

¹The War Continues

The purpose of this paper is not to teach unrevealed doctrine or to confuse people. It is simply written in an attempt to present the scriptures, and the doctrine, of what we do know, and hopefully open people's minds to certain realities regarding the war in Heaven.

You will hear many in the Church talk of the war in Heaven very cut and dry; the war in heaven happened, the war in heaven ended, Satan is on Earth, and the war continues on Earth but only between us and sin and ideologies etc.

The reality is, is that this war is a lot more complicated and a lot more fluid than people realize. You will hear taught in the Church as doctrine that angels and those on the other side of the veil have come and will continue to come to bless and aid the righteous mortals now living (for example, 2 Kings 6:15-18, Joseph Smith's First Vision etc); you will also hear taught in the Church as doctrine that Satan and his followers actively fight against mortals now living (for example, Matthew 4, Joseph Smith's First Vision, etc). Both of these are true. But a third element is never talked about or taught even though it is equally doctrinal and the lack of teaching this gives rise to what I believe to be a convoluted interpretation of Revelation 12. And that is that righteous angels on the other side of the veil are also involved in fighting with Satan and his angels post creation of the earth. Many in the Church are under the belief that Michael and his angels fought with Satan in the pre-earth life, before the earth was created, that war ended, and those two sides are now at some sort of truce or stalemate. The object of this paper is to open people's minds to the very real reality that this war didn't climax in the pre-earth life, let alone end there, and that these events and this war spilled out onto our world and into our timeline.

Abraham 3:21-28

21 I dwell in the midst of them all; I now, therefore, have come down unto thee to declare unto thee the works which my hands have made, wherein my wisdom excelleth them all, for I rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath, in all wisdom and prudence, over all the intelligences thine eyes have seen from the beginning; I came down in the beginning in the midst of all the intelligences thou hast seen.

22 Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized *before the world was*; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones;

23 And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they

were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born.

24 And there stood one among them that was like unto God, and he said unto those who were with him: We will go down, for there is space there, and ***we will*** take of these materials, and ***we will*** make an earth whereon these may dwell;

25 And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them;

26 And they who keep their ***first estate*** shall be added upon; and they who keep not their first estate shall not have glory in the same kingdom with those who keep their first estate; and they who keep their ***second estate*** shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever.

27 And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord said: I will send the first.

28 And the second was angry, and kept not his first estate; and, at that day, many followed after him.

Abraham 4:1-31

1 ***And then*** the Lord said: Let us go down. And they went down at the beginning, and they, that is the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth.

Many teach that Satan was cast down to Earth as soon as he kept not his first estate. But according to the scriptures Satan lost his first estate before Earth was even formed. Satan could not be “cast down” to a location that did not exist. Meaning, we need to have a different understanding of the words “cast down” and “estate” and also need to understand that there were large sections of time between these points of reference because of that fact. At this time Satan and those who followed after him lost their ability to be in the presence of the Father, this would be similar to members today being excommunicated and being unable to go to the temple. We still live in the same cities as them but only one of us has a promise of something in the life to come. They lost the promise of a life to come, but they were not kicked out of the “city”, there was not a separation of the wicked and the righteous, they were not kicked out of heaven because there was no Earth for them to be kicked down to.

Jude 1:6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, ***but left their own habitation***, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 1:6. “The Angels Which Kept Not Their First Estate”

Jude wrote about the spirits who rebelled against God in the premortal world and followed Lucifer, calling them “angels which kept not their first estate” (Jude 1:6; see also Abraham 3:26, 28). Here, “estate” refers to a person’s rank or position. Because these spirits rebelled against the

Father, *they lost their standing before God and did not qualify for the privilege of coming to mortality—our second estate.*

While serving as a member of the Seventy, Elder L. Lionel Kendrick discussed the premortal events *that led to* the casting out of Satan and his followers: “Lucifer used his divine gift of agency to make a decision *that would lead* to his eternal damnation. In bold opposition, he rebelled against God and ‘kept not his first estate’ [Abraham 3:28]. ‘A third part of the hosts of heaven turned he away from me [the Lord God] because of their agency’ [D&C 29:36; italics added]. Even with *the possibility* of their eternal damnation, Heavenly Father would not take their agency from them. To do so would be counter to eternal law. As *a result* of their rebelliousness, Lucifer and his followers *were* cast out of heaven and forfeited the blessings of eternal life” (“Our Moral Agency,” Ensign, Mar. 1996, 30–31).

