

THE IN-BETWEEN

Angels, Demons, the Devil, Heavenly Powers, Dark Powers, Human Beings Between Death and Resurrection

Section 10

The Spiritual Realm During the Church's Second Generation

(about AD 66-95)

1 **John 2:12-14** — John writes to the church's young men because they have overcome the _____ one.

Focal Point — WHO/WHAT IS THE ANTICHRIST?

1 **John 2:18-22**

- *Circle the answer:* The church has heard that the antichrist...
has already come _____ is present now _____ is going to come
- *Circle the answer:* Even now, though, many antichrists...
have come _____ are yet to come
- The antichrists who have come went out from the church, but did not belong to the church ("us").
How does John say we know they didn't belong to the church ("us")?
- The antichrist is the liar, whoever denies that _____ is the _____. Such a person is the antichrist, denying the _____ and the _____.

1 **John 4:1-3**

- Every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus (that he has come in the flesh) is not from God. This is the spirit of the _____, which you have heard is _____ and even now is already in the _____.

2 **John 7**

- Many _____, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the _____, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the _____ and the _____.

Reflections...

- Is there only one antichrist, or are there many antichrists?
 - What will the Antichrist (or antichrist) do? Why doesn't John tell us more about what he will do?
 - When will the antichrist come?
 - What does John want the church to do about the antichrist?
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1 John 3:7-15

- The one who does what is _____ is of the devil, because the devil has been _____ from the beginning.
- Why did the Son of God appear?
- The “children of the devil” are those who...

1 John 5:18-21 — If God reigns supreme over all, in what sense is the whole world “under the control of the evil one”?

Revelation 1:1-2 — How did Jesus send his revelation to John?

Revelation 1:12-20 (also in 2:1, 2:8, 2:12, 2:18, 3:1, 3:7, 3:14) — According to Jesus, what are the 7 stars?

- From 1:11, list the 7 churches to whom angels were sent. (Or were they messengers? “Angel” means “messenger”—so were these human or angelic messengers? What do you think?)

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Revelation 2:9-10 — What does it mean for self-proclaimed Jews to actually be a “synagogue of Satan”?

- What was the devil going to do to some of the believers in the Smyrna church? Why? And why might God allow this?

Revelation 2:12-13 — What about Pergamum made it a place that Jesus could call the city “where Satan has his throne” and “where Satan lives”?

Revelation 2:20-25 — What so-called “deep secrets” of Satan were being spread in the church in Thyatira? (Notice verse 20.)

Revelation 3:5 — For the one who is victorious, Jesus will acknowledge their name before his _____ and the Father’s _____.

Revelation 3:8-9 — In Philadelphia were people of “the synagogue of _____” who claimed to be _____ but were not. Rather, they were _____.

Focal Point — THE 24 ELDERS AND THE 4 LIVING CREATURES**Revelation 4-5**

THE 24 ELDERS (4:4, 4:10-11, 5:5, 5:8-11)

- Who are they?
- What can we learn about them from their attire?
- What do they do (4:10-11, 5:5, 5:8-10, 5:14)?

THE 4 LIVING CREATURES (4:6-9, 5:6, 5:8-11)

- *Their appearance:* They were covered with _____ in front and in back.
 - The first looked like a _____.
 - The second looked like an _____.
 - The third had a face like a _____.
 - The fourth was like a flying _____.
 - They had _____ wings. They even had _____ under their wings.
- *What they do:* Day and night they never stop saying, “_____, _____, _____ is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”
 - To the One who sits on the throne they give glory, _____, and _____.
 - 5:8 — Like the elders, they each had a _____ and a golden bowl full of _____, which was the _____ of God’s people.
 - 5:14 — All creation praises God, and the living creatures respond, “_____!”

Compare the living creatures to Ezekiel’s cherubim (Ezekiel 1 & 10) and Isaiah’s seraphim (Isaiah 6:1-7):

	<u>cherubim</u>	<u>seraphim</u>	<u>living creatures (Rev. 4:6-9)</u>
faces:	Ez. 1:10 + 10:14 4 faces each: _____, _____, _____, _____	<i>no information</i>	Revelation 4:7 each has a unique appearance: _____, _____, _____, _____
eyes:	Ezekiel 10:12 —	<i>no information</i>	Revelation 4:6 —
how many wings?	Ezekiel 1:6 — _____	Isaiah 6:2 — _____	Revelation 4:8 — _____
under their wings:	Ezekiel 1:8 — _____	<i>no information</i>	Revelation 4:8 —
words:	<i>none</i>	Isaiah 6:3 —	Revelation 4:8 —
location:	near God’s mobile throne	near God’s throne	near God’s throne

Revelation 5

- 5:2 — John sees a _____ angel proclaiming in a _____ voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?”
- 5:11-12 — How many angels did John see and hear praising the Lamb?

Revelation 6:1-8 — Who calls forth each of the riders on their horses?

- Who gives instruction to the rider on the black horse?

Revelation 6:9-11

- When the fifth seal is opened, John sees the souls of those who had been _____ because of the _____ of God and the _____ they had maintained.
- What request did they make of God?
- What response did they receive?

Revelation 7

- In 7:1-8, what do the angels do for God's faithful people ("the servants of our God")?
- What do the angels in 7:11-12 do?
- What does the elder in 7:13-17 do for John?

Revelation 8:1-5 — Seven angels were given seven _____. Another angel had a golden censer with which he offered incense and the _____ of God's people on the golden altar. What did this angel do with the fire from the altar?

