***The War Behind All Wars***

[***Lesson 1: March 30 – April 5, 2024***](https://ssnet.org/lessons/23a/helps/less01.html)

 (All Bible texts are in the KJV Bible unless otherwise indicated)

**Sabbath**
**Genesis 3:15**

15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**1 John 4:7–8**

7Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**Jeremiah 31:3**

3The LORD hath appeared of old unto me,*saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**Sunday War in Heaven**

**Revelation 12:7–9** 7And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil,

and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**Ezekiel 28:12–15**

12Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him,

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone*was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14Thou*art* the anointed cherub that covereth;

and I have set thee*so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15Thou*wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

**Isaiah 14:12–14**

12How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13For thou hast said in thine heart,

I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will be like the most High.

**Monday Lucifer Deceives; Christ Prevails**

**Revelation 12:4**

4And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:

and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

**Revelation 12:8–9**

8And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:

he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**Genesis 2:15–17**

15And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:

for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Exodus 32:26**

26Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who*is* on the LORD’S side?

*let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

**Joshua 24:15**

15And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that*were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

**1 Kings 18:20–21**

20So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions?

if the LORD*be* God, follow him: but if Baal,*then* follow him.

And the people answered him not a word.

**Revelation 22:17**

17And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**Tuesday Planet Earth Becomes Involved**

**Genesis 1:31**

31And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold,*it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**Genesis 3:4–5**

4And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

**Genesis 3:1–3**

1Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3But of the fruit of the tree which*is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said,

Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

**Romans 3:23**

23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Romans 5:12**

12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**Genesis 3:15**

15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Leviticus 5:5–6**

5And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these*things*, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that*thing*: 6And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

**John 1:29**

29The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God,

which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Wednesday Love Finds a Way**

**Genesis 3:15**

15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Galatians 3:16**

16Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not,

And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

**Hebrews 2:9**

9But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

**Galatians 3:13**

13Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:

for it is written, Cursed*is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

21For he hath made him*to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**John 1:3**

3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**Isaiah 53:1–5**

1Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground:

he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him,*there is* no beauty that we should desire him. 3He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were*our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he*was* wounded for our transgressions,*he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace*was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

**Thursday Our High Priest**

**Hebrews 4:15–16**

15For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;

but was in all points tempted like as*we are, yet* without sin. 16Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 7:25**

25Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him,

seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

**John 17:24–26**

24Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee,

and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26And I have declared unto them thy name,

and will declare*it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

**Hebrews 1:6** 6And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith,

And let all the angels of God worship him.

**Friday Further Thought**

**Hebrews 2:14** 14Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood,

he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

**1 Peter 1:12** 12Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

**Revelation 5:13** 13And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth,

and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,*be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne,

and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

**Revelation 16:7** 7And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty,

true and righteous*are* thy judgments.

**Job 1:1–22** 1There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name*was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. 2And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4And his sons went and feasted*in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5And it was so, when the days of*their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings*according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD,

and Satan came also among them. 7And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that*there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God,

and escheweth evil?

9Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath*is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13And there was a day when his sons and his daughters*were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house: 14And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: 15And the Sabeans fell*upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 16While he*was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them;

and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 17While he*was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 18While he*was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said,

Thy sons and thy daughters*were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house:

19And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 20Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

**Job 2:1–13** 1Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that*there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. 4And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh,

and he will curse thee to thy face. 6And the LORD said unto Satan,

Behold, he*is* in thine hand; but save his life.

7So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 9Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity?

curse God, and die. 10But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came

every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. 12And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights,

and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that*his* grief was very great.

**Ephesians 6:12** 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high*places*. [**http://www.ssnet.org/lessons/24b/helps/lesshp1.html**](http://www.ssnet.org/lessons/24b/helps/lesshp1.html)