It should be fascinating and important to note that according to Jude, “*they* left their first estate”, which is agency, so once again we need to understand that these are separate points of reference with an unrevealed amount of time passing between them! Going back to Abraham:

2 And the earth, after it was formed, was empty and desolate, because they had not formed anything but the earth; and darkness reigned upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Gods was brooding upon the face of the waters.

3 *And they (the Gods) said: Let there be light; and there was light.*

4 *And they (the Gods) comprehended the light, for it was bright; and they divided the light, or caused it to be divided, from the darkness.*

5 *And the Gods called the light Day, and the darkness they called Night. And it came to pass that from the evening until morning they called night; and from the morning until the evening they called day; and this was the first, or the beginning, of that which they called day and night.*

6 And the Gods also said: Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and it shall divide the waters from the waters.

7 And the Gods ordered the expanse, so that it divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so, even as they ordered.

8 And the Gods called the expanse, Heaven. *And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and this was the second time that they called night and day.*

9 And the Gods ordered, saying: Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the earth come up dry; and it was so as they ordered;

10 And the Gods pronounced the dry land, Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, pronounced they, Great Waters; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed.

11 And the Gods said: Let us prepare the earth to bring forth grass; the herb yielding seed; the fruit tree yielding fruit, after his kind, whose seed in itself yieldeth its own likeness upon the earth; and it was so, even as they ordered.

12 And the Gods organized the earth to bring forth grass from its own seed, and the herb to bring forth herb from its own seed, yielding seed after his kind; and the earth to bring forth the tree from its own seed, yielding fruit, whose seed could only bring forth the same in itself, after his kind; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed.

13 And it came to pass that they numbered the days; from the evening until the morning they called night; and it came to pass, from the morning until the evening they called day; and it was the third time.

14 And the Gods organized the alights in the expanse of the heaven, and caused them to divide the day from the night; and organized them to be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years;

15 And organized them to be for lights in the expanse of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

16 And the Gods organized the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; with the lesser light they set the stars also;

17 And the Gods set them in the expanse of the heavens, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to cause to divide the light from the darkness.

18 And the Gods watched those things which they had ordered until they obeyed.

19 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that it was night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that it was day; and it was the fourth time.

20 And the Gods said: Let us prepare the waters to bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life; and the fowl, that they may fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven.

21 And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters were to bring forth abundantly after their kind; and every winged fowl after their kind. And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good.

22 And the Gods said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas or great waters; and cause the fowl to multiply in the earth.

23 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time.

24 And the Gods prepared the earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind; and it was so, as they had said.

25 And the Gods organized the earth to bring forth the beasts after their kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind; and the Gods saw they would obey.

26 And the Gods took counsel among themselves and said: Let us go down and form man in our image, after our likeness; and we will give them dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So the Gods went down to organize man in their own image, in the image of the Gods to form they him, male and female to form they them.

28 And the Gods said: We will bless them. And the Gods said: We will cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And the Gods said: Behold, we will give them every herb bearing seed that shall come upon the face of all the earth, and every tree which shall have fruit upon it; yea, the fruit of the tree yielding seed to them we will give it; it shall be for their meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, behold, we will give them life, and also we will give to them every green herb for meat, and all these things shall be thus organized.

31 And the Gods said: We will do everything that we have said, and organize them; and behold, they shall be very obedient.

Abraham 5:1-21

1 And thus we will finish the heavens and the earth, and all the hosts of them.

2 And the Gods said among themselves: On the seventh time we will end our work, which we have counseled; and we will rest on the seventh time from all our work which we have counseled.

3 And the Gods concluded upon the seventh time, because that on the seventh time they would rest from all their works which they (the Gods) counseled among themselves to form; and sanctified it. And thus were their decisions at the time that they counseled among themselves to form the heavens and the earth.

4 And the Gods came down and formed these the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were formed in the day that the Gods formed the earth and the heavens,

5 According to all that which they had said concerning every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Gods had not caused it to rain upon the earth when they counseled to do them, and had not formed a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Gods formed man from the dust of the ground, and took his spirit (that is, the man's spirit), and put it into him; and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

8 And the Gods planted a garden, eastward in Eden, and there they put the man, whose spirit they had put into the body which they had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Gods to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life, also, in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 There was a river running out of Eden, to water the garden, and from thence it was parted and became into four heads.

