

## War of the Worlds

It was October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1938 when a well-known radio station aired a fictional broadcast about a Martian invasion of planet earth. Before the fictional broadcast began to air, an announcement was made that the broadcast was indeed fiction. The broadcast was based on a novel by H.H. Wells with Orson Wells narration. The two men had the same last name, but they were not related in any way. It was alleged that the broadcast caused a great panic, but the scale of the panic was disputed. Days after the broadcast, news media was outraged over what it called deception. Yes, the radio broadcast “War of the Worlds” was pure fiction; however, there is a real War of the Worlds that exists today, and the activity of this war continues to increase. Now you may wonder what this “War of the Worlds” could possibly be. Many people are totally unaware of this war, while others, who have heard of it, simply do not care. Exactly what is this “War of the Worlds”? Please allow me to briefly explain in this small pamphlet.

The real “War of the Worlds” is between Heaven and Hell, between God and Satan. The war began in Heaven when Lucifer {Satan} wanted to be like God. “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For 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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” {Isaiah 14:12-14} Lucifer wanted to be like God; he even wanted to be above God and for that he was expelled from Heaven along with an innumerable number of other angels. “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” {2 Peter 2:4} Since then he is known by many names; the two principal names are Satan and the Devil. Other names he has are Tempter {Matthew 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:5}; Beelzebub {Matthew 12:24}; Enemy {Matthew 13:39}; Evil One {Matthew 13:19,38; 1 John 2:13-14; 3:12, and particularly 1 John 5:18}; Belial {2 Corinthians 6:15}; Adversary, {1 Peter 5:8}; Deceiver {literally "the one who deceives"} {Revelation 12:9}; Dragon {Great} {Revelation 12:3}; Father of Lies {John 8:44}; Murderer (John 8:44); Sinner (1 John 3:8). As the Tempter he tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden when he caused her to question what God said. As a result, Eve yielded to the temptation as did Adam and that is when sin came into the realm of humanity. “Wherefore, as by one man [that man was Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” {Romans 5:12}

This war is very real and, although there have been in the past and even today wars where bullets fly, and people die a physical death, the deadliest and devastating war is for the souls of men and women, boys and girls the world over. “For 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.” {Ephesian 6:12} “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” {1 Peter 5:8}

Even though Satan rebelled against God and has enslaved the souls of man, God still loves these souls so much that He has provided for their redemption in the person of Jesus Christ. It was He, Jesus Christ, who shed His innocent blood and died on the Cross of Calvary as the full and final payment for our sin debt. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16} “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-19} As one old-time preacher said, “*Not willing that any should perish*. That is, he does not desire it or wish it. His nature is benevolent, and he sincerely desires the eternal happiness of all, and his patience towards sinners *proves* that he is willing that they should be saved. If he were not willing, it would be easy for him to cut them off and exclude them from hope at once.”

When will this “War of the Worlds” end? The Bible answers this question directly in Revelation, Chapter 20 {too many verses to quote so please read.} In the meantime, the question for you to answer is this: which side are **YOU** on? Have **YOU** repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? He loves you and wants to save you, but **YOU** and you alone **MUST** repent and call on Him. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the

Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none [not even one] other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” {Acts 4:12} “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” {John 3:18} It is wonderful to have assurance of forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Jesus Christ. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11-13} As Christians, today we dwell here on earth “...., whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:” {2 Corinthians 5:6} but when we physically die “... absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” {2 Corinthians 5:8}

War of the Worlds – for those who know Jesus Christ as personal, they are already on the winning side! What about you friend?

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