

Revelation 12

I. The Woman, the Dragon, and the Child.

1. The Woman.

A. Genesis 37:9-10 (Joseph) I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

2. The Dragon.

A. Vs 9. Identifies him as Satan.

1. Fiery red may refer to his murderous characteristics.

B. Satan stood to devour Jesus.

1. Matthew 2:1-16

a. Matt2:3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

b. Matt 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

c. Matt 2:12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

d. Matthew 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

e. Matt2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

2. Satan used Herod to try and destroy Jesus

a. Herod was a Roman leader over Palestine from 37 B.C. to 4 B.C.

3. The Male Child.

A. To rule all nations with a rod of iron.

1. Psalm 2:8-9 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. [9] You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'
2. Rev. 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

B. Caught up to God.

1. Satan failed to destroy Jesus at his birth, and the fact that he ascended proves that he failed to destroy him even in his death. The ascension is proof of Satan's failure and Christ's victory.
 - a. Ephes. 1:20-23 (the power of God) which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and powe...

II. The War In Heaven.

1. Characteristics of Satan:

- A. Dragon indicates his fierce nature.
- B. Serpent his crafty character.
- C. Devil means accuser or slanderer.
- D. Satan means adversary.

2. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

- A. Daniel 10:12-14 ((a message was revealed to Daniel and he was praying about it for three weeks) Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. [13] But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. [14] Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."
- B. Daniel 10:20-21 Then he said, And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. [21] But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

C. But Satan did not prevail!

1. Luke 10:18 "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

D. Satan deceives the whole world.

1. Deceives Gk planaō: to cause to roam, cause to go astray, err, seduce = (entice into wrongful conduct)(to induce to have sexual intercourse), wander, be out of the way.
2. Satan's mission is to lead the whole world astray. We must always remember that he is a liar and the source of all evil and untruth. He can never be trusted or believed.
 - a. John 8:44 He does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.
3. This is why we have to follow the word of God, so as not to be deceived.
 - a. John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

3. Now salvation...!

A. One more conquest has been made in the march toward inevitable victory.

B. The accuser of the brethren.

1. The blood of the Lamb casts down Satan's accusations.
 - a. Romans 8:31-35 If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? [33] Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

C. and by the word of their testimony,

1. Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
2. Our testimony or witness is effective in defeating Satan.
 - a. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

D. They did not love their lives to the death.

1. Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

III. The War On Earth.

1. The persecution of the Jews by the Antichrist.

A. Dan 7:25 He shall persecute the saints of the Most High,...Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

2. Petra: Located in the country of Jordan, about fifty miles S of the Dead Sea. The name is from the Gk. word *petra*, "rock," Heb. *sela'*. The rock-cut city of Petra was a notable fortress and stronghold.

A. Eagles wings indicate rapid flight that will be necessary for Israel to escape the attacks of Satan.

1. Exodus 19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

B. Matthew 24:16-18 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

C. Isaiah 26:20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. For behold, the Lord comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.