11 And the Gods took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it.

12 And the Gods commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat,

13 But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the time that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. *Now I, Abraham, saw that it was after the Lord's time, which was after the time of Kolob; for as yet the Gods had not appointed unto Adam his reckoning.*

14 And the Gods said: Let us make an help meet for the man, for it is not good that the man should be alone, therefore we will form an help meet for him.

15 And the Gods caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and he slept, and they took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in the stead thereof;

16 And of the rib which the Gods had taken from man, formed they a woman, and brought her unto the man.

17 And Adam said: This was bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; now she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man;

18 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be bone flesh.

19 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

20 And out of the ground the Gods formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that should be the name thereof.

21 And Adam gave names to all cattle, to the fowl of the air, to every beast of the field; and for Adam, there was found an help meet for him.

Moses 4:1-21

1 And I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the beginning, and he came before me, saying—Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honor.

2 But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my Beloved and Chosen from the beginning, said unto me—Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

3 Wherefore, because that Satan rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he *should be cast down*;

4 And he *became* Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken unto my voice.

Based off of the context provided in Abraham, we know that Satan wasn't immediately cast down to Earth after this event, once again because there was no Earth yet. We also don't know the definition of the word "should" in verse 3- was the Father telling his children that they should cast Satan out, the Father *caused*, past tense, that Satan *should* be cast down, *should*, future tense, cast down. It is then explained that Satan *became* the devil and in the next verses the Lord explains how Lucifer became the devil, which was by attempting to interfere with God's plan by tempting Eve through the serpent.

5 And now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which I, the Lord God, had made.

6 And Satan put it into the heart of the serpent, (*for he had drawn away many after him*.) and he sought also to beguile Eve, *for he knew not the mind of God, wherefore he sought to destroy the world*.

D&C 29:36-37

36 And it came to pass that Adam, being tempted of the devil—for, behold, *the devil was before Adam*, for he *rebelled* against me, saying, Give me thine honor, which is my power; and also a third part of the hosts of heaven *turned he away from me* because of their agency;

37 And they *were* thrust down, and thus *came* the devil and his angels;

From these verses it seems to confirm, once again, that Satan and his followers weren't immediately cast out of heaven for Satan had time to draw people after him. It also seems to indicate a temple-like procedure where the Father presents the plan in a temple ("the grand council"), the people have to nod and say yes (ie. agree with the plan), those who disagree with the plan leave the temple and those who stay are taught the rest (ie. the complete plan). This explains why Satan was acting in ignorance; Satan never saw the full plan. And these acts that he was now doing were turning him into what we now call "the devil".

7 And he said unto the woman: Yea, hath God said—Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (And he spake by the mouth of the serpent.)

8 And the woman said unto the serpent: We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

9 But of the fruit of the tree which thou beholdest in the midst of the garden, God hath said—Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

10 And the serpent said unto the woman: Ye shall not surely die;

11 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

12 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it became pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make her wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and also gave unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

13 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they had been naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

14 And they heard the voice of the Lord God, as they were walking in the garden, in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife went to hide themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

15 And I, the Lord God, called unto Adam, and said unto him: Where goest thou?

16 And he said: I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I beheld that I was naked, and I hid myself.

17 And I, the Lord God, said unto Adam: Who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat, if so thou shouldst surely die?

18 And the man said: The woman thou gavest me, and commandest that she should remain with me, she gave me of the fruit of the tree and I did eat.

19 And I, the Lord God, said unto the woman: What is this thing which thou hast done? And the woman said: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

20 And I, the Lord God, said unto the serpent: Because thou hast done this thou shalt be cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

21 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed; and he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Romans 16:20

20 And the God of peace *shall* bruise Satan under your feet *shortly*. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Hebrews 2:14

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, [the Savior] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