Revelation 8:6 to 9:21

- At the sounding of the first angel's trumpet, destruction came upon the _____; at the second angel's trumpet, destruction came upon the _____; at the third angel's trumpet, destruction came upon the _____ and the _____ of water; at the fourth angel's trumpet, destruction came upon the sun, moon, and _____.
- At the sounding of the fifth angel's trumpet, what beings were released from the Abyss?
- The name of the angel of the Abyss:
Hebrew: _____ *Greek:* _____ *English:* _____
- At the sounding of the sixth trumpet, the sixth angel released four angels who were bound at the river _____. *Why might angels have been bound there?*
- 9:20 — Among other sins, mankind was guilty of worshiping _____—and even after these plagues, they did not stop.

Revelation 10

- John saw a mighty angel robed in a _____, with a _____ above his head, with a face like the _____ and legs like fiery _____. In his hand he held a little _____. His shout was like the roar of a _____.
- 10:5-7 — By whom did this angel swear?

- The angel with the scroll told John, “Take it and _____ it. It will turn your stomach _____, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as _____.”

Revelation 11:15-19 — At the sounding of the seventh angel’s trumpet, loud voices declared that the kingdom of the _____ has become the kingdom of our _____ and of his _____.

- The 24 elders fell on their _____ and worshiped God, giving him thanks.

Focal Point — THE REASON FOR THE DEVIL’S RAGE AGAINST THE CHURCH

Revelation 12

- 12:3-4 — The enormous red dragon had _____ heads and _____ horns and _____ crowns on its heads. Its _____ swept a third of the stars out of the sky.
- 12:4 — What did the dragon want to do to the woman’s child?
 - 12:5 — Who was this child? How was he rescued from the dragon?
- 12:7-9 — War broke out in heaven. _____ and his angels fought against the _____ and his angels. Who won? How do you know?
- 12:9 — Who is the dragon? *the ancient _____ called the _____ or _____, who leads the whole world astray*
 - 12:9 — What happened to his angels?
- 12:10 — The dragon is called “the _____ of our brothers and sisters, who _____ them before our God day and night”.
 - 12:11 — How did “our brothers and sisters” triumph over the dragon?
- 12:12 — Where has the devil gone?
- 12:12 — Why is the devil filled with fury?
- 12:13 — When the dragon lost in heaven, whom did he pursue next?
- 12:17 — Having failed to destroy the woman, the dragon was enraged and went off to wage war against _____—those who keep God’s _____ and hold fast their testimony about _____.
- List 3 persons/places the devil tried to conquer, and failed:
 - 12:4 _____
 - 12:7-9 _____
 - 12:13 _____
- According to Revelation 12, why is the devil waging war against the church?

Revelation 13:1-4 & 13:11 — Who gave the first beast its power, throne, and authority?

- Why did people worship the dragon?
- The second beast had two horns like a lamb but spoke like a _____.

Revelation 14:6-11 — The first angel declared the eternal _____: “Fear God and give him _____... Worship him...” The second angel declared the fall of _____ the Great. The third angel warned mankind not to worship the _____ and its image or to receive the mark of its name.

Revelation 14:14-20 — The angel who came out of the temple declared that the time to _____ had come. Another angel, instructed by the angel in charge of the fire, gathered the earth’s _____ and threw them into the winepress of God’s _____.

Revelation 15:5 to 16:21

- Seven angels were given seven golden bowls filled with the _____ of God. The first angel poured out his bowl on the _____, and sores broke out on the people who had the _____ of the beast and worshiped its _____. The second angel poured out his bowl on the _____. The third poured out his bowl on the _____ and _____ of water. The angel in charge of the waters declared that the Holy One is _____ in his judgments. The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the _____.
- The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the _____, plunging its kingdom into _____.
- The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river _____, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the _____.
- The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the _____. A loud voice from the throne declared, “It is _____!”

Revelation 17 — One of the seven angels with the seven bowls showed John the punishment of the great _____. He carried John away in the Spirit into a _____. The angel explained to John “the mystery of the _____ and of the _____ she rides.”

Revelation 18:1-2 — John saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great _____, and the _____ was illuminated by his splendor. He declared the fall of _____ the Great.

Revelation 18:21-24 — A mighty angel threw a _____ the size of a large millstone into the _____. He declared that with such violence the great city of _____ will be thrown down.

Revelation 19:1-10

- John heard the roar of a great multitude in _____ praising God for his judgments.
- The 24 elders and the 4 living creatures fell down and _____ God.
- An angel told John, “Blessed are those who are invited to the _____ supper of the Lamb!”
- The angel stopped John from worshiping him because (he said) he was a fellow _____ with John and his brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 19:11-16 — Were the “armies of heaven” that followed the rider on the white horse angelic armies or the spiritual armies of God’s faithful people? What do you think?

Revelation 19:17-18 — An angel standing in the sun cried out to the _____ to gather together for the great _____ of God.

Focal Point — THE DEVIL’S DEMISE AND THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Revelation 20

- Why is the devil bound for a thousand years (verse 3)?
- Why must the devil then be set free for a short time?
- What does the devil do when he is released?
- How does the devil’s story end?

Revelation 21:9-17 & 22:1-2 — The angel showed John “the _____, the _____ of the Lamb.” He showed John the Holy City, _____, coming down out of heaven from God. He had a measuring rod of _____ with which he measured the _____. He showed John the river of the water of _____.

Revelation 22:6-11 — Why did God send his angel?

- John again fell down to worship the angel. But the angel stopped him, because (the angel said) he himself was a fellow _____ with John and the prophets and all who keep the words of this scroll. The angel said, “Worship _____!”

Revelation 22:16 — Who sent the angel to give the message of Revelation to John? _____