

3. Two Thrones Christ Rev 3:21 Satan 2:13

Christ's throne is settled and unchanging in heaven. Satan has a throne here on earth that changes and shifts depending on where he can gain a foothold at the time.

4. Two Cities Babylon Rev 18:10 New Jerusalem Rev 3:12; 21:2

Christ's eternal city coming down from heaven is a God-made, transformed, massive, sinless, perfect, holy dwelling place filled with God's glory. Satan's city is man-made, earthly, corrupt, evil, decaying, sin-filled, and ultimately destroyed. Like the Babel of Genesis 11, it was created by man for man's glory in direct rebellion against God.

5. Two Marks Seal of God 3:12; 7:3 Mark of the Beast 666 13:18

God knows and seals His own. Satan knows and seals his own. There is no neutral, middle ground between. There is no third king, third city or third mark.

6. Two Messengers Faithful Witness 1:5, 3:14 False Prophet 16:13; 19:20

Christ and Satan both make their messages known through their messengers. This world is not a silent place. The voice of truth and the voice of deception are continually heard. (See also Proverbs 9)

7. Two Messages Everlasting Gospel 14:6 The Lie 19:20; 20:8

Truth and lies, Gospel and deception, Light and darkness

8. Two Women Harlot-Many Waters 17:1,15 Bride-No Sea 19:7; 21:9

The Bride of Christ is believers, who are His by election, redemption, regeneration and sealing. The harlot is representative of those who reject the True Bridegroom for the false promises of the deceiver who are ultimately destroyed.

9. Two Locations Desert 17:3 Heaven 21:2

The Bride is found in heaven, clothed in white and delighting in God. The harlot is found in the desert, a place of depravity, darkness, drought and death.

10. Two Colors Scarlet 17:3-4 White 3:4,5,18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9,13,14; 19:14

The Bride is clothed in white signifying purity. The harlot is clothed in scarlet signifying the blood of the saints she kills.

11. Two Harvests **Grain 14:15** **Grapes 14:19**

The grain is harvested and gathered in signifying believers and the wonderful saving effect of Christ's sacrifice. The grapes signify God's wrath poured out on His enemies.

12. Two Instruments **Harps 15:2** **Trumpets 8:7**

Harps signify the peaceful music of worship in the presence of God in heaven. Trumpets signify judgment and war coming upon the earth as God's wrath is meted out in full and final judgment.

13. Two Bowls **Prayers 5:8** **Wrath 16:1**

Again, there is a bowl in heaven filled with the prayers of God's redeemed ones that brings a sweet aroma before God. The other bowl is filled with God's wrath to be poured out on earth in judgment.

14. Two Feasts **Marriage Supper of Lamb 19:9** **Great Supper of God 19:17**

The feast of the marriage supper of the Lamb is the glorious gathering of Christ's bride made fully ready. The great supper of God is the final outpouring of God's judgment that results in the death of all the wicked. One is a banquet of life, the other a banquet of death.

15. Two Armies **Christ 19:19** **Beast 19:19**

Those loyal to Christ and those loyal to Satan, the battle since Eden culminates

16. Two Deaths **First 2:10-11 12:11** **Second 20:6 20:14 21:8**

Physical and Spiritual... Temporal (with a resurrection) and Eternal (lake of fire)

17. Two Resurrections **First 20:5-6** **Second 20:11-15**

One to eternal life, one to everlasting torment

18. Two Judgments **Believers 2:7,10,17 2Cor 5:10** **Unbelievers 20:11-15**

One focused on the rewards to the faithful and one focused on the punishment of sin

19. Two Results **Rest & Reward 14:13** **No Rest & No Reward 14:11**

Christ's own receive rest and blessed reward. Satan's own never rest and experience the consequences of sin forever.

20. Two Destinies New Heavens and Earth 21:1-5 Lake of Fire 20:15

Everlasting life in an endless day of glory, Everlasting torment in an endless night of punishment

21. Two Universes Old & New 21:1

The first heavens and earth in which man fell and brought sin and death and ultimate judgment and destruction, the new heavens and earth which will be sinless and filled with endless glory forever

22. Two Inheritances New Jerusalem 22:1-5 Lake of Fire 20:15

Both last forever. The final reward and inheritance of the believer and unbeliever, the final reaping of all that was sown

23. Two Realities Old Order of things All Things New 21:4-5

The old order ... earth, sin, separation, war, decay, deception, destruction, death
All things new... heavens, earth, holiness, unification, peace, life, light, and glory forever

Self-check

- 1) Select the top three contrasts that strike you as being especially important to you right now.
- 2) Why are they so significant to you at this time?
- 3) What most excites you about your final destiny as a believer?

For Further Study:

Consider the many contrasts between the kingdom of Christ and kingdom of Satan throughout scripture. What other things characterize and contrast the two kingdoms beginning with Genesis.

“Lord, this life is a battle. Grant me the grace to press on, be faithful, labor long, fight hard, stay true, and walk in the light with You. Fill me with a fresh vision of the glory that awaits our ultimate reunion with You and Yours in endless glory. Keep eternity before me, I pray in Your Holy Name, Amen.”

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.

Living with leaving in view.... John 9:4

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Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable,
changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible
with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows,
spending our time on eternity,
owning nothing yet possessing everything
that matters and lasts.

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