The first thing that we should note is this seems like a very good point of reference in which Lucifer has reached a tipping point on his journey to becoming Satan. There are those who interpret this scripture in the context that this is us wrestling with Satan in the flesh and though Satan can crush our heel we will be able to crush his head. This is true but only because it is an appendage of something bigger than that, we know and have had identified to us (let alone our testimony of the Savior) that this “he” who would crush the head of Satan was Jesus. The Father is saying that Lucifer the most he will do is wound Jesus’ heel but Jesus will crush his head. We know that Jesus accomplished this when he was born into mortality but in this conversation the Father used the terms “shall” meaning it was clearly a future event even from the garden. When we speak today of crushing the head of the serpent we do so only with the understanding that we cannot and will never be able to crush the head of the serpent without Christ’s help. It is only because Jesus crushed the head of the serpent that we have any power over him, for we are taught that had the Savior not completed the atonement or had failed in His atonement, we would have been subject unto the devil forever. It’s important to note that at this exchange we have God the Father, Jesus Christ and Satan. After this exchange we have no more recorded (revealed) accounts of Satan conversing with the Father. So up to this point in time we have Satan losing his first estate and gathering people unto himself (and remember he could not have been cast down to earth yet because there was no earth), Earth gets created and man gets placed on it and Satan goes down to Earth and attempts to destroy the plan (remember he did not know all of the plan). We then have an exchange between the Father and Satan that marks the last recorded exchange between the two but the Father did not say at this time that Satan was cast permanently out of heaven but he did say that Satan should be cast down and in this exchange the Father is explaining how and when Satan would be permanently cast down. This is all confirmed in the temple. Not only is this confirmed in the temple, it is further shown that Satan and those who followed after him, those who kept not their first estate, continued to have many confrontations and interactions with pre-mortal Peter, James and John and even the Savior (those on the other side of the veil). These are solid proofs that the war in Heaven on the other side of the veil is a lot more complicated than we might initially realize, but there is yet a more solid proof that though the connection between the Father and Lucifer was broken in the garden, Satan and those who followed after him, their ability for mobility to cause chaos among the Savior and those on the other side of the veil did not stop.

Job 1:6-7

Satan obtains permission from the Lord to tempt and try Job—Job’s property and children are destroyed,

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.

7 And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 2:1-2

Satan obtains permission from the Lord to afflict Job physically—Job is smitten with boils

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

It is important to note that the LDS Student Manual says that it is unknown whether this was poetic or literal but we have a Joseph Smith Translation in these verses and Joseph left it the way it was- Joseph only changed the word “sons” to “children”. For example, Joseph Smith changed “and it repented the Lord” and he also changed “and the devil led Jesus into the wilderness” etc so Joseph changed and translated a ton of things like this throughout scripture including redoing the whole of Revelation Chapter 12 (which we will get to). So if there were major doctrinal errors in this, Joseph would have changed this. Joseph flat out said that the Song of Solomon was uninspired, meaning it is garbage regardless of its poetic themes, I’m not even giving it a translation, but yet we are supposed to believe that what we are reading here in Job with a JST is not literal?

I believe this proves that Satan had more power and more mobility than we like to realize. What was Satan doing with these “children of men” in Job?

Alma 40:11-14

11 Now, concerning the state of the soul between death and the resurrection—Behold, it has been made known unto me by an angel, that the spirits of all men, as soon as they are departed from this mortal body, yea, the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life.

12 And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of those who are righteous are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow.

13 And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of the wicked, yea, who are evil—for behold, they have no part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord; for behold, they chose evil works rather than good; therefore the spirit of the devil did enter into them, and take possession of their house—and these shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, and this because of their own iniquity, being led captive by the will of the devil.

14 Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked, yea, in darkness, and a state of awful, fearful looking for the fiery indignation of the wrath of God upon them; thus they remain in this state, as well as the righteous in paradise, until the time of their resurrection.

Revelation 12:8–10. Satan Accuses Day and Night

Joseph Smith Translation, Revelation 12:8 reads: “Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon who was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he who was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

The name-title “Satan” comes from a Hebrew verb meaning “to accuse,” “to slander,” or “to be an adversary.” Thus, the title “accuser” (Revelation 12:10) reflects Satan’s efforts as the adversary of the human family, charging people with sin. On the other hand, Jesus Christ is our advocate, pleading to God on behalf of those who believe in Him (see D&C 45:3–5).

A couple things we can learn from this:

1. Satan can’t accuse anyone of anything before they have done it, meaning, man has to be there and be sinning for Satan to accuse a man.
2. It is identified that Satan has been doing this accusing night and day before being permanently cast out of heaven. And we know based off of what we have already read in Abraham when night and day was created.
3. Satan does this accusing *before* the Lord (Rev 12)

Based off of these three alone it becomes clear that Satan from the time of Adam to the time of Christ in the flesh had the ability to freely move at least into the presence of Christ and accuse people of sin, proving that this war on the other side of the veil clearly continued. We obviously know that once Christ was born, Satan openly conversed with Jesus on multiple occasions, continuing this process. With this out of the way let us turn to Doctrine and Covenants 76 and Revelation 12 and see if we can’t prove some points of reference dealing with Lucifer’s transformation into “The Devil” and eventually “finding no more place for himself and his followers in the heavens”, etc.

