

*bad guy*I. Slide1 **Announce:**

A. Wed Night Hospitality Team.

II. Slide2a **Intro:** *bad guy*

A. I really don't like talking bout satan our enemy. I said that to Larry in my office today & he said, *yah I just sum it up, he's a bad guy.* Thanks Larry for my title I was looking for.

B. Writing in Moody Monthly, Carl Armerding (*pres. of Regent College*) recounted his experience of **watching a wildcat in a zoo.** *"As I stood there," he said, "an attendant entered the cage through a door on the opposite side. He had nothing in his hands but a broom. Carefully closing the door, he proceeded to sweep the floor of the cage."* He observed that the worker had no weapon to ward off an attack by the beast. In fact, when he got to the corner of the cage where the wildcat was lying, he poked the animal with the broom. The wildcat hissed at him and then lay down in another corner of the enclosure. Armerding remarked to the attendant, **You certainly are a brave man.** No, I ain't brave, he replied as he continued to sweep. **Well, then, that cat must be tame.** No, came the reply, he ain't tame. **If you aren't brave and the wildcat isn't tame, then I can't understand why he doesn't attack you.** Armerding said the man chuckled, then replied with an air of confidence, *Mister, he's old - and he ain't got no teeth.* [same w/Satan]

C. Slide2b *It is easy to bid the devil to be your guest, but difficult to get rid of him.* Danish Proverb

D. *Satan's friendship reaches to the prison door.* Turkish Proverb

E. Starting with this chapter a new division of the book begins. A new series of prophecies.

1. The next **2 chapters** reveal *a graver aspect of the situation.*

2. We step into the war room. We get behind the scenes. We meet God & man's spiritual foe.

III. Slide3 **SATAN'S FORMER HATRED FOR GOD & HIS PEOPLE (1-5)**

A. **Satan's Hatred for God's NATION** (1,2)

B. Defining the players:

- C. **A Woman?** 4 women are revealed in Rev [Jez, *This Woman*, the Harlot & The Bride]
1. **Some think the Church?** No, the church didn't bring Jesus into the world, *but* visa-versa. **Also**, if it's the church *ut oh...she's pregnant*.
 2. **Some think Mary?** - problems w/vs.6 though. *Mary never did this, nor will.*
 - a) The timing is during the persecution for 3 1/2 yrs in the middle of the great trib.
 3. **Some think Israel?** - yep.
 - a) Gen.37:9,10 *Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me. So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?*
 - b) *Sun, moon & stars* don't **describe** but **Identify** Israel.
 - c) So the woman represents **Israel**...who brought the Savior into the world.
- D. **The Child** – is Jesus Christ. (5)
1. After a **long** pregnancy, Israel finally gives birth to the Messiah.
- E. **A Red Dragon** – is Satan. (see vs.9)
1. **Tried to keep** Jesus from *being born*, **then tried to kill** Him *once he was born*.
- F. **Slide4a Attacks on His genealogical line to keep Jesus from being born:**
1. **Prophesied** back in Gen.3:15 *And I will put enmity Between you (Satan) and the woman (Israel), And between your seed and her Seed (Mary/virgin birth); He (JC) shall bruise your head, And you (Satan) shall bruise His heel.*
 2. Attack killing off **Abel**. Gen.4
 3. Polluting the godly line of **Seth**. Gen.6
 4. Attacks against **Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob**.
 5. Producing a *pseudo-son* of promise in **Ishmael**. Gen.16
 6. The **new Pharaoh** over Egypt *commanded all his people, saying, Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.* Ex.1:22
 7. Attacks against **David** by Saul.

8. Attacks against the **Tribe of Judah**. [2 Kings 11:1-3 when *queen Athaliah* tried to kill **all royal heirs**, an aunt stole & hid **Joash**, saved the line]
9. Attacks against by **Haman**, in Esther.

G. **Slide4b Attacks Once Jesus was Born:**

1. Attacks by **Herod** slaughter of male children under 2.
2. Attacks by **temptation** in the wilderness. [*cast yourself down*]
3. Attacks by **Judas**.

