved by the man who has spurned the Son of God, and profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and outraged the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Jesus cried out to the Father in Ps18:6. What did Jesus say when He cried out? Mk15:34.

RSV Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, Elo-i, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

This crying out has the same language as in Ps22,11-2. Ps22 speaks about Jesus being surrounded by a company of dogs and He was praying from deliverance from their power.

RSV Psalms 22:1,11-20

1 MY GOD, my God, why has thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.

12 Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast;

15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; thou dost lay me in the dust of death.

16 Yea, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet--

17 I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;

18 they divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

19 But thou, O Lord, be not far off! O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!



The canvas is becoming more defined out with the additional information sketched in. The Heavens are now painted with a thick darkness which has descended. The darkness might have been similar to the Egyptian plague of darkness that could be felt in Ex10:21.

RSV Exodus 10:21-23

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt."

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days;  
23 **they did not see one another, nor did any rise from his place for three days**; but all the people of Israel had light where they dwelt.

Jesus died at the 9th hour and the earth began to rock and roll and lightening, hailstones, fire and the Father's voice was seen and heard by all in Jerusalem.

### More Background info

Jesus was a historical person. The Roman government was no different than the government of today both write reports and passed it on to the higher authorities. Herod said that he had wanted to see Jesus for a long time, to see some miracles done by him (Lk23:8). How did Herod hear and know about Jesus? Reports, either oral or written or both.

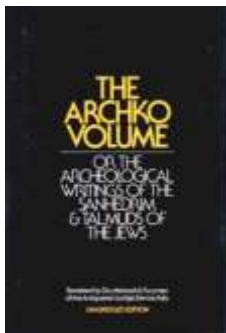
Where could all these ancient Roman writing be stored at in these present days?

One would expect that the Roman Catholic Church would be sitting on vast amounts of Roman government documentation of Jesus since they morphed out from the Roman Empire. Do some of those documents still exist? Yes, possibly. In 1859 some Vatican documents were translated and put into a book called "The Archko volume". In one of the chapters was Pilates report to Tiberius Caesar explaining all the events that occurred. In the report I found the answer to a question that I had:



Why couldn't Pilate control the crowd with the troops that he had?

In the Archko volume Pilate mentions he only had 101 men and later he writes that additional military troops that he desperately needed were denied (the Roman soldiers were over extended and weak in the Middle East and could not adequately defend itself– a lesson that the US Government should reflect on).



*The Archko volume, McGraw Hill, 1975, chapter: Pilates Report P130*

*I had only one centurion and a hundred men at my command. I requested a reinforcement from the prefect of Syria, who informed me that he had scarcely troops sufficient to defend his own province.*

*The Archko volume, McGraw Hill, 1975, chapter: Pilates Report p137-138*

*"The great feast of the Jews was approaching, and the intention was to avail themselves of the popular exultation which always manifests itself at the solemnities of a passover. The city was overflowing with a tumultuous populace, clamoring for the death of the Nazarene. My emissaries informed me that the treasure of the temple had been employed in bribing the people. The danger was pressing. A Roman centurion had been insulted. I wrote to the Prefect of Syria for a hundred foot-soldiers and as many cavalry. He declined. I saw myself alone with a handful of veterans in the midst of a rebellious city, too weak to suppress an uprising, and having no choice left but to tolerate it. They seized upon Jesus, and the seditious rabble, although they had nothing to fear from the praetorium, believing, as their leaders had told them, that I winked at their sedition - continued vociferating: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'*

*"Three powerful parties had combined together at that time against Jesus: First, the Herodians and the Sadducees, ... The Pharisees were the avowed enemies of Jesus. They cared not for the government. They bore with bitterness the severe reprimands which the Nazarene for three years had been continually giving them wherever he went. Timid and too weak to act by themselves, they had embraced the quarrels of the Herodians and the Sadducees. Besides these three parties, I had to*

contend against the **reckless and profligate populace**, always ready to join a sedition, and to profit by the disorder and confusion that resulted there from.

101 troops was no match for the insurrection paid for by the Jewish leaders robbing from God (tithes/offerings from the temple) to kill God (Jesus). The Archko volume richly describes the darkness from Pilate's perspective as it spread over the land.