JST Revelation 12

1 And there appeared a great sign in heaven, *in the likeness of things on the earth*; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of *twelve stars*.

2 And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and *her child was caught up unto God and his throne*.

JST Revelation Chapter 5

John sees the book sealed with seven seals, and he sees those people redeemed out of every nation—He hears every creature praising God and the Lamb.

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath *prevailed* to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb *as it had been slain*, having twelve horns and twelve eyes, which are the twelve Servants of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

D&C 76:19-24

19 And while we meditated upon these things, the Lord touched the eyes of our understandings and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about.

20 And we beheld *the glory of the Son*, on the right hand of the Father, *and received of his fulness*;

21 And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before his throne, worshiping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.

22 And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

23 For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

24 That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

[Why is this an important point of reference for understanding these events?](#)

Matthew 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

3 Nephi 12:48

48 Therefore I would that ye should be perfect *even as I, or* your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

Lectures on Faith: Lecture 5

[The Savior] is called the Son because of the flesh—and he descended in suffering below that which man can suffer, or, in other words, suffered greater sufferings, and was exposed to more powerful contradictions than any man can be. But notwithstanding all this, he kept the law of God, and remained without sin: Showing thereby that it is in the power of man to keep the law and remain also without sin. And also, that by him a righteous judgment might come upon all flesh, and that all who walk not in the law of God, may justly be condemned by the law, and have no excuse for their sins. And he being the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, and *having overcome, received a fulness* of the glory of the Father—possessing the same mind with the Father, which mind is the Holy Spirit, that bears record of the Father and the Son.

The Lord did not receive of the fullness of the Father, was not worthy to hold and open the book until after the Atonement. This is, once again, the Father's prophesy that "though you, Satan, shall bruise the heel of Christ, he shall someday bruise your head"—this was a futuristic prophecy of the Father at that time. Once the Savior completed the work of the Father pertaining to the Atonement, He received of the Father's fullness. This gives us a clear point of reference for when this happened.

Doctrine and Covenants 76: 25-28

25 And this we saw also, and bear record, that an angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God, who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son whom the Father loved and who was in the bosom of the Father, was thrust down from the presence of God *and the Son,*

26 And was called Perdition, for the heavens wept over him—he was Lucifer, a son of the morning.

27 And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen! is fallen, even a son of the morning!

28 And while we were yet in the Spirit, the Lord commanded us that we should write the vision; for we beheld Satan, that old serpent, even the devil, who rebelled against God, *and* sought to take *the kingdom of our God and his Christ*—

This is another point of reference we should pay attention to- "the Kingdom of our God and Our Christ" which is mentioned often in these two sets of scripture. When did this become a thing? Once again, turning to the Savior for the answer:

Matthew 6:9-10

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 *Thy kingdom come.* Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

3 Nephi 13:9-10

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When Christ was speaking to the Apostles in Old Jerusalem Christ gave a point of reference for the kingdom coming in the future, but once Christ was in the America's the prayer changed and Christ gave a second point of reference, that is that the kingdom had come.

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4 And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. *And his tail* drew the third part of the stars of heaven, *and did cast them to the earth.* And the dragon stood before the woman which was delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born.

5 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there *a thousand two hundred and threescore years.*

6 And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael;

7 And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, *neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.*

8 *Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.*

9 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, *Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ;*

10 *For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

11 *For they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; for they loved not their own lives, but kept the testimony even unto death. Therefore, rejoice O heavens, and ye that dwell in them.*

12 And after these things I heard another voice saying, *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

Doctrine and Covenants 76:

29 Wherefore, he maketh war with the saints of God, and encompasseth them round about.

30 And we saw a vision of the sufferings of those with whom he made war and overcame, for thus came the voice of the Lord unto us:

31 Thus saith the Lord concerning all those who know my power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves through the power of the devil to be overcome, and to deny the truth and defy my power—

32 They are they who are the sons of perdition, of whom I say that it had been better for them never to have been born;

33 For they are vessels of wrath, doomed to suffer the wrath of God, with the devil and his angels in eternity;

34 Concerning whom I have said there is no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come—

35 Having denied the Holy Spirit after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten Son of the Father, having crucified him unto themselves and put him to an open shame.

