

IT IS FINISHED!

John 19:16-30 **Isaiah 14:12-15** **Ezekiel 28:11-15**

Introduction: The last word uttered by Jesus from the cross was "**Tetelestai**" which is interpreted "...it is finished..." (accomplished, completed.)

- Spoken by the greatest person who ever lived - Jesus.
 - It was the greatest announcement ever proclaimed on earth.
 - It concerned the greatest number of people ever to be affected - the human race.
 - It announced the greatest victory ever won.
1. Since the day Lucifer (Satan) was cast out of heaven he has waged a ceaseless warfare against God.
 - Satan is a created being but not as he exists now. He was called "Lucifer, son of the morning, the anointed cherub that covereth."
 - Second only to the heavenly trio, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in power.
 - Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, perfect in all his ways from the day he was created until he turned against God.
 - Jesus said, "**...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**"
 - From the moment he lost his place and position he has tried to destroy everything God has tried to do.
 - In God's own time, at God's appointed time, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and Satan knows that very well.
 2. Satan witnessed the creation of man and soon sought to corrupt God's creation. He tempted Eve and then Adam and through their disobedience, mankind was corrupted.
 - God declared to Satan, "**...I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and hers, but her seed shall bruise thy head and you shall bruise His heel.**"
 - At that very moment Satan declared against the seed of woman, and set about to destroy God's plans for the deliverer.
 - It was then that Satan began the plan for his unending efforts to corrupt and destroy that one who would bring him destruction.
 - Cain killed Abel but Seth came.
 - Satan sent his fallen angels to live with women to corrupt their children thus bringing giants or "monstrosities" into the world - a mixed race.
 - That plan failed as God flooded the earth and destroyed all humanity except Noah and his family.
 3. Time and time again Satan has tried to corrupt and destroy the line of the promised one.
 - He got Noah drunk, had Abraham lie about his wife Sarah, got the brothers of Joseph to sell him into slavery. But God remembered Joseph just as He had Noah and Abraham, thus frustrating Satan again.
 - Satan never quits. He was able to get it down to one small boy in succeeding to stamp out the lineage of the promised one, but Josiah was hidden away until all danger had passed and he became king, and the lineage through which the promised one would come.

4. Thus in the fullness of time Jesus was born in Bethlehem and wise men came from the East asking, ***"...where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."***
 - Herod called for the wise men to tell him where the child was but they didn't and he became so angry that he killed every small child in Bethlehem and the areas nearby.
 - But once again God stepped in and had Joseph and Mary take the child, Jesus, into Egypt away from the danger.
5. Again and again Satan attempted to destroy Jesus but every time his plans failed.
 - Even after Jesus began His ministry the Jews tried to kill Him, but they could not.
 - On one occasion as he taught in the synagogue of Nazareth, the people became so enraged that they took Jesus to a high cliff to throw Him off, but He simply walked away.
6. Satan and all his evil forces moved against Jesus in the Garden of Gethsamane as Jesus prayed that night. Jesus prayed so intensely that His sweat was as great drops of blood. A battle was raging - Satan against Jesus.
7. Jesus could have died under the severe flogging by the Roman soldiers. He could have died under the weight of the cross on the way to Golgatha.
 - Satan tried everything to destroy Jesus before Jesus reached Calvary so that Jesus would not be lifted up and draw all men unto Himself.
 - But all hell could not prevail against the divine plan of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for it was foreordained that the spotless Son of God should die on the cross for mankind.
8. Jesus marched on to Calvary and there He paid the supreme penalty for sin, according to what was foreordained by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit before the foundation of the earth was laid.
9. When Jesus cried out ***"IT IS FINISHED!"*** the greatest battle of all ages had been won.

CONCLUSION:

1. On the cross Jesus reached behind Him and took all the sins from Adam to where He was at Calvary and with the other He reached out from Calvary to the end of time and there nailed all the sins of mankind to His Cross.
2. ***"IT IS FINISHED!"*** was uttered by the greatest person who will ever live. It was the greatest announcement ever proclaimed. It affected more people than any announcement ever would and it declared the greatest victory ever to be won.
3. Yes, indeed, ***"IT IS FINISHED!"*** and Jesus is Lord!