*P141-142 is part of Pontius Pilate's report on the events that took place at the crucifixion of Jesus. "Often in our civil commotions have I witnessed the furious anger of the multitude, but nothing could be compared to what I witnessed on this occasion. It might have been truly said that **all the phantoms of the infernal regions had assembled at Jerusalem.**"*

Note: I believe that Satan moved **ALL** his demonic forces into Jerusalem area in order to come against Jesus (If this was Satan's last stand then you deploy everything that you have on the field of battle – nothing held in reserve). Remember the legion (6,000) in the man (Mk5:9) in the country of the Gerasenes. The demons stacked themselves up into the people of the area – no wonder the New Testament is filled with exorcisms by Jesus and the Apostles.



*The crowd appeared not to walk, but to be borne off and whirled as a vortex, rolling along in living waves from the portals of the praetorium even unto Mount Zion, with **howling screams, shrieks, and vociferations** such as were never heard in the seditions of the Pannonia, or in the tumults of the forum.*

Note: In Psalms 22 Jesus mentions that He was surrounded by dogs and Jesus prayed against the power of the dog (Paul and John also mentioned dogs: Phillipians3:2 and Revelations22:15). Pilate mentions that he heard the people howling and shrieking – I would imagine that those accepting the blood money from the Jews to kill Jesus were totally demonic possessed at this time.

*"By degrees the day darkened like a winter's twilight, such as had been at the death of the great Julius Caesar. It was likewise the Ides of March. I, the continued governor of a rebellious province, was leaning against a column of my basilic, contemplating athwart the deary gloom these fiends of Tartarus dragging to execution the innocent Nazarene. All around me was deserted. Jerusalem had vomited forth her indwellers through the funeral gate that leads to Gemonica. An air of desolation and sadness enveloped me. My guards had joined the cavalry, and the centurion, with a display of power, was endeavoring to keep order. I was left alone, and my breaking heart admonished me that what was passing at that moment appertained rather to the history of the gods than that of men. A loud clamor was heard proceeding from Golgotha, which, borne on the winds, seemed to announce an agony such as was never heard by mortal ears. **Dark clouds lowered over the pinnacle of the temple, and setting over the city covered it as with a veil. So dreadful were the signs that men saw both in the heavens and on the earth that Dionysius the Aeropagite is reported to have exclaimed, 'Either the author of nature is suffering or the universe is falling apart.'**"*  
*"Whilst, these appalling scenes of nature were transpiring, there was a dreadful earthquake in lower Egypt, which filled everyone with fear.*

Pilate's account gives another viewpoint on the crucifixion of Jesus. However rich in detail these additional passages paint, there are 2 views that are not described. Jesus mentions in Jn16:20 that the world would rejoice but the Apostles would be in agony for three days. Who else does this prophecy apply to?



RSV John 16:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.**



One picture that has stayed with me tied to this verse is what is going on in the background. Obviously anyone sentenced to be crucified will die that day on the cross.

It's difficult to imagine what's happening in a place that one has never seen but I would imagine that there was great confusion going on in Heaven. It was only a short 33 years previously that the Angels in heaven were singing to the shepherds announcing Jesus' birth. Now they were being held back from rushing in, slaughtering all and rescuing their Creator and their Captain General of all Angelic forces.

I picture in my mind's eye what could have occurred in heaven as the Angels watched the soldiers pound the nails into Jesus. The Angels begin ripping their clothes, crying out, asking amongst them what's going on? I'm sure they were fervently praying and pleading with the Father to allow at least one of them to go down and save Jesus from the fast approaching death on the cross (one Angel killed 185,000 Assyrian troops in a single night – 2Kg19:35)

The attack order was never issued by the Father and Jesus died on the cross. What agony those Angels who followed him to one victory after another against satan. Angels who saw Jesus how He really was and now separated from Him by a wide gulf that no one could cross (Lk16:26). If one was an angel in Heaven at that moment - what may have been going thru your mind?

- 1) No one has ever gotten out of Hades once they entered – so Jesus would never be with them again.
- 2) Who was going to lead them, direct them?
- 3) If Satan could lock Jesus into Hades then could satan make another invasion attempt into Heaven and be successful – what would happen to them?
- 4) Could satan access Jesus' Godly powers and thus be unstoppable?

Needless to say it was a major kick in the gut for all of them: confusion, sorrow, panic, anger...

On the other side of the coin we have satan and crew. They had the opposite view on things. They just did the impossible: they successfully saved their lives the moment prior to the executioner sending the guillotine's blade earthward .

