

Revelation 12

- **Even though chapter 11 ended with the sounding of the seventh trumpet, we are still seeing what will happen here on earth during the Tribulation period.**
- **What we see in chapter 12 is both a prophecy and history of the Jewish Nation. This chapter shows the spiritual conflict between God and Satan and God's people (Israel) and Satan and Satan's hatred for the Jewish nation.**

- **Romans 15:25-27 - ²⁵ But before I come, I must go to Jerusalem to take a gift to the believers there. ²⁶ For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem. ²⁷ They were glad to do this because they feel they owe a real debt to them. Since the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem, they feel the least they can do in return is to help them financially. (NLT)**
- **Romans 11:1-5, 11-21, 25-29.**

Verses 1-2

- **And a great sign [warning of an ominous and frightening future event] appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was with child (the Messiah) and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. (AMP)**

Verses 1-2

- **The language here is that of Joseph's second dream in Genesis 37. Jacob was the sun, Rachel was the moon and the eleven other sons of Jacob were the stars.**
- **In this vision, the woman is the nation of Israel or the faithful nation of Israel and the child is that of the Messiah.**

Verse 3

- The word *dragon* in the Greek is *drakon*, and can mean *dragon, serpent or sea monster*. It is only found in the Book of Revelation.
- The first sign is the coming of the Messiah and the second sign is the dragon coming to kill the Messiah.

Verse 3

- **The *seven heads* symbolize a pretention to wisdom that is not really wisdom but is satanic cunning. The *ten horns* picture his claim of a completeness of power, a claim that is false, but which does mean that he [Satan] has been allowed to have power on earth. – Stanley Horten**

Verse 3

- **The *seven crowns* signify the full divine authority over the earth's kingdom that he [Satan] falsely claims as “the god of this world”. (2 Corinthians 4:4)**
– Stanley Horton

Verse 3

- Daniel 7:7-8 – ⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Verse 3

- Daniel 7:24 – ²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings *who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, and shall subdue three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

Verse 4

- ***Drag*** in the Greek is *suro* which means to *drag by force*. Found in John 21:8 as the disciples dragged their nets, that is haul in their nets and in Acts 14:19 where Paul is dragged out of the city to be stoned.

Verse 4

- **Daniel 8:9-10 - ⁹ And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious *Land*. ¹⁰ And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and *some* of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.**

Verse 4

- **Some attribute this to Antiochus Epihanes (the little horn in Daniel's vision) who first desecrated the Temple. Titus will be the second to do it in 70 AD and the Antichrist will be the third to do it.**
- **Each Temple has or will be desecrated.**

Verse 4

- The common thought here though is that this speaks of the devil's original rebellion and the fallen angels who joined him.
- 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 1:6
- The dragon is ready to devour the woman's child, the Messiah. Herod, through the prompting of the devil, tried to kill Jesus. Matthew 2:16

Verse 5

- Psalm 2:7-9 - ⁷ “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ⁸ 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.’ ” (Jesus quotes verse 9 in Revelation 2:27)

Verse 5

- **“Caught up to God and His throne” speaks to Jesus’ ascension after His victory on the cross and over sin, death and the grave.**
- **Hebrews 10:12-13 - ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.**

Verse 6

- **John saw in the first part of this vision the past, now John will see the future, a time when Israel and the faithful remnant must flee from the Antichrist.**
- **This happens when the Antichrist breaks the covenant with Israel and desecrates the Temple.
Daniel 7:25 & 9:27**

Verse 6

- **God has already prepared a place of safety for the Jewish people in the last days and there is no reason to think that “they should feed her” is anything else but a literal statement.**
- **If God must miraculously provide food in the desert again, He will sustain Israel.**

Verse 6

- **Daniel 11:40-41 - ⁴⁰ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. ⁴¹ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.**

Verse 6

- **Isaiah 16:1 - Send lambs to the ruler of the land [you Moabites], From Sela [that is, Petra in Edom] through the wilderness to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion (Jerusalem). (AMP)**

