

This is the future – what Jesus says “will take place later.”

## Ch. 12

This occurs before the final series of seven bowls of wrath which starts in Rev. 15.

**Rev. 12:1-6** – “A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.” – Can you recognize this description in previous Revelation scripture? 1,260 days = 3.45 years.

### **The Woman**

**Gen. 37:9** Joseph told his 11 brothers his dream: “Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” The sons of Jacob became the 12 tribes of Israel. Could the woman be the state of Israel?

### **The Child**

The Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ came from the lineage of David, the King of Israel.

### **The Dragon**

**Rev. 12:9** – “The great dragon Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.” The dragon is Satan and Satan is the dragon. What are dragons known for throughout history?

Seven Heads – seven represents perfection, intellect, and wisdom. Satan is highly intellectual and cunning.

Ten Horns – military might

Seven Crowns – political authority

**Isaiah 14:12-14** – “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” Where in scripture can you find this type of character? Do you see this character in anyone who is building their own throne in their life?

**The Devil’s Diabolical Plan** - Satan has been trying to kill Jesus his entire life, and after life.

**Math. 2:16** – “When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:” Why did Herod want to kill Jesus? Why did the Jewish religious leaders want to kill Jesus? Why does Satan want to kill Jesus?

### **Heavenly WWII**

In Heavenly WWII, Satan lost his position as an angel. In this second war, Satan is hurled down from Heaven out of the presence of God, takes a third of the angels with him, and takes out his anger on God’s people. Where is Satan now and what is he doing?

**2 Cor. 4:1-4** – “Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” Do you know of blind people in your life that are deceived? Is Satan’s world deceiving you somewhere in your life?

### **An Important Distinction**

1. The Holy Spirit never convicts you of sin you have confessed and put under the blood of Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit is specific when he convicts you of sin. Satan burdens you with constant guilt and shame.
3. The Holy Spirit points you to a solution: confession and cleansing. Satan does not.

**Rev. 12:11-12** – Michael and the angels fight Satan and his angels and defeat them. They are thrown down to the earth. “And they (our brothers) have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

The tribulation saints will give up their lives rather than forsake Jesus. We are not to fear death over the love and power of Christ. Can you neutralize the fear of death and thus neutralize one of Satan’s most effective weapons?

**Protection for Israel** - Pharaoh tried to enslave them, Hitler tried to kill them, and many in the world hate them. “Satan has always been behind the persecution against Israel since time began, and in the last days it’s only going to grow worse.” At the end of Rev. 12, we read that God will protect Israel “for a time, and times, and half a time.” (One year plus two years plus half a year.) Satan then directs his rath upon the followers of Christ. Can you see hatred for Israel today? And what could that mean?