

# Satan and the Secret

Pt. 2

Ephesians 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:7-8

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconcile" Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth

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- This revelation tells believers that having been placed IN CHRIST, they are caught up in God's gracious purpose for the universe centered and reunited in Christ.
  - a. And our special previously kept secret role has to do with ruling with Christ in the heavenlies in the invisible spiritual realm, esp. after the evil heavenly powers and rulers are permanently removed from their positions of authority.
  - b. This was accomplished through the Cross, taking Satan and his cohorts in their own craftiness. But there is nothing they can do to thwart God's purpose in Christ (Eph. 1:21-22; Rom. 8:29-39).
    - --All God had to do to thwart Satan's plan was to keep a secret (1 Cor. 2; Ezek. 28:3).

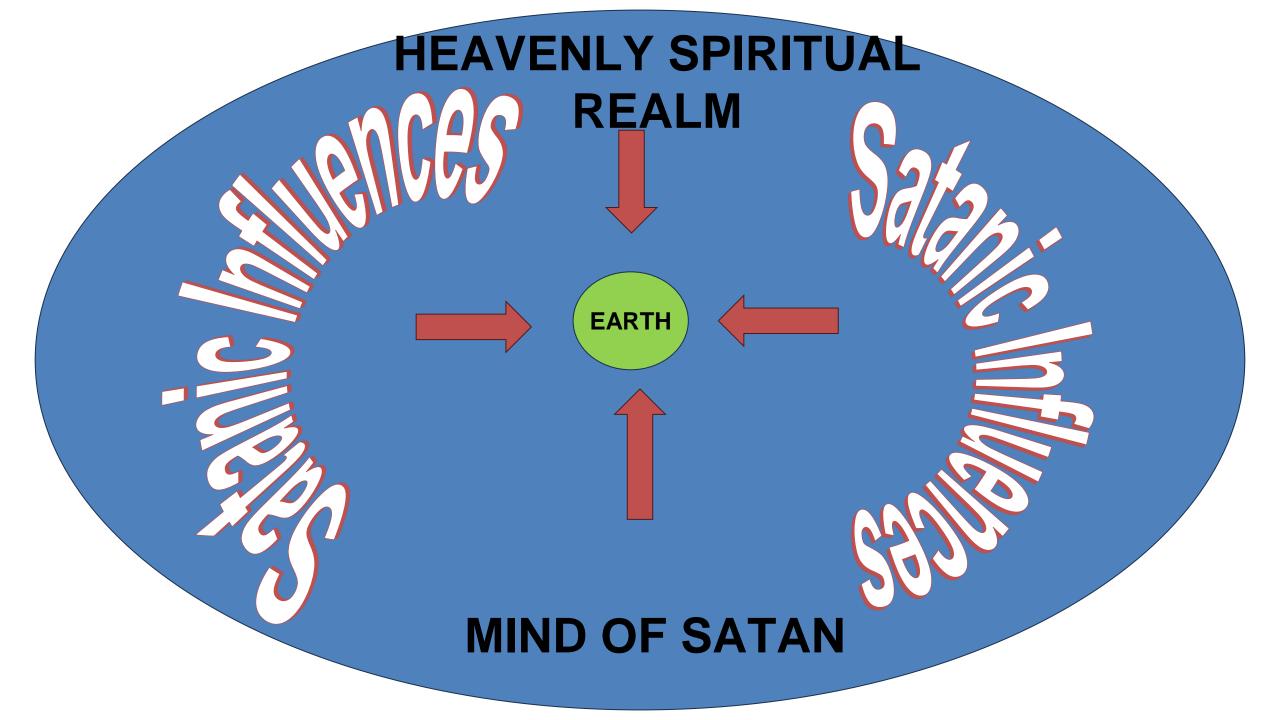
- 2. God kept it a secret that through the Cross He would create a new group of redeemed humanity, who would enter His family in full sonship position, to rule in the heavenly realm, replacing Satan and the evil powers and principalities there.
  - a. He kept it secret because if the human rulers or the evil spiritual rulers behind them had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory (1 Cor. 2:8).
  - b. In putting Christ to death, they were doing the secret will of the Father. What they thought destroyed God's purpose, in fact accomplished it because they didn't know and understand what God has now revealed to us and proclaimed to the universe in and through PGMT (1 Cor. 1:18-20; 3:19-20; Job 5:13)!
  - c. The "shame" of the Cross displayed the LORD in the fullness of His Glory (1 Cor. 2:8; Jn. 17:4-5).

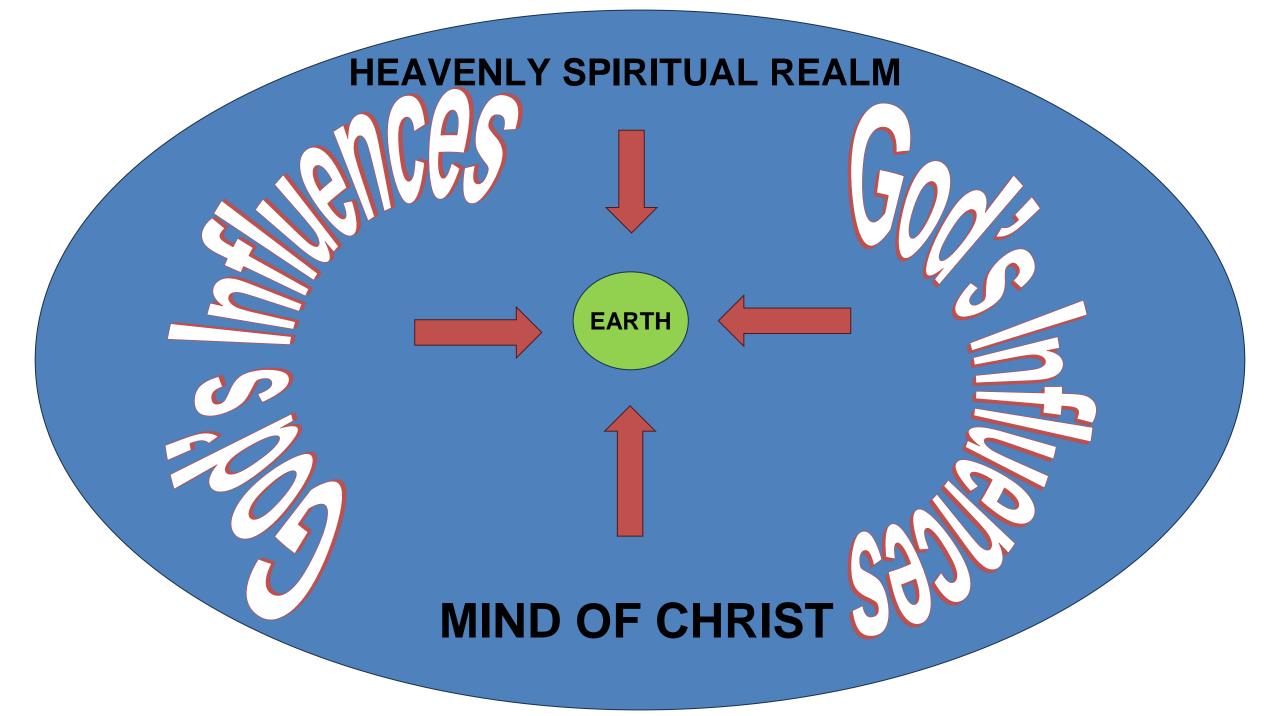
- 3. What Satan COULD have known but didn't believe:
  - a. God had revealed since the fall of Adam in increasing clearness the role of the death of Christ in the restoration of His Glory on the Earth (Gen. 3:15; Ps. 22; Is. 53) but Satan didn't believe God's Word and thought he could thwart it.
  - b To this end, throughout fallen human history he tried to end the seed line of the woman bringing it to nothing by putting it to death, beginning with Cain and Abel and culminating in the complete destruction of the royal line of Judah/David except for one little boy, Joash, who was hid in the Temple (2 Chron. 22:10-12).

- c. Satan just continued according to this modus operandi with the death of Jesus Christ, thinking in putting Him to death would bring to nothing God's plan to re-claim the Earth unto His Glory.
- d. (AD 33-34)--Peter and 12 proclaimed to the earthly rulers and the heavenly rulers behind them that this wasn't so. Unlike the others in the Davidic line, God raised this Son of David from the dead! And now He is just waiting to return to destroy His enemies and save His friends (Acts 2:22-36).
  - --For Peter this was THE BAD NEWS OF THE CROSS!

- e. Peter's preaching about the reclamation of the Earth in accord with the Abrahamic Covenant (Acts 3:19-26) from Satan would have made him mad, but he could console himself with the thought that he still retained control of the Heavenly realm.
  - --He could still negatively influence the Earthly realm toward rebellion against God and rejection of His Word, thinking he might win it back some day.

THEN GOD RAISED UP THE APOSTLE PAUL!





## Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Chorus: Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo! Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

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Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the newborn King

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