Jesus was in Hades under satan's control and now let the party begin!!! (is the image that comes to my thoughts from the demonic point of view). What happens after a major military victory? The victorious general leading his troops down a long Parade route lined with cheering and adoring citizens. One can't forget about the after Parade Parties and celebrations. With no morals to restrain you then all is fair game for this joyous event.



It was the height of this satanic Victory Party when **IT** happened.

### **Question:** What is the most significant biblical event?

Some would say Jesus death on the cross. Yes, that was very significant but not the most significant according to the Apostle Paul. Everything on earth is going to die one day. It appears that most people have forgotten this or put it out of their mind based on their lifestyle choices.

According to the Apostle Paul, the most significant biblical event was: when Jesus conquered Hades and rose from the dead. Jesus then reclaimed His immortal body which contained all powers that Jesus had cast away or didn't use while in the earthly body.



If Jesus hadn't been raised from the dead then all of us would still be in a sinful state (1Cor15:17) and the penalty of sin is death (Rm6:23). Jesus' resurrection from the dead gave opportunity to others to be resurrected (1Cor15:22) with Jesus [as long as you are **IN** Christ and not merely **near** Christ].

KJV 1 Corinthians 15:17 **And if Christ be not raised,** your faith is vain; **ye are yet in your sins.**

KJV 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even **so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

## Part 2 – Jesus’ victory over satan

Jesus was crucified then buried. What did Jesus do while He was in the grave? Jesus mentioned that He is always working (Jn5:17). Jesus can be classified as a workaholic and Jesus was working even while in Hades while he preached to those in prison of death (1Pt3:19)



RSV John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "**My Father is working still, and I am working.**"

RSV 1 Peter 3:19 in which **he went and preached to the spirits in prison,**

Jesus overcame the power of the grave after being a prisoner in it for 3 literal days and 3 literal nights (72 hours – not Friday evening to Sunday Morning which is at most 36 hours).

Is it possible to gain a greater insight to the moment that Jesus broke the eternal chains of death? Are there illustrations of this momentous instant of time in other biblical events? Yes.

5 events have come to mind that describe Jesus’ conversion from being a mere prisoner to the King of Kings. Some biblical illustrations are found in the stories of:

- 1) Believing that you are a God / That thru your power you rose to greatness then sudden destruction comes on you.
- 2) Mocking God’s Judges then sudden destruction comes on you.
- 3) Mocking God’s possessions then sudden destruction comes on you.
- 4) Attempting to destroy God’s people then sudden destruction comes on you.
- 5) Believing that you have overthrown God then sudden destruction comes on you.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Viewpoint: Herod- believing that he was a god.

In Acts12:20-23 Herod had built up his empire and had reached to the pinnacle of his power. He gathered the people of Tyre and Sidon together and after a speech all the people began to call Herod a god (Acts12:22). Herod didn’t rebuke the people when they called him a god so deduction leads one to assume that Herod believed he was a god.

An Angel then struck Herod down for him believing that he was a god. In the complete works of Josephus; Josephus mentions that Herod’s death was a very gruesome death and Herod sought to kill himself but couldn’t.

RSV Acts 12:20-23

20 Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; and they came to him in a body, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food.

21 On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and made an oration to them.

22 And the people shouted, "**The voice of a god, and not of man!**"

23 **Immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he did not give God the glory; and he was eaten by worms and died.**

The Complete works of Josephus, The Jewish Wars, Book 1, Chapter 33:5, 7

5. After this, **the distemper seized upon his whole body, and greatly disordered all its parts with**

various symptoms; for there was a gentle fever upon him, and an intolerable itching over all the surface of his body, and continual pains in his colon, and dropsical turnouts about his feet, and an inflammation of the abdomen, and a putrefaction of his privy member, that produced worms. Besides which he had a difficulty of breathing upon him, and could not breathe but when he sat upright, and had a convulsion of all his members, insomuch that the diviners said those diseases were a punishment upon him for what he had done to the Rabbins. Yet did he struggle with his numerous disorders, and still had a desire to live, and hoped for recovery...

7...So he for a little while revived, and had a desire to live; but presently after he was overborne by his pains, and was disordered by want of food, and by a convulsive cough, and endeavored to prevent a natural, death; so he took an apple, and asked for a knife for he used to pare apples and eat them; he then looked round about to see that there was nobody to hinder him, and lift up his right hand as if he would stab himself; but Achiabus, his first cousin, came running to him, and held his hand, and hindered him from so doing;..