36 These are they who shall go away into the lake of fire and brimstone, with the devil and his angels—

37 And the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power;

38 Yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his wrath.

39 For all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, ***through the triumph and the glory of the Lamb, who was slain***, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made.

40 And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us

Once again, using points of reference somethings should be becoming clearer.

1. Satan drew the 1/3 part away and cast them to Earth with the intent to destroy the kingdom on the Earth- THEY left their first estate (agency)
2. Satan accuses people “night and day”, meaning post-earth and post-fall
3. There was another “war” between Michael and Satan
4. There was no more room in heaven for Satan or those that followed him, there was no more place there in heaven for them anymore. Satan and his followers lost mobility and power.
5. The Kingdom of God prevails or is “restored”
6. This victory is made possible only by the Atonement (past tense) and the martyrdom of key individuals that would not deny but kept the testimony even until their deaths
7. The heavens are told to rejoice, but the INHABITANTS of earth (meaning people had to be living here on Earth when this happened) are warned that Satan is now bound to Earth and he is furious because now he knows he has totally failed -remember, if Christ or his

kingdom had failed everyone born and then who died would have been subject unto the devil forever, up to that point Satan still thought he could win- but he has now failed and knows he has but a short time left before “the end”, and he is going to drown as many people with him as possible.

I hope this paper has opened some eyes and allowed for a clear understanding and interpretation of Revelation 12, the war never ended pre-earth, it didn't even climax pre-earth- it climaxed around the meridian of time. It was as the saying goes, “all downhill from there”, or as Daniel saw it “a stone cut from the mountain” rolling downhill and crushing every kingdom of man until all that is left is the kingdom of our God. Michael didn't stop fighting the dragon pre-earth, there are angels on the other side fighting for and on our behalf today- I can bare my personal witness of that, I know there are angels on the other side fighting demons. The fight goes on, it didn't stop, and it won't stop until the great Jehovah shall say “it is done, it is finished”.

Robert L. Millet in his January 1994 Ensign article called “*The Man Adam*” put forth:

“As Adam passed from time into eternity, his must have been a glorious reunion with holy beings. There he ministered and labored among his faithful descendants for some three thousand years. The Prophet Joseph Smith explained that Adam “presides over the spirits of all men,”¹⁹ and so his ministry and administrative responsibilities would have continued beyond death's door.

Just as the War in Heaven continues, in a sense, into our own time, even so Adam's efforts to thwart and oppose Satan, the “son of the morning,” have continued since Adam's mortal death. In the context of counseling the Saints to avoid speaking evil of responsible persons, Jude, the brother of our Lord, observed that “Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.” (Jude 1:9.)

“This passage appears to be a reference to a rather obscure pseudepigraphic work known as the Assumption of Moses. We know that the man Moses was translated. It appears that Satan, as one who has broad power in the material world, sought Moses' death in order to gain control over his body, so that Moses “would not have a tangible body in which to come—along with Elijah, who also was taken up without tasting death—to confer the keys of the priesthood upon Peter, James, and John” on the Mount of Transfiguration. In our own day Michael, on the banks of the Susquehanna River, detected “the devil when he appeared as an angel of light.” (D&C 128:20.) We wonder how many other occasions there may have been in earth's history when Michael, the archangel, has stood to rebuke and set the bounds of Lucifer the archdeceiver.” (The Man Adam, Ensign January 1994, By Robert L. Millet)

We should wonder how many other occasions there may have been in earth's history when Michael, the archangel, has stood to rebuke and set the bounds of Lucifer the archdeceiver- we went over one such event in Revelation 12, but we should never wonder or doubt their presence or their help. They are there, we cannot be saved without them and them without us. Brothers

and sisters get in the fight, we might have been asleep but they have not been sleeping nor shall they. Sometimes we need to catch our breath, it is not needful that we should run faster than we have strength, but I can promise you in the Lord's name and using His voice, the scriptures, that once you have pushed as hard as you can, the Lord will lighten your burden. So brothers and sisters, let us put our shoulder to the wheel and fight the good fight! God bless, God speed, keep the faith, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen!