

## Satan and the Secret

Pt. 5

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

- 1. We have seen that the Mystery Paul mentions in 1 Cor. 2 that brings Satan and all his work throughout the ages to completely nothing, is not the death and resurrection of Christ in general or specifically His death and resurrection regarding the redemption of national Israel to fulfill God's Prophetic Program to reclaim the Earth from Satan and re-establish His Glory there.
  - --That had been revealed since the world began in the Old Testament and Gospel Accounts (Acts 3:18-26).

2. Satan knew about this, tailored his attacks accordingly yet failed to bring God's plan to re-establish His Glory on the Earth through the Nation of Israel to nothing. In his pride, he thought he could win and nullify God's plan. It was worth the risk because even if he didn't succeed, he thought he would just loose the earthly realm, which he could continue to attack from his place in the heavenly realm.

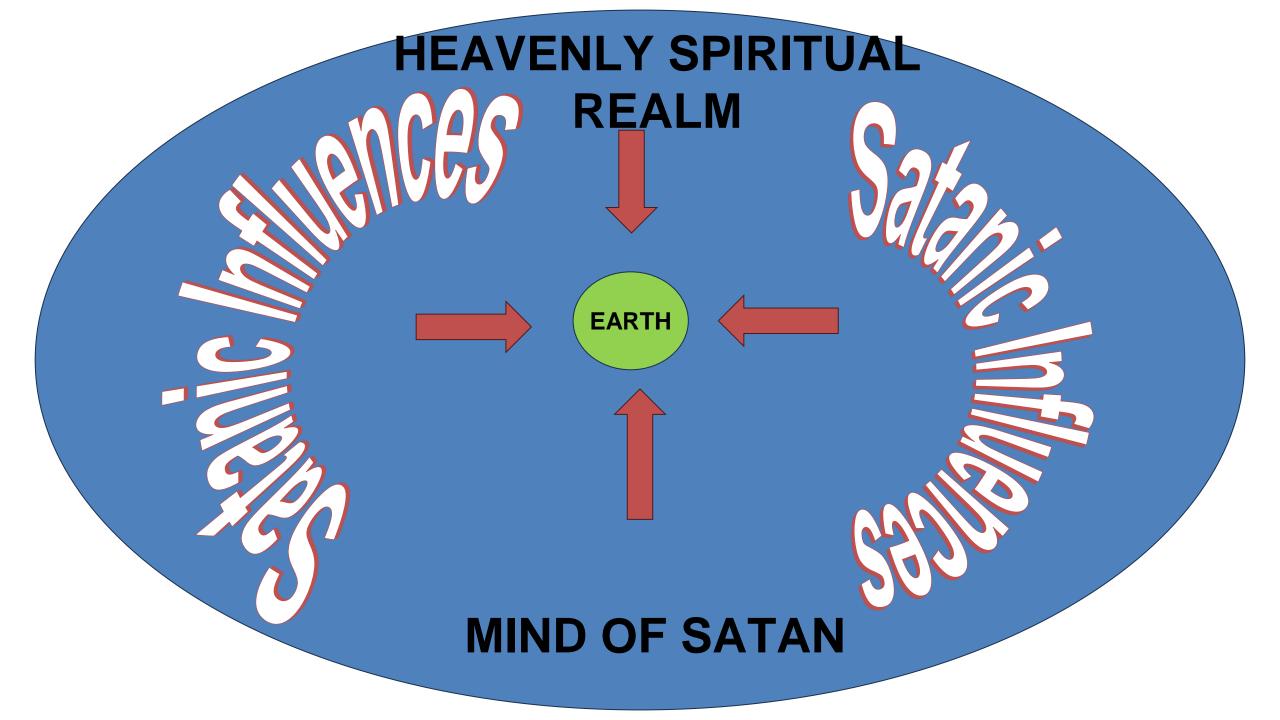
3. (AD 33-34)—At Pentecost, Peter proclaimed to the earthly rulers and the heavenly rulers behind them that unlike all other sons of David, God raised this Son of David from the dead! And now He is just waiting to return to destroy His enemies and save His friends and sit on David's throne in reclaimed Jerusalem ruling reclaimed humanity and the reclaimed Earth through reclaimed Israel (Acts 2:22-36; 3:19-26).