Another example of claiming to be god or claiming that you accomplished a task all on your own without God's help is the story of Nebuchadnezzar. In Dan4:29-33 Nebuchadnezzar was walking and admiring Babylon and he believed that he created everything instead of God. Earlier in the bible it stated that God gave the power to Nebuchadnezzar so that no country could withstand him (Jer27:6-8). At the height of his power and glory, Nebuchadnezzar took credit and gave none to God and was thus struck down.

When one reaches the pinnacle of their success and claim to have accomplished it without acknowledging it was God's hand leading to that success, expect a rapid descent.

In my mind's eye I see Satan taking all the praises from his demonic minions during his victory party. Just like Herod, satan didn't rebuke his minions for calling him a god. In satan and his minion's mind – satan must be a greater god to beat the creator God right? At the height of this praise, **IT** happened.

RSV Daniel 4:29-33

29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,

30 and the king said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you,

32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; and you shall be made to eat grass like an ox; and seven times shall pass over you, until you have learned that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will."

33 Immediately the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men, and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Viewpoint: Mocking God's Judges

In Judges16:22-30 Sampson was captured and put thru a long grueling forced labor. The Philistines brought Sampson out to sacrifice him to their god dagon at one of their holy day celebrations. All the great Philistine's leaders gathered together in one building and brought out Sampson. They verbally abused Sampson and in the Septuagint it points out that they physically beat him with rods. At the height of this Philistine festival after they had tired with their beatings of Sampson it was time to kill him and toss him into the dung heap but before they killed him sudden destruction fell upon the revelers. Sampson regained his Godly strength and pushed over the 2 support columns holding up the house – killing all in the house.



The same goes with satan. I imagine that satan and his forces were mocking Jesus while He was in Hades and if they could lay their hands on Jesus with beatings then they probably did. If satan couldn't strike Jesus then I would imagine that they were telling Jesus how they would strike and beat all the Apostles and believers of him on earth. At the height of their debauched festivities **IT** happened.

RSV Judges 16:22-30

22 But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

23 Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand."

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has slain many of us."

*(Sept 25 so they called Sampson from the prison, and he made sport for them; and when they had beaten him with rods, they set him between the pillars)*

25 And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may make sport for us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he made sport before them. They made him stand between the pillars;

26 and Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them."

27 Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who looked on while Samson made sport.

28 Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be avenged upon the Philistines for one of my two eyes."

29 And Samson grasped the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and he leaned his weight upon them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other.

30 And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people that were in it. So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he had slain during his life.



## Not giving God the glory

### 3<sup>rd</sup> viewpoint: Having no respect for the Holy things of God

In Daniel 5:1-9, King Belshazzar held a feast and had the audacity to bring out the holy/sanctified temple vessels that his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem and drink from them. Immediately a finger appeared and wrote 4 words on the wall. This caused great fear to come upon all in the feast. Daniel was brought in and told that God weighed, measured and found him lacking (Dan 5:25-31). That night the Medes and the Persian army overthrew Babylon and killed the king.

At the height of the demonic celebration, satan and company must have go overboard in mocking Jesus, the Father or the Holy Spirit. The moment satan and his company of revilers cross this demarcation line satan and all with him sees something that scares and confuses him just like King Belshazzar. They saw **IT** happen.

RSV Daniel 5:1-9

1 KING BELSHAZZAR made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in front of the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought in the golden and silver vessels which had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.  
 5 Immediately the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand; and the king saw the hand as it wrote.  
 6 Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together.  
 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."  
 8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation.  
 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed; and his lords were perplexed.  
 (Sept 9 king Baltasar was agitated and his countenance changed, and his nobles were in like trepidation.)



RSV Daniel 5:25-31

25 And this is the writing that was inscribed: mene, mene, tekel, and parsin.  
 26 This is the interpretation of the matter: mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end;  
 27 tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting;  
 28 peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."  
 29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put about his neck, and proclamation was made concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.  
 30 That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.  
 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Viewpoint: Trying to wipe out God's chosen people

Esther (in the book of Esther), who is an Israelite, becomes Queen of the Medes and the Persians Empire Esther2:17. King Ahasuerus right hand man (Haman) desires to kill all the Israelites (Esther3:8-11) because Esther's Uncle's son, Mordecai, didn't bow to him.

Esther steps in and invites the king and Haman to dinner and the king asks what Esther wants. Esther said to come back tomorrow (Esther5:4-8). Haman is overjoyed and recounts how rich and powerful he is (Esther5:9-11), how much honor he has above all the other servants. That all comes to a crashing halt when Queen Esther points out to the king that Haman is trying to kill her and her people. The gallows that Haman made to hang Mordecai was used to hang him and all his riches given to Esther (Esther7:9-10).