H. **Slide4c Attacks Before Jesus' Return:**

1. Attacks of **Anti-Semitism** - Hitler's Holocaust.
2. Attacks from the **whole Middle East** (if not the world) against Israel.
3. Attacks *to come* from **The Antichrist**.

I. **Slide5a Satan's Hatred for God's SON** (3-5)

J. **Why Dragon?** - His intense cruelty. *You don't make a pet out of a dragon...* **Slide5b** well, Herman Munster did (name? Spot)

K. **7 heads & 10 horns** –Relate him to 13:1 (explain there)

L. **7 diadems** - Show his authority & power.

M. **The tail** – vast size & strength.

N. **1/3 of the Stars** (angels) - referring to that ancient event of the rebellion of 1/3 of the angels.

O. **Slide5c Attempted Assassination at Jesus' birth** (4b)

P. **And you thought you had a hard labor?** When you're giving birth the last thing you want is *a red dragon* in your room waiting to **eat your baby**.

Q. **Slide5d Satan Loses at His Ascension** (5)

IV. **Slide6a SATAN'S FUTURE HATRED FOR GOD & HIS PEOPLE (6-17)**

A. **Persecuted by Satan** (13,15,17)

B. (17) Israel has been spared from **water** twice, at the **red Sea** & at the **river Jordan**.

1. This could be speaking of a *great army* dispatched by Satan to destroy the fleeing Israelites?
2. If he can't beat Jesus, **nor** the woman, **then** he tries for *anyone he can get*.

C. **Slide6b Protected by God** (6,14,16)

D. Satan can handle you as an **individual**, **but** he cannot handle *the One to whom you have joined*.

E. (14) **Edom?** - Could well be the place because Christ will come to *Edom* (Petra area) upon His return to take vengeance on *Bozrah* & deliver a remnant of Jewish believers. *Is.63:1-6*

1. Ex.19:4 *You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.* [some see eagles wings as U.S. nay!]

F. (16) Divine assistance (*the earth helped the woman*).

G. **Slide6c The Defeat & Dismissal of Satan** (7-9)

H. **Defeat** (7,8) *but they did not prevail*.

1. Satan obviously **has** access to God's ear/throne. (Job 1,2 & Zech.3)
2. The bible is clear about the **outcome** of the great cosmic struggle (**We win!**)
3. We don't understand exactly how there's a battle in heaven **or** what it looks like

I. **Dismissal** (9) *Cast down to the earth*.

J. *Different names & titles for Satan:*

1. **Satan** – (Heb) accuser **or** adversary.
 - a) He has *the gift* to point out the flaws/sins in God's people. *Do you have this same gift?*
 - b) The dragon's role as the **accuser** is completely undermined because *there is no condemnation for those in Christ*. Rom 8:1
2. **Devil** – (Gk) diabolos/slanderer (35x's).
 - a) Speaking slander **to man** about God (ie. Eve). *And...*
Speaking slander **to God** about man (accusing).
3. **The wicked one** – the title not that he is just wicked in himself, **but** is also **the source** of all wickedness in the world.
4. **The tempter** – none escape his temptations. **He continually tempts men to sin.**

- a) He also uses *lies, deception, murder, doubt, guilt, fear, confusion, sickness, envy & pride & any other possible means* to hinder a Christian's witness & usefulness.
- b) Which does he nail **you** with most? Which is he hitting you with right now?

5. **Cunning** – *the wiles* (or subtle methods) *of the devil*.

- a) He can transform himself into *an angel of light*.
- b) **Satan promises the best but pays with the worst. He promises honor and pays with disgrace. He promises pleasure and pays with pain. He promises profit and pays with loss. He promises life and pays with death.** Thomas Brooks

6. **AKA The serpent. Be-elzebul** (prince of demons). *The ruler of this world. The prince of the power of the air. The evil one. god of this age. prince of this world. ruler of darkness. dragon. deceiver. Abaddon. Apollyon (destroyer). Belial (ruthless). Accuser of the brethren. Angel of light. A liar. A murderer. the enemy. a roaring lion.*

