

Appendix

The Seat of Satan

Rev. 2:12 and to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword:

Rev. 2:13 I know where thou dwellest, even where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth (sits). (ASV)

One day as I crossed The Rhema Bible Training Center campus in Tulsa, Patsy Behrman (now Camaneti) called me to the prayer room to pray with a young couple who felt called to Brussels. As we prayed, we were overcome—in a wonderful way—by the power of God. Soon after I received an invitation to accompany them to Brussels for a prayer conference they were calling “Breakthrough for Brussels.”

On March 25, 1991, I walked down to the water's edge from my home on a bluff overlooking a lake near Pryor, Oklahoma. Seated on a rock in a secluded place, I began to pray about whether I should go.

Immediately the Lord spoke to me. He unveiled strategies of Satan and his seats (thrones) of rule from what I will call the mid-heavens, or the double kingdom system set up after Adam allowed the adversary a place in this world.

The Double Kingdom System

In Ezekiel 28, the Lord directs His message to a human earthly ruler, *the prince of Tyre*. He says, “Thou art a man” (v. 2).

But then, starting in verse 11, He addresses one as *the King of Tyre*. This one is identified as having been in Eden, an anointed cherub who had been upon the holy mountain of God—a created being (Ez. 28:13-15).

This reveals how the double-kingdom system operates; an evil spirit in the heavenlies influences an earthly ruler, a man. Satan, called “the king of Tyre,” ruled down through the earthly ruler called “the prince of Tyre.”

Satan used the royal family of Tyre to oppose the plan of God for the Jews. Jezebel was of that family. She married the king of Israel and brought with her prophets of Baal.

Daniel, who'd been carried off to Babylon just before the fall of the Temple, saw prophecy coming to pass. The Bible states that, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia...” Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks” (Dan. 10:1-3).

What the angel said when he came with the answer enlightens us about the double kingdom system:

Dan. 10:12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

Dan. 10:13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the **kings of Persia**. (ASV)

After delivering the message, the angel refers again to the evil spirits in the heavenlies:

Dan. 10:20 Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. (ASV)

Persia (present day Iran) then ruled over the captive children of Israel. It was through the Persian kingdom the evil Haman attempted to wipe out the Jews. God destroyed Haman through Esther and Mordechai. When Daniel prayed, God’s prophecy concerning Cyrus’ helping the Jews return home was challenged. Satan, who had set up a throne over Persia, attempted to thwart God’s plans for Israel.

Lucifer Lusts After the Throne of God

Lucifer was created an anointed angel. He made a devil out of himself. We are told how it happened.

Satan’s throne is not now in hell. The Bible calls him, *the prince of the powers of the air* (Eph. 2:2). He has set up his headquarters in the mid-heavens. This place of rule was intended for Adam. The first man, legally, but not morally, delivered the operations from the heavenlies to Satan.

John A. MacMillan writes in *The Authority of the Believer* (page 10):

[It] is commonly understood by those who carefully study the Word, that the kingdoms of this world are under the control and leadership of satanic principalities. The great head of these is...acknowledged as the “prince of this world” by our Lord Himself (John 12:31). His [Satan’s] asserted claim to the suzerainty of the world kingdoms, made in the presence of the Lord Jesus (Luke 4:6) was not denied by Christ. Although a rebel against the Most High and now under judgment, of dispossession, he is still at large, and as the masses of mankind are also rebels, he maintains over them an unquestioned, because unsuspected rule, their eyes being blinded to his dominance (2 Cor. 4:4).

When Satan does at last descend into hell, the kings of the earth who followed him during their reigns will ask him, “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!” (Is. 14:12).

Then comes God’s answer, “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. Yet thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” (Is. 14:13-15).

Lucifer had a throne. It was in a place that required ascending to approach heaven. It was in a place that had clouds. It was on earth in the pre-Adamic civilization. (See my book, *The Blood and the Glory*.) Lucifer led an attack on Heaven with the goal of setting up his throne on God’s Holy Mountain in Heaven.

Jesus told us how it turned out, "*I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven*" (Luke 10:18).

The Seat of Satan at Pergamon

As I sat on that rock beside Lake Hudson in Oklahoma, the Lord reminded me of what Jesus said to the angel of the church at Pergamon. (See Scripture above.)

The Lord showed me that Satan moves his throne from place to place — and that history reflects it.

