

Introduction to the Book of Revelation-Part 9

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Review Parts 1 thru 8

Revelation 12

“Back to where it all Started”

Chapter 12 is mostly about satan’s insidious persecution of Israel, the Messiah, and God’s people!

He is always at War.

-This chapter deals with the past, present and future conflicts the people of God have with satan!

Revelation 12:1-6

1. The Sun-clothed Women (Sun= Christ) (Moon=The Church) Song of Solomon 6:10

12 Stars- refer to the patriarchs of the tribes of Israel Genesis 37:9

- Israel - Mal. 4:2, Isa. 66:6-8,
- Man - Gen. 3:15, 1 John 3:12
- God’s People (church) - Revelation 12:17, Ephes. 2:6, Acts 7:38, Romans 11:23-25, John 4:22

2. The Man-child or Her seed

- Christ - Gal. 4:4, Psalm 2:8-9, Mal. 4:2
- Christ’s Church or Bride - Revelation 12:5,17

3. The Dragon (satan)

- 7 Heads (Seven successive empires) Daniel 2 and 7
 - (1) Egypt
 - (2) Assyria
 - (3) Babylon
 - (4) Media-Persia
 - (5) Greece

(6) Rome

(7) The coming empire of the anti-christ

- Is always after the Child born of the Woman.
- Is in the heavenlies: Ephesians 6:12
- He is the accuser of the saints (brothers and sisters for the faith)

Revelation 12:7-12

“A short war”

- The angel Michael and his angels make war against the dragon!
- Satan and his angels lose the battle and are cast out of heaven completely!
- The saints overcome the accuser by the blood of the lamb!

Revelation 12:13-18

“The tribulation”

- Satan and his angels (demons) are now confined to the earth.
- Satan knows this time is short
- Earth is invested with demons
- The woman-Israel is persecuted and God protects them!
- Her offspring is the witnessing church

In Summary:

1. The Sun-clothed woman in the heavenlies travails with child, ready to bring forth the Man-child company that is to rule the nations with a rod of iron.
2. Satan does his utmost to destroy the child when it is born, to prevent its translation to heaven.
3. Notwithstanding satan's efforts, the Man-child company is raptured to heaven.
4. The Woman flees into the wilderness for 1260 days (3 ½ years).
5. The casting down of satan and his angels from the heavenlies to the earth.
6. Terrible things come upon the earth, “for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows the time is short.”
7. Satan now persecutes the Woman and her seed.