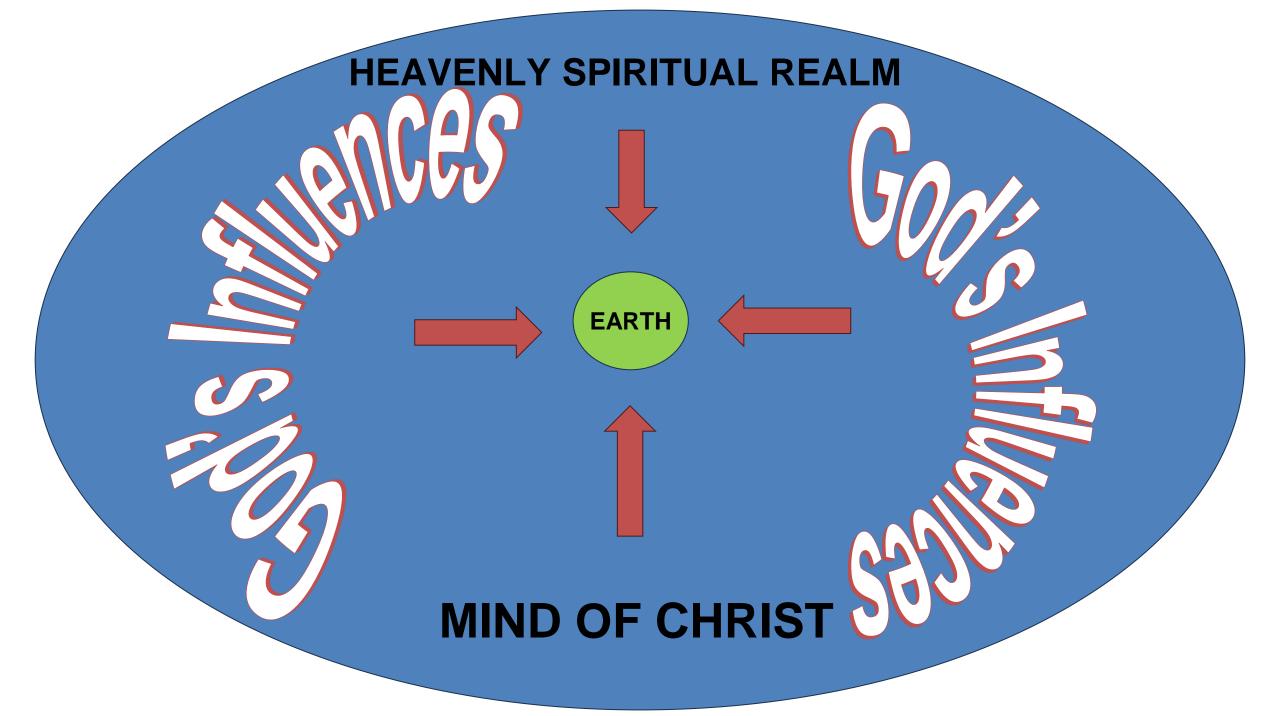
- 4. God took Satan completely in his craftiness. Satan thought he could outmaneuver God and bring His plan to nothing, Satan blew it when he knew it. And he blew it when he didn't know it! He's a complete loser! (1 Cor. 3:18-20).
  - --His so-called "wisdom" utterly failed him because what he didn't know was that through that same Cross, God would not only re-claim the Earthly realm unto His Glory: BUT THE HEAVENLY REALM AS WELL!

- 5. Peter's preaching of Satan's defeat and God's repossession of the Earth in accord with the Abrahamic Covenant (Acts 3:19-26) from Satan clutches as usurper, would have made Satan 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 TO PREACH JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY!!

Did you hear Satan cry: UHHHHH--OHHHHH





- 6. Cor. 2:6-8 states the following:
  - a. Something about the preaching of the Cross, God's hidden wisdom, brings all of Satan and his whole plan of evil to nothing, nullifying it (vv. 6b-7a).
  - b. That something Paul calls the Mystery, the hidden wisdom of God, which had been kept secret since before Creation, being unsearchable anywhere except in Paul's Scriptures (ie., NOT in OT, Gospels, Peter and 12 in early Acts) because it was hid in God (NOT in worldly wisdom, human knowledge of even THE NON-PAULINE SCRIPTURES (Eph. 3:8-9).
  - c. It is God's Plan of Glory: It involves the glory for us in the Body of Christ and it comes from the Lord of Glory (v. 7b-8).

## 7. What Satan COULD NOT have known is that:

- a. God had a secret purpose in the Cross of Christ. Through the death of Christ, He would not only restore the Earthly realm unto His Glory in accord with His Prophetic Program with a redeemed humanity called the Nation of Israel, which He had revealed since the world began (Lk. 1:70; Acts 3:21) ...
- b. But through the death of Christ, He would also restore the Heavenly realm unto His Glory in accord with His Mystery Program with another group of redeemed humanity called the Body of Christ, which He had kept secret since the world began (Rom. 16:25: Eph. 3:1-11)!

- c. The Cross didn't just bring to nothing Satan's plan for possession of the Earth, it brought to nothing his possession of the Heavenlies! It brought to nothing Satan's whole plan of evil through the ages!
  - --What Satan could and did know about the former but, thinking he in his prideful wisdom could change the outcome, battled against its fulfillment throughout the OT and earthly ministry of Christ, culminating in the battle on the Cross, thinking he was risking only the loss of the earthly realm.
  - --But what Satan could not and did not know is the Mystery of God's will, which He kept secret hidden within Himself (Eph. 3:8-9), which revealed that through the Cross, He would also re-claim the Heavenly realm from Satan, re-establishing His Glory there!

- 8. This was not known by any being—human or angelic—earthly or heavenly—physical of spiritual—until the Risen Lord revealed it directly to the Apostle Paul, who proclaimed it in increasing clearness, fullness and boldness over the next 30 years by and through the DISTINCT APOSTLESHIP OF PAUL:
  - a. Beginning in areas surrounding Israel (AD 34-44),
  - b. And esp. through his 3 Missionary journeys (AD 45-60),
  - c. Culminating in the full revelation of the Mystery being permanently recorded in Paul's prophetic Scriptures and dispersed throughout the world (Eph. 3:9; 6:19; Col. 1:25-29).

- 9. This would have made Satan excessively mad because now he was left without any hope of consolation! The very thing he tried to do through the death of Christ, attempting to change the outcome of God's promises, bringing His plan for the universe to nothing.
  - --When in fact, what he did brought about the fulfillment of God's plan for the universe not just for the Earthly realm but for the Heavenly realm as well, BRINGING SATAN'S PLAN—EVERYTHING HE'S BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE AGES—TO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING (1 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:8-10)!

AND THAT'S THE MYSTERY