Bullinger's note in *The Companion Bible*

"Pergamos. A city in Mysia famous for the worship of Aesculapius, to whom the title soter (saviour) was given and whose emblem was the serpent...Some trace the Babylonian pagan priesthood as removing to Pergamos."

The Lord made known to me that at the time of Jesus' appearing to John on the Isle of Patmos, Satan had set up his throne over Pergamon. Pagan cults and emperor worship were centered there. The huge Altar of Zeus dominated the acropolis over the ancient Greek city in what is now Turkey.

The Lord made known to my spirit that Satan had since set up his throne over Berlin in World Wars I and II. And that his throne was over Moscow during the Cold War.

I heard in my spirit, *The adversary will set up his throne over Brussels before he attempts the move to Jerusalem where he plans to set himself up in the rebuilt Temple* (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3, 4). *I want you in Brussels as my witness.*

So for years I have been going to Brussels in my ministry as a witness (Acts 26:16).

The Lord has since made me to know that earthly Jerusalem is not Satan's final goal. He plans another attempt to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem and the throne of God. How wonderful to read the Book of Revelation and the utter frustration of the plans of the enemy in the judgments of God.

Tracing the Moves

Eerily there has been a physical counterpart—an *earthly reflection of the seat of Satan in the heavenlies*—in each of the cities the Lord pointed out to me. That counterpart is a huge structure. Yet in modern times it has moved from ancient Pergamon to Berlin. From Berlin to Moscow. And then back to Berlin where it now sits.

Here is the story of the seemingly impossible travels of such a gargantuan structure, the great Pergamon Altar of Zeus.

The New German Empire began in 1871. Associations were made with the Ottoman Empire of Turkey. A German road builder who was also an archeologist, discovered the ruins of Pergamon and the Altar of Zeus. Kaiser Wilhelm became passionately involved with transporting the huge altar to Berlin. And there it stood in a specially constructed museum during World War I.

Hitler was enamored with the altar and some say, worshiped at it. In 1934 he ordered the building of a sports field in Nuremberg patterned after the altar. Here huge Nazi rallies with swastika-emblazoned-flags were staged in cultish array. Hitler spoke from the altar-like edifice. All during the Nazi reign of horror the altar stood in their capital.

U.S. General George Patton led the allied armies in the final land thrust resulting in the taking of Berlin. Under orders, the U.S. led forces stepped back to allow Russia to actually take the city because of the Nazi siege of Leningrad. This step, however, led to the dividing of Berlin during the Cold War and the building of the Berlin Wall. Guess on which

side of the wall the Pergamon Museum stood! It stood in Communist East Berlin. However, the altar itself was dismantled and taken to Moscow.

The massive Pergamon Altar, originally removed from the Greek city of Pergamon to Germany, was dismembered, carefully packed and sent to Moscow in 1945...the Russians discovered it hidden [imagine hiding something that large] by the Germans in the Zoo tower in Berlin which was supposed to be bomb proof. The Zoo tower contained crates of art treasures stolen by the Germans from victims during the Allied bombings.

("THE TRAIL OF PAINT

The Nazi Art Obsession" by Phyllis Farber, April 1998).

Some years before the actual transportation of the altar to Moscow, however, the Soviet architect Alexey Schusev designed Lenin's tomb using the altar of Zeus as his pattern. During the height of Communism the Soviet leaders stood atop the tomb as the power of the Russian Communist army and artillery paraded before them in a fashion memorable of the Nazi parades in Hitler's Nuremberg arena.

In 1957 the altar itself returned to Berlin—the capital of one of the two powerful states (Germany and France) which drive the European Union.

The entrance to the strange building, The *Palais de Justice* in Brussels, built by Leopold II and the architect Pouilart, bears a remarkable resemblance to the altar of Zeus. It was the largest building in the Western Hemisphere when it was built between 1866-1883. Conglomerations of architectural design from the Four Empires of the Times of the Gentiles from the Book of Daniel are used in the huge structure. Stairways and passages, which go nowhere, add to the eeriness of the building. The architect was declared mad.

We Saw the Seat of Satan

In the summer of 2003, four of us traveled to Berlin to see the Pergamon Museum. The size of the Altar of Zeus is as staggering as its history. Then too, it is housed alongside another ancient artifact the Germany also transported into its kingdom—the Ishtar Gates of Babylon. The Ishtar Gates and their passageway, through which the children of Israel entered captive into Babylon, stand like a tribute to those who captured the Chosen People.