Petra



Petra



Verses 7-9

- **John sees the past: The fall of Satan and his angels and of his hatred for Israel, the people of promise and the people of God's covenant and Messiah.**
- **John sees the dragon trying to kill the Messiah, which he seemingly does until the Messiah, Jesus, is resurrected and ascends into Heaven.**
- **John sees the future of Israel having to flee once more from the dragon and his emissaries.**

Verses 7-9

- **What John sees is not the past where Satan pride (Isaiah 14:12-21) causes Satan to lose his position in heaven. What John sees is a future event where Satan is forcefully thrown from Heaven and is not allowed to have any more access to Heaven or God.**
- **Satan is not restricted from Heaven as of yet. - Job 1-2. Revelation 2:10 – Satan is called the accuser of the brethren**

Verses 7-9

- **The Greek wording shows that Michael, at the command of God, removes Satan and whatever fallen angel/demons are in Heaven to be cast out for good.**
- **Devil means slanderer and Satan means adversary.**
- **Satan is called also here “the deceiver of the world.” - 2 Corinthians 11:3 - ³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

Verses 7-9

- Many scholars see this removal from Heaven and casting down to earth as when the Antichrist breaks the covenant with Israel and unleashes his full hatred on Israel and becomes the brutal dictator of the world.
- Reminder: Many scholars and theologians see the trumpets as starting at the midpoint of the Tribulation.

Verse 10

- **Those in Heaven will also rejoice because with Satan's removal, Jesus' total victory is assured and will shortly come to completion.**

Verse 11

- **The is a parenthetical statement. This is how every saint, not just the end-time saints overcome the devil.**
- **Jesus' blood is what gives us victory. It is our faith in Jesus' work on the cross and our faithfulness to follow Jesus and His Word to the end that gives us victory over the world and the devil.**
- **Each one of us must "love not their lives unto the death".**

Verse 12

- Satan has “great wrath”. What has he had up to now?
Restraint by the Holy Spirit and the Church of Jesus Christ.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12
- Satan knows he only has a short time left before judgment and he will work hard and fast to cause as much destruction as he can and to turn as many hearts from Jesus Christ as he can.

Verses 13-14

- Satan will first go after God's holy remnant.
- Jeremiah 30:5-7 - ⁵ "For thus says the Lord: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. ⁶ Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? ⁷ Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it."

Verses 13-14

- **Matthew 15:15-22 - ¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.**

Verses 13-14

- **“Two wings of a great eagle” – Reminiscent of Exodus 19:4 - ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.**
- **It speaks to God supernaturally protecting Israel as she flees to safety and taking care of her as He did when Israel was in the wilderness.**

Verses 15-16

- Many see “the flood” as not an actual flood of water but of a great army that will try to “sweep Israel away”.
- God will again supernaturally protect Israel from the Antichrist and Satan.
- So, who is God protecting? It would seem to not be all of Israel, but those who are faithful Jewish followers of Jesus. Those whose heart understand the sign of the times and follow Jesus’ words from Matthew 28.

Verses 15-16

- **I do not see Jesus protecting every Jewish person, but I do see God protecting His children. We are only God's children through Christ Jesus.**
- **Romans 2:5-11 & 8:15-17**

Verse 17

- Her seed maybe any Israelite who believes in Jesus and did not escape to the desert.
- It is more likely though that it speaks of the spiritual seed of Abraham, those who through faith in Jesus Christ will inherit the promises of God and everlasting life.

Verse 17

- Romans 4:16-20 - ¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

Verse 17

- **Revelation 13:7 - ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**
- **Revelation 20:4 - ⁴ Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (NLT)**

Verse 17

- **Romans 9:25-28 - ²⁵ Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, “Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before.” (Hosea 2:23)**
- **²⁶ And, “Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’” (Hosea 1:10)**
- **²⁷ And concerning Israel, Isaiah the prophet cried out, “Though the people of Israel are as numerous as the sand of the seashore, only a remnant will be saved. ²⁸ For the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth quickly and with finality.” (Isaiah 10:22-23)**

Verse 18?

- **Depending on your translation you may or may not have a verse 18. If you have a verse 18 it will say, “Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea.”**
- **Some manuscripts have this, others (KJV/NKJV) have this verse as the beginning of chapter 13, but even then, it changes.**

Verse 18?

- **Revelation 13:1 - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (KJV)**
- **Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. (NLT)**