



2025 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word

James 1:22

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The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

Revelation Chapter 12:7-17

Verse 7 - The tumultuous events on earth during the Tribulation find their counterpart in heaven. A state of war has existed since the fall of Satan—**Daniel 10:13, Jude 9, Ephesians 6:12**. Something will intensify that warfare – possibly the raptured saints passing through the realm of the Prince of the Power of the air – **Eph 2:2**. and this will result in a great war in heaven—probably in the atmospheric heaven which had been Satan’s domain and where the Lord met with His redeemed and raptured saints. There, Satan and his angels will be defeated and cast permanently down to earth.

Verse 8 - But they did not prevail, nor was there a place found for them in Heaven any longer.

Verses 9-10 - **Verse 9** is the central verse in the book of Revelation. The dragon is here as the serpent of Eden—**Genesis 3:1**—, as Satan who tested Job—**Job 1:6**—, and the Devil who tested Jesus **Matthew 4:4**.

Satan and his demons were cast out of heaven at the time of their original rebellion but still had access to it and God—**Job 1:6, 2:1**. That access will be denied and they will be barred forever. From then on, he and his angels will be limited to the earth alone, where he will still desperately try to overthrow God. Devil and Satan—Devil comes from the Greek verb meaning to slander or to falsely accuse. He is a malignant liar—**John 8:44, 1**

John 3:8. His accusations against believers are unsuccessful—**Verse 10**—because of Christ, our advocate—**1 John 2:1**. Satan, meaning adversary or enemy, appears especially in Job and the gospels. He deceives the whole world. As he has done throughout human history, Satan will deceive people during the Tribulation. But during the time he will not longer be able to accuse the brethren, because he has been barred by God. After his temporary release from the bottomless pit at the end of the Millennium, he will briefly resume his deceitful ways—**Revelation 20:8,10**.

Verse 11 - This is a power verse. Anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior overcomes Satan and the Devil—**1 John 4:4**. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. No accusation can stand against those whose sins have been forgiven because of Christ's sacrificial death—**Romans 8:33-39**. Christ's shed blood gives us our perfect standing before God—**1 John 1:5, 2:2**. But our witness to God's Word (speaking and living the Word) and our willingness to lay down our lives for Christ defeats Satan as well. Satan is not equal to God. He is not omnipotent, omnipresent, or omniscient. His power is limited and his tactics must fail when God's people trust the power of the blood and the Word.

Verse 12 - Heaven will rejoice when Satan is cast out but earth dwellers will not rejoice for the last of the Tribulation will mean intense suffering for the world. The woe in **Verse 12** reminds us of the three woes referred to in **Revelation 8:13**: The first woe described in **Revelation 9:1-12** and the second woe in **Revelation 9:13-21**. The third woe is referred to in **Revelation 11:14**, but this passage only summarizes the events that will climax God's plan for the earth. Satan's wrath will intensify because he knows he has a short time.

Verses 13-14. Knowing that his time is short and having no access to heaven, the dragon must vent all his anger toward earth. He begins with the woman (Israel). **Verse 14** speaks

of God's providential protection for His own—[Exodus 19:4](#)—wings often speak of protection—[Deuteronomy 32:9-12](#), [Psalm 91:4](#), [Isaiah 40:31](#). He will protect them for 3-1/2 years, the last half of the Tribulation.

[Verse 16](#) – a great army will come against Israel like a flood only to be swallowed up. Perhaps one of the great earthquakes that will take place during this period.

[Verses 17](#) - When Satan sees that God has protected the woman, he becomes even more enraged and makes war against the rest of her offspring—Jesus or Gentiles. Satan will turn his frustrated rage against every follower of the Lamb he can find, Jew or gentile, who keep the revealed truth from God and Christ contained in scripture. Obedience to God's Word always marks a genuine believer – [John 8:32](#).