

GLEANINGS

THE USURPER

Lucifer and the fallen angels (please read articles GE-17, GE-18, and GE-19) became usurpers of the material part of God's kingdom after the rebellion. Lucifer temporarily rules this earth under the permissive will of God. Even Jesus Christ recognized Lucifer in John 12:31-32, John 14:30-31 and John 16:7-11 as the prince of this world.

31. Now is the judgment of the world; now will the prince of the world be cast out. 32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself.' John 12:31-32 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

³⁰I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, ³¹but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. (John 14:30-31 New International Version)

⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. (John 16:7-11 NIV)

Although Lucifer stands condemned, his momentum will not be slowed down until Christ returns back to this earth at the end of the seven years of the Great Tribulation.

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