7. **Slide7a-d His limits:**

- a) He is *mighty* but **not** *Almighty*. [he even had to ask permission to go into the swine]
- b) He is a *created* being. [thus less powerful than God]
- c) He can be *resisted*. *Resist the devil & he will flee from you.* James 4:7
 - (1) **How?** By **submitting** unto God & **dawning** the whole armor of God.
- d) He has been *defeated*. [yes, he still has influence for a time, **but** is ultimately defeated]
- e) He does not know the future **nor** can read our minds **nor** know our thoughts.
- f) What about reports of witch doctors or fortune tellers giving *accurate reports* about people?
 - (1) Satan can know *what I ate for breakfast* if he saw me. [& whisper it to them]
 - (2) Satan can know *what I said in a private conversation* if he was listening.
 - (3) Dan.2:27,28 **Daniel replied, No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you lay on your bed are these.**

K. **Slide8a Listen to the contrast in Jesus' ministry.** [satan - Jesus] ***Quote** Is.14:12-15

1. Slide8b I will ascend into heaven - I will descend from heaven.
2. I will exalt my throne - I will leave my throne.
3. I will sit on the mount - I will kneel & wash feet.
4. I will ascend above the clouds - I will descend below the clouds
5. I will be like the Most High - I will become man.

- a) Which of these is closer to *your* approach? To getting ahead at work?
To excelling in your ministry? In regards to dealing with marriage issues?
To your overall leadership? [Is it by being demanding, pushy, usurping, climbing over people...or is it the humble servant path?]

L. When man *worships & serves himself*, he plays right into the hands of the evil one.

M. Slide9a **The Voice from Heaven** (10-12)

N. When Satan is *confined to earth*, his activities are *intensified* against *humanity*.

1. He realizes his meter's running. His countdown clock is winding down.

O. Are you a *Victim* or a *Victor* when it comes to daily spiritual battle?

1. We are engaged in **battle**. *Christians we are in our finest hour*.
2. When 9-11 hit we were bumped up to *Threatcon Delta*, now **Force Protection Condition**. [FPCON: Normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta]
 - a) These **FPCON**-ditions. *Lowest to highest / state of alert*.
3. **But** it's not practical to *always stay* in *highest alert*. Only by the grace of God we don't live perpetually in **FPCON Delta** with our enemy.

P. **3 Steps to being more than conquerors**:

1. Appropriate the complete protection of Christ [full armor]
2. Once fully armed...pray.
3. Whatever attacks God allows Satan to wage against us, we are to stand firm.

Q. **How do we handle the struggle?**

R. (Eph.6:10) Be *strong in the Lord*. Be *in the Power of His might*.

1. This is **the way of escape**...there is no other.

2. This is a call to *intelligent combat*.

S. We have been promised victory, but how do we experience this promised victory?

The *spiritual* battlefield is the same as a *physical* battlefield.

1. You must know **your own** weakness. You must know **your own** strengths.
2. You must know **your enemies** weakness. You must know **your enemies** strengths.

T. Slide9b Willmington calls this the **16 deadly D's of the Devil**:

1. **Disappointment** - disappointments are when we forget that situations are just appointments...*God's appointments*). **Discouragement**. **Despair**. **Doubt**. **Disbelief** (the final form of doubt. *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.* Heb.3:12). **Distractions** (any!). **Double-mindedness** (ie. having *2 masters*. Which was depicted by the *neutral observer* during the American Civil War, who put on a confederate pants & a Yankee coat only to be *shot by both sides*). **Dishonesty** (this might be as simple as *being less than we should be*: as husbands, wives, workers. **Deceit**. **Dullness** (dull of hearing); **Deadness** (unchecked dullness). **Delay** (putting off salvation, *or* working to obtain Him). **Discord**. **Defilement** (Vance Havner, addressing a group of youth that came forward to give their lives to full-time service to God...he said, "*Don't pray Lord, use me. He'll do that alright. In fact, He'll wear you out, for there's not enough of you to go around as it is! What you should pray is Lord, make me useable!* **Defame** (criticize, or belittle other believers). **Disobedience**.