

Revelation 12:13: "And when the dragon saw (realized) (54) that he had been thrown out of heaven..." indicates to me that he, like many, thought that the status quo would continue on basically indefinitely. This is a fatal mindset. Remember, "the days of Noah" were filled with exactly the same mindset. "People were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage." In other words living in a "status quo" mindset. Probably mocking Noah with the ancient days ABC, CBS, MSDNC, CNN reporting, "Look at that fool, and the fools with him, they have been building that big object for over 100 years saying 'Repent the judgement of God is at hand', meanwhile nothing has changed. What a waste of time. What an idiot!."

That is Satan's message; "Don't worry about it. Nothing is gonna happen." Or how about today? "You crazy Christians have been saying Jesus is coming back for almost 2,000 years now. Well, where is He?" (see 2 Peter 3:1-4 printout).

I believe (again my discernment alone), that Satan had that same mindset. For 6,000 years he has been allowed, under restraint, to "go about to and fro (on earth) seeking whom he may devour." So could he have had the same mindset? A status quo mindset? Yes, he knew eventually the time would come when God would allow Michael, the Archangel, and his fellow angels to throw Satan, and his mutinous angels, out of heaven. (read the Scripture verses on top of the Scripture sheet chapter 12 verses 7 and 8).

I believe this casting down from heaven happens, not before, the Tribulation. I believe that while Satan still had access to God, like he did for example in Job 1:7, that he thought his plan to be god was still in play. Nevertheless,

now he is cast down and his anger is now burning (55) against that little nation of Israel (that he has already started to get the whole world to hate. (see Ezekiel 38:1-10 ^{map and printout})). (when it is read notice that all of the eastern Hemisphere is involved, no one is standing with Israel. Including the United States of America.) Verse 13 (again): satan, and his fallen angels, are now focused on mass annihilation starting with Israel (the woman) who had given birth to Jesus (the male child).

Revelation 12:14 (But God) protected a remnant of the nation and secured them in most likely one of the mountain areas. They would be secured through the rest of the Tribulation, which is a period of a time (1), times (2), and half a time ($\frac{1}{2}$) = $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. That means this happens when the anti-christ desecrates the temple just like Jesus said in Matthew 24:15-21 (see printout).

Revelation 12:15-17 satan gives chase ("poured water like a river out of his mouth") after the Jews (and believers) but the earth opened up and "swallowed" the armies giving chase. Notice how this is a Red Sea experience 2.0! Just like God delivered the Israelites (and converts) through the Red Sea and then had the Red Sea swallow up the Egyptian army so did He with the armies that chased the fleeing Israelites. In both cases God was toying with the enemy! He let both know where His people were going then He had them put together a great army to chase His people, only to have them be swallowed up (one by water, one by land). verse 17 satan was even more furious and turned his attention once again to those in the country of Israel.

Revelation 13:1-4 The beast is no other than the anti-christ. It tells us he rises out of the sea. This is not water but rather, out of the "sea" of peoples that are all around

That area of the middle east. This anti-christ comes (56) in to the spot light because the world is in disaray because the God of Israel is pouring out His wrath on mankind and he appears as the one who can restore normalcy (or so the nations believe). (We see that when the people say, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against him". Remember, he is the "rider on the white horse from Revelation 6:2 come to save the day. Now we are also told that he will have the resemblances of all the evil kingdoms that have come: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome (and now the revived Roman Empire which is the feet of Iron and clay (with 10 toes; the European Nation I believe). These are the "leopard", "bear", "lion" of Verse 2. Verse 3 tells us that his seemingly mortal wound was healed. This opens up a lot of possibilities. All are conjecture but all also " " will be so overwhelming that people will believe that he is indestructible. Maybe he is killed (head wound) and then God breaths new life in to him. Maybe he is Nero, Antitheus Epiphanies, Hitler, Mussolini, or maybe he is all of them brought back to life. Who knows, but in any event it will be so overwhelming that the deceived will fall for it. Also Remember that none of this is under his own power: "for he has been given authority" by satan, who was given the authority from God.

Revelation 13:5-9 These four verses are frightening! We are in the middle of the Tribulation and not only is God's wrath being poured out on non-believing, Christ rejecting, mankind but satan has been given much power to deceive. More than he has ever had combined. He has been given power to mock God to His face and to curse God's people both on earth

and "those who dwell in heaven." We are told he has (57) been given free reign for the last 42 months (3½ years). The really scary part is that "those who dwell on earth will worship it (him the devil). Verse 9 says "If anyone who has an ear, let him hear" which is the same thing the Bible has repeated since day 6 of creation. Hear God's Word, and believe it (before it's too late). He started off the last Book of His Word by telling the churches, "He who has an ear let him hear." (Some of the many, many hearing Scriptures are on the printout)

Back to verse 8 (Sorry, I over looked its importance). Now we just read that satan, the anti-christ, and of course the false prophet who has also been allowed to deceive have all been given extra powers to deceive, destroy, ^{create} lying wonders and seemingly (or actual) lives that can not be destroyed and we have just been told that the "whole world will worship them" but that does not include, "[those] whose name has been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. Again, that is the predestined. And the predestined are all of those who have accepted Jesus Christ (in the New Testament times) or all of those who by faith have trusted in the LORD GOD. Even though absolutely no one knew that their names would be in the Lamb's Book of Life, God knew. He knew all along who would turn to, and trust, Him.

That is why He let some of us fools live through deadly situations. He knew that we needed more time to finally turn to Him. Amen.