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**The History and Future of the World  
In 1,000 words or less**

- There always was God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God created angels, and God created a bride (a universe and people) for His Son – a gift of great Love. The angels were to serve the Son by caring for the universe and the people. The Universe and the people were for giving love and pleasure to the Son.
- One of God's created angels decided he would be like God...better, indeed, than God, and he rebelled against God's plan. He did not want to serve the universe and men...he wanted the universe and men to serve him.
- This evil angel, satan, was then no longer allowed to live in the heavenly places, but he was allowed, for a short time, to live on earth and to visit heaven.
- satan tempted men to also rebel against God, and they did. And when they decided to not obey God, but to obey Satan instead, they became the servants of satan, not God. And satan had what he wanted...a universe and men to serve him.
- But God, of course, had a plan all along for what He knew all along would happen. The Son would make a love sacrifice for the universe and people which were His. He would become a man, live a life of obedience to God – no rebellion at all – and then the Son would allow Himself to be killed by men who were servants of satan – and thus provide a way for those He loved to have their sins paid for, and to be able to choose obedience to God once again.
- satan knew God had this plan for the Son to come as a man, so he tried for thousands of years to kill off any man who might be obedient to God and thus play a part in God's plan, especially Jewish people, because the Son would be coming as a Jewish man.
- But satan failed. The Son was born, lived, loved, and was killed, and then didn't stay dead! He couldn't stay dead. Now men had a way to escape from their slavery to satan.
- The Son promised to return again to His universe and to His people, to once and for all destroy the evil angel. But He waited longer than anyone ever thought He would.
- While He waited, satan fought hard to destroy any man on earth who might obey God and thus be there to welcome the Son when He would return, especially the Jewish people, for the Son had said the Jewish people would believe in Him and be there, believing in Him, at His return...and that He had special promises to fulfill to them when He got back.
- During this time of waiting, many men on earth believed and obeyed God, turning from evil. Because of their faith, satan could not win the battle he was fighting, and ultimately was cast out of heaven forever, never to stand in the presence of God again, and 1/3 of all the created angels were on his side.

- When satan was cast out and realized that this was it – no more chances – and that there was only a short amount of time (3 ½ years) before the Son would return, this evil angel was enraged, and began to kill believers in God as fast as he could.
- He tried first to kill all the Jews, whether they were believers or not – just in case they might some day believe in the Son. But when they seemed to have special protection from God, he was even madder, and ferociously attacked all believers in God.
- In order to kill them off fast enough – before the 3 ½ years were up – satan found a man who would totally sell himself out to evil, and satan gave that man all the power and authority he himself had always had, and that man, the anti-christ, began to murder believers. He forced the whole world to worship him, and the only ones who saw through him were believers in the Son. Another man was given great power, too – the false prophet – and the two of them forced people all over the world to worship anti-christ and to wear his mark.
- At this point it looked bad for the believers in the Son. If the Son was not going to return until the end of the 3 ½ years, it seemed that there would be no believers left anywhere on earth at His return.
- So, of course, God had a plan. He cut short the killing by removing those who were being killed. The Son snatched them up to heaven to join Him in preparations for His return. But before He removed believers from the earth, He chose 144,000 of them, all Jewish believers, to stay on earth and spread the news of His soon return. And He gave them special protection – a seal on their forehead – so that they could never be harmed by satan.
- Those 144,000 preached the Good News about the Son to the whole world through one major catastrophe after another. When their job was finished, they joined the snatched away believers in heaven, ready to return with them when the Son returned. And because of the job they did, many, many Jewish people chose to believe in the Son just before His return. And when those Jewish people believed in the Son, many, many Gentiles did, too. Some died for that choice. Some lived.
- And the Son returned. All His enemies were destroyed. Believers who had died or been snatched up to heaven returned with Him, and the believers who had lived through it were there to greet them with shouts of joy!
- And the Son and His bride lived happily ever after...exactly what God had planned.



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