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STUDY XV



THE FOES AND BESETMENTS OF THE NEW CREATION

Each of the sections below is summarized with central points. After reading, participation is open to how you understand the material, substantiation, evidence, examples, or your own questions.

The World as an Enemy of the New Creation

608:1-2

The New Creation, the “Royal Priesthood” has a special work quite apart from the world and all agitations of its elements.

The Great Adversary, Satan

609:1-611

As we read through these 38 scripture citations, what do we learn about Satan’s character, purposes, methods and destiny?

611:1

Satan is not the Church's adversary alone, but that of all mankind.

How does the phrase “*prince of this world*” confirm this about the scope of Satan’s influence?

611:2

In what sense are the world and our own flesh not our adversaries?

He Was a Liar and a Murderer from the Beginning – John 8:44 –

612:1

Satan is the originator of the rebellion against divine law through his own ambition for power.

How do we know Satan was created perfect and upright?

621:2

God created His intelligent beings with perfect liberty to follow righteousness or to rebel.

How does He maintain control?

613:1

Man was of a different nature from angels, with a separate home and had powers of procreation.

How might this affect the angelic hosts?

613:2-614:1

Criminal ambition mused to capture the newly created human pair and alienate them from God.

What does it mean “he began to measure the Lord by his own false standard”?

614:2-615:1

Satan’s perverted judgment suggested to Eve that God lied about the consequences of disobedience.

What unwarranted motives did Satan’s perverted surmisings attribute to God?

What effect did this have upon Eve?