Same with satan. Satan made and carried out all the plans for the execution of Jesus. I wouldn't doubt that after satan had his period of pleasure that he wouldn't complete the job of wiping out all of the Christians on the earth since they now are without any power and protection since Jesus was locked away in Hades. Right before satan can carry out his plan... It happened.

RSV Esther 3:8-11

8 Then Haman said to King Ahasu-erus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them.

9 If it please the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, that they may put it into the king's treasuries."

10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you."

RSV Esther 5:4-14

4 And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come this day to a dinner that I have prepared for the king."

5 Then said the king, "Bring Haman quickly, that we may do as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the dinner that Esther had prepared.

6 And as they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."

7 But Esther said, "My petition and my request is:

8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and fulfil my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the dinner which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

9 And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and his wife Zeresh.

11 And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and the servants of the king.

12 And Haman added, "Even Queen Esther let no one come with the king to the banquet she prepared but myself. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king.

13 Yet all this does me no good, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it; then go merrily with the king to the dinner." This counsel pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

RSV Esther 7:9-10

9 Then said Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, "Moreover, the gallows which Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing in Haman's house, fifty cubits high."

10 And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Viewpoint: Usurpation of the kingdom

The 5th viewpoint (1 Kings Chapter 1) is the kernel for this entire War in the Heaven series (currently 7 studies with 2 or 3 more to wrap it up). I read these passages over a decade ago and they implanted, germinated and matured in my mind because I saw Jesus' deliverance from Hades in these passages. The time was finally right to harvest it and put it down on paper.

Quick bible quiz.



*Who was the King after King David?*

Solomon? Would you be willing to bet all your worldly possessions on that answer? If you did then you would lose it all. Solomon wasn't the king after King David – Adonijah, Solomon's brother, became King – although not for long.

In 1Kg5-10, Adonijah thought to snatch the kingdom away. He prepared a feast, went around declaring that he was the new king.

In verses 16-18 Solomon's mother, Bersheba, and Nathan the prophet go to King David and tell him the news. King David instructs they should anoint Solomon as King – which they did (1Kg1:28-30, 32-35).

At the height of the Adonijah's crowning celebration, when the partying had been completed and the difficult work of destroying all the King David/Solomon supporters needed to happen; The entire festival goes hear a distinct sound (1Kg1:39-43) and someone informs him that Solomon is now king (1Kg1:49-53). This puts fear in all the people at Adonijah's feast and they all scatter. King Solomon brings Adonijah to him and grants Adonijah (now deposed former king) a pass on life if he proved worthy but later King Solomon kills Adonijah when he was trying to overthrow Solomon again (apparently some people just don't learn when to quit when they are ahead).

Satan tried to take the kingdom away from Jesus, Satan declared himself king while Jesus was locked away in Hades. Satan threw a victory and crowning party but satan didn't include the Father who would be the only one to grant satan the authority and power to be king. During satan's crowning moment where he should have begun to reign **It** happened and the party was thrown into panic and dispersed.

RSV 1 Kings 1:5-10

5 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king"; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 His father had never at any time displeased him by asking, "Why have you done thus and so?" He was also a very handsome man; and he was born next after Absalom.

7 He conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest; and they followed Adonijah and helped him.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shime-i, and Rei, and David's mighty men were not with Adonijah.

9 Adonijah sacrificed sheep, oxen, and fatlings by the Serpent's Stone, which is beside En-rogel, and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the royal officials of Judah,

10 but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the mighty men or Solomon his brother.

RSV 1 Kings 1:16-18

16 Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, "What do you desire?"

17 She said to him, "My lord, you swore to your maidservant by the Lord your God, saying, 'Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.'

18 And now, behold, **Adonijah is king**, although you, my lord the king, do not know it.



RSV 1 Kings 1:28-30

28 Then King David answered, "Call Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king swore, saying, "As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my soul out of every adversity,

30 as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, saying, 'Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead'; even so will I do this day."

RSV 1 Kings 1:32-35

32 King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king.

33 And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon;

34 and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'

35 You shall then come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

RSV 1 Kings 1:39-43

39 There Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent, and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

40 And all the people went up after him, playing on pipes, and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by their noise.

41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him **heard it** as they **finished feasting**. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "What does this uproar in the city mean?"

