

Chapter 12: The Woman and the Dragon

The seventh trumpet will usher in 7 _____ judgements but not until chapter 15. In the mean time, chapters 12-14 give us insight and understanding as to the behind the scenes goings on since before the foundation of the earth.

What John sees: (vs. 1-17)

The “_____” represents Israel. She is crowned with 12 stars representing the 12 tribes of Israel. (vs. 1)

The “_____” represents Satan. He has 7 heads crowned with 7 crowns representing the 7 major prophetic empires impacting Israel, the Jews, and Jerusalem throughout history. (vs. 2-3)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____ (more about this one later)
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) An Empire later to be named

He is crowned with ____ horns believed to represent 10 nations ruling with him. Remember Daniel’s vision from Daniel chapter 2:31-45 of the statue? The toes are made of partly iron and partly clay. Verse 43 reads, “And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united...” An Arab-Persian Islamic coalition made up of Sunni and Shiite tribes will be tenuous at best as history has shown us.

His tail sweeps a third of the stars out of the sky. This would be Satan’s rebellion in heaven in which he convinced a third of the angels to follow him. (vs. 4)

The “_____” is Jesus. He is snatched up to God and to his throne. This is a snap-shot, if you will of Jesus’ time on earth. At His death, burial and resurrection much was happening behind the scenes. A war between good and evil was already under way. When Jesus shed His blood for our sins, died, and was resurrected, Satan’s defeat was assured. (vs. 4-5)

Satan loses the battle and is hurled to the earth and his angels with him. He is now thrust out of his cosmic realm to earth which eventually will lead to his eternal destination of the lake of fire. Most scholars believe he is no longer allowed access to the throne room of God from this point on. (See Job 1)

Verses 10-12 are a praise and declaration of overcoming for the believer. The Devil, knowing his time is short, begins to step up his plan to persecute and kill all believers starting with the Jews (vs. 13). He has already tried to kill the seed in Jesus. His second step will be to persecute the “woman” or Israel. His third step will be to use a “flood” which many scholars describe as an antisemitic assault over the world like nothing yet seen in human history.

Because of this, verse 14 reads, “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, times and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”

Many scholars believe this is the city of Petra set aside for Israel in the country of what is modern day Jordan (these will be Jewish believers saved during the Tribulation).

Verse 15 says Satan spews out water like a flood hoping to sweep Israel away in the torrent. This is the antisemitic assault by which the world has yet to see. Pharaoh, Herod, and Hitler won’t hold a candle to what Satan will unleash on God’s chosen people.

In vs. 16, the Bible says that, “the earth opens up and swallows up the “flood” that Satan unleashes.” Yep....

Our last verse in this chapter reads like this, “Then the Dragon (Satan) was enraged at the woman (Israel) and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” Satan will unleash his full arsenal of persecution, judgement, and death upon any who identify as Christ followers.

As we get ready to go onto chapter 13, I want to encourage you: God has made a way. His name is Jesus. He is the hope of the world no matter what its state is. He loves you, has a plan for you, and wants more for you than you could ever possibly think or imagine. If you’re a prodigal, its time to come home. If you’re undecided, its time to make a decision to surrender your life to Jesus. If you’ve been hurt by church or Christians its time to forgive and let go because that’s what Jesus modeled. If you walked away any reason not mentioned yet, it’s time! Lets pray!