

3 – FIGHTING A DEFEATED ENEMY

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Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” **Revelation 12:12 (NIV)**

REVELATION SPOILER ALERT:

_____ kingdom is _____ by King Jesus.

The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. **Revelation 12:9 (NIV)**

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)**

Satan is mentioned by _____ N.T. authors & _____ times by Jesus.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. **1 John 3:8 (NIV)**

Satan was _____ & now _____.

THE KINGDOM COMES WHEN, LIKE JESUS, I...

1. TAKE THE _____ TO THE _____.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” **Luke 8:28 (NIV)**

“What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” **Matthew 8:29 (NIV)**

“Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” **Luke 4:34 (NIV)**

Stand against [Resist] the devil, and the devil will run [flee] from you **James 4:7b (EXB)**

But you must resist the devil and stay strong in your faith. You know that all over the world the Lord’s followers are suffering just as you are.

1 Peter 5:9 (CEV)

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, a small rock and upon the large rock I will build my congregation, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against her. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom... **Matthew 16:18-19a (JUB)**

2. _____ LIES & _____ TRUTH.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44 (NIV)**

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)**

3. _____ THE _____ FROM THEIR _____.

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:32 (CEV)**

And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. **2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NIV)**

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. **Matthew 12:28-29 (NIV)**

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **Romans 6:3, 6-7 (NLT)**

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” **John 12:31-32 (NIV)**

4. _____ DEATH BY THE _____ OF THE SPIRIT.

Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. **Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)**

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed...then

the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52, 54b-58 (NIV)

My dear children, you belong to God and have defeated them; because God's Spirit, who is in you, is greater than the devil, who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NCV)