42 While he was still speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said, "Come in, for you are a worthy man and bring good news."

43 Jonathan answered Adonijah, "No, for **our lord King David has made Solomon king**;

RSV 1 Kings 1:49-53

49 Then all the guests of Adonijah trembled, and rose, and each went his own way.

50 And Adonijah feared Solomon; and he arose, and went, and caught hold of the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, "Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon; for, lo, he has laid hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not slay his servant with the sword.'"

52 And Solomon said, "If he prove to be a worthy man, not one of his hairs shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."

53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

### Put it all together

Imagine this, Jesus down in Hades, preaching to those locked away that they should believe in Him and they will be saved. The majority probably didn't believe since only a remnant on earth will believe and obey. I picture the scene with many saying "why believe in you, you are in the same situation as us – hopelessness". Satan has a great feast to celebrate his victory over Jesus, it's a grand event and he mocks all of God's people stuck in Hades, mocks Jesus, and mocks the Father. At the completion of their celebration IT happens.



What is that IT which happens?

In 1Kg1:41 **IT** was a trumpet blast from Jerusalem. I suspect there was a trumpet blast from Heaven. The significance of the trumpet blast is found in Numbers10:4 which indicate the gathering of the princes to Moses and presumably around the temple/Ark of the Covenant [symbolizing Jesus].



KJV Numbers 10:4 And if they **blow but with one trumpet**, then **the princes**, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, **shall gather themselves** unto thee.



How did Jesus open the locked gates of Hades without keys? Who gave Jesus the keys of Hell (Rev1:18) when one can't take anything with them when they die? (1Tim6:7).



A movie director could imagine many things at this point. Jesus, surrounded by jeering, laughing persons mocking His salvation preaching. Just as with Adonjiah festival, Satan was winding down his coronation and party when suddenly a trumpet blast and a great noise from afar causes everyone to stop what they had been doing and turn to look at the source of the sound.

The momentum has changed. The Father in Heaven had commanded one of the Angels to sound out a single Trumpet blast. All the Angels in Heaven recognized the significance of this sound. The Host of Heaven in unison begins shouting for joy because the Father is doing what they believed was impossible: the resurrection of Jesus from Hades. The Angels watched the Father launch the Holy Spirit streaked thru the Third Heaven, across the expanse of the Second Heaven, into the first Heaven, burrowing thru the depths of the earth, crossing the gulf of separation of Hades, blazing brightly as a comet would in the darkened bowels of Hades and engulfing Jesus as all stood with their mouths agape and knees trembling.

At this time what was Jesus doing? I picture at the sound of the trumpet and the uproar noise of the Heavenly city that Jesus also lifted his head and fixed His eyes with everyone else to see His salvation, the Holy Spirit, speeding faster than light itself, towards him (Lk21:28). First it was a distant dim glow but quickly the brightness of the Holy Spirit expanded and filled the dungeon darkness of Hades with the brilliancy of the majestic power of the Father.

KJV Luke 21:28 And **when these things begin to come to pass**, then **look up, and lift up your heads**; for **your redemption draweth nigh**.

The Holy Spirit transformed Jesus and gave back the full power of God thru the Holy Spirit (Acts2:3, Jn1:32, Acts2:38). With the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible (Mt19:26) – that’s when Jesus got the keys of Hell.

At this point Satan and team become frightened and confused they heard the trumpet blast, the musical instruments, the shouting (1Kings 1:39-41) – they had won the epic battle of life and death but now they are back on the losing end.

Jesus unshackles the gates of Hades and leads the captives who believe in him out (2Tim2:26). Those prisoners who didn't believe in Jesus testimony while He was in prison were left behind gnashing their teeth (Mt22:13,14). Jesus then led all back to the tomb and Jerusalem (Mt27:52-53).



**Question:** When Jesus threw open the doors and led the captives out of Hades was there a reception or was it empty as a soldier coming home from war and no one meeting him at the airport?

I say that there was a parade route organized by the Father from the doors of Hades all the way back to the tomb. How do I know? 2Sam6:14-18 passage tells of King David bringing the Ark, symbol of Jesus, to the city of David. It’s mentioned that all the house of Israel came out with shouting and the sound of a trumpet.



KJV 2 Samuel 6:15-18

15 **So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.**

17 And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts.

The utter joy and jubilation that All the Host of Heaven must have experienced at this point watching Jesus take His first step out of the gates of Hell. King David celebrated when they had successfully carried the Ark 6 paces in 2Sam6:13,14 (the first attempt ended up with the death of a person). How much more

celebration by the Host of Heaven of Jesus taking 6 paces out of Hades? Which of the Host of Heaven wouldn't have been present at this celebration? None. The passage shows a jubilant David (Jesus) dancing mightily before the Lord. One day I desire to see if there are movie archives of this event in Heaven.

KJV 2 Samuel 6:13-14

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

Another witness is found which describes this victory over death celebration not from the gates of Hades perspective but when the procession finally reached the tomb where Jesus body was laid. In the Archko Volume, Pilate interviews the Duty Officer in charge at the tomb and a detailed account is recorded.

### **Part 3 – Jesus' return from death**

We know a little bit more of the details of Jesus' resurrections thanks to the Jewish leaders. They believed that one of Jesus' followers were going to snatch the body of Jesus and claim that Jesus resurrected. They requested Pilate set up guards to prevent that (Mt27:62-66). Thanks to that decision we have another account that can help picture the event at the tomb. In Mt28:1-4 an Angel scares the guard to drop like dead men and many saints that were dead were raised and began to appear to many (Mt27:52-53).

RSV Matthew 27:62-66

62 Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate

63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'

64 Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

66 So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

RSV Matthew 28:1-4

1 NOW AFTER the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

KJV Matthew 27:52-53

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

In the Archko volume, Pilate interviews a soldier guarding the scene and here is his report on the return of Jesus and the company of others with him at the tomb. We get to hear a firsthand account of this joyous procession from Hades.

*P144-146 is part of Pontius Pilates' report on the events that took place when Jesus rose from the tomb.*

"Joseph buried Jesus in his own tomb. Whether he contemplated his resurrection or calculated to cut him another, I cannot tell. The day after he was buried one of the priests came to the praetorium and said they were apprehensive that his disciples intended to steal the body of Jesus and hide it, and then make it appear that he had risen from the dead, as he had foretold, and of which they were perfectly convinced. I send him to the captain of the royal guard (Malcus) to tell him to take the Jewish soldiers, place as many around the sepulcher as were needed; then If anything should happen they could blame themselves, and not the Romans.

Interesting tidbit of knowledge that there were only Jewish soldiers around Jesus' tomb and not Roman soldiers.

"When the great excitement arose about the sepulchre being found empty, I felt a deeper solicitude than ever. I sent for Malcus, who told me he had placed his lieutenant, Ben Isham, with one hundred soldiers, around the sepulchre. He told me that Isham and the soldiers were very much alarmed at what had occurred there that morning. I sent for this man Isham, who related to me, as near as I can recollect, the following circumstances: He said that at about the beginning of the fourth watch they saw a soft and beautiful light over this sepulchre. He at first thought that the women had come to embalm the body of Jesus, as was their custom, but he could not see how they had gotten through the guards. While these thoughts were passing through his mind, behold, the whole place was lighted up, and there seemed to be crowds of the dead in their grave clothes. All seemed to be shouting and filled with ecstasy, while all around and above was the most beautiful music he had ever heard; and the whole air seemed to be full of voices praising God. At this time there seemed to be a reeling and swimming of the earth, so that he turned so sick and faint that he could not stand on his feet. He said the earth seemed to swim from under him, and his senses left him, so that he knew not what did occur. I asked him in what condition he was when he came to himself. He said he was lying on the ground with his face down. I asked him if he could not have been mistaken as to the light. Was it not day that was coming in the East? He said at first he thought of that, but at a stone's cast it was exceedingly dark; and then he remembered it was too early for day. I asked him if his dizziness might not have come from being wakened up and getting up too suddenly, as it sometimes had that effect. He said he was not, and had not been asleep all night, as the penalty was death for him to sleep on duty. He said he had let some of the soldiers sleep at a time. Some were asleep then. I asked him how long the scene lasted. He said he did not know, but the thought nearly an hour. He said it was hid by the light of day. I asked him if he went to the sepulchre after he had come to himself. He said no, because he was afraid; that just as soon as relief came they all went to their quarters. I asked him if he had been questioned by the priests. He said he had. They wanted him to say it was an earthquake, and that they were asleep, and offered him money to say that the disciples came and stole Jesus; but he saw no disciples; he did not know that the body was gone until he was told.

Satan has been trying and trying to win against Jesus and time and time again all satan's plans comes to failure. One also must consider all ones plans will come to naught if they are not in line with Jesus' plans.

The next most significant event is drawing closer. What event? The wedding feast. In the parable of the 10 Virgins only 5 wise virgins got into the feast. Another one tried to sneak in but was quickly discovered and kicked out because he wasn't properly dressed.

That dressing is the Holy Spirit which comes after one is Baptized in accordance with the bible (Acts2:38, Mt3:16-17, Gal3:27, Mk16:16) which is once you have heard, believed, confessed, repented and are baptized (fully under water, for the remission of sins, In the name of Jesus Christ). You are going off the way of life if you choose your own way. All exits from the way of truth and life leads to death.

There are many different baptisms among the different "Christian" denominations: sprinkling, pouring, immersion, faith only (dry), after death, paying for it (indulgences).

There are many different reasons to get baptized: outward sign of an inward grace, for the remission of sins...



There is only 1 type of baptism that saves (Eph4:5). If one is lead falsely by preachers in the pulpit and believes in the wrong baptism then they don't have their sins washed away and are subject to the second death (eternal). Don't be a part of this dammed group, choose life, choose the right baptism and abide in Jesus so you don't lose the gift once you got it.

KJV Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, **one baptism,**

Regards,  
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Mt22:14+Rm10:14+Lk11:28+Jn3:16+Mk6:12+Rm10:9+Acts2:38+Heb10:26=1Pt3:21->Mt28:19-20

**2012 Completed Bible studies**

- 1/13/13 - War in the Heavens: Battle for the 1st Heaven II
- 1/19/13 - War in the Heavens: Battle for the 1st Heaven III
- 1/26/13 - War in the Heavens: Heaven's anguish, Hell's 3 day party

**Future O'Malley Family Bible studies**

- War in the Heavens: In search for a Power source
- Battle for the land
- Excuse me sirs, she just lied to you
- wait, what happens if you don't wait
- Fear, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Prudent & Instruction
- 2013 end times series (if we are still around) -----
- What did Martha know about the end times?
- Between the goalpost: the scattering of the nations
- The Great Mountain Nation: what it is and what it isn't
- Jesus Parable connection to the end times
- Enoch calendar overlaid on the prophets' end times
- The final battle: the war scrolls
- God's chosen to captivity
- Apostles describing the end times
- Revelation end times overlaid on Prophet's end times
- Lost Acts, Washington, legends, folk tales
- History/Archeology of the movements of His people
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- Christian Soldiers group maneuvers
- Understanding, knowledge and wisdom & Fear connection
- Fall of Jerusalem: departure of the King of Kings
- The Law - intro/controversy/importance
- The Law - distant, past, now, future

RSV Luke 23:8 When **Herod** saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because **he had heard about him,** and he was hoping to see some sign done by him.

RSV Mark 5:9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is **Legion; for we are many.**"

RSV Philippians 3:2 Look out for the **dogs,** look out for the **evil-workers,** look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

RSV Revelation 22:15 Outside are the the **dogs** and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and every one who loves and practices falsehood.

RSV 2 Kings 19:35 And that night the **angel of the Lord** went forth, and **slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand** in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

RSV Luke 16:26 And besides all this, between us and you a **great chasm has been fixed,** in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and **none may cross from there to us.'**

RSV Romans 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death,** but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RSV Jeremiah 27:6-8

6 Now **I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar,** the king of Babylon, my servant, and I have given him also the beasts of the field to serve him.

7 **All the nations shall serve him** and his son and his grandson, until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings shall make him their slave.

8 ""But if any nation or kingdom will not serve this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, says the Lord, until I have consumed it by his hand.

RSV Esther 2:17 the king loved **Esther** more than all the women, and she found grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made **her queen** instead of Vashti.

RSV Revelation 1:18 and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the **keys of Death and Hades**.

RSV 1 Timothy 6:7 for **we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world**;

RSV Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them **tongues as of fire**, distributed and resting on each one of them.

RSV John 1:32 And John bore witness, "I saw **the Spirit descend as a dove** from heaven, and it remained on him.

RSV Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

RSV Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**"

RSV 2 Timothy 2:26 and they may **escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him** to do his will.

RSV Matthew 22:13-14

13 Then the king said to the attendants, **'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness;** there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

RSV Matthew 3:16-17

16 And when **Jesus was baptized**, he went **up immediately from the water**, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove**, and alighting on him;

17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**"

RSV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.

RSV Mark 16:16 He who **believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

RSV Colossians 2:18-19

18 **Let no one disqualify you**, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,

19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.