

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"War In Heaven"
Revelation 12:7-12
Part-25

Revelation 12:7 – "And there was war in heaven,"

2 Corinthians 2:11

John uses the term "War" 4X in Revelation – 12:7, Revelation 12:17.

Outline Of Revelation 12: Verses 1-6 – The Great Battle; Verses 7-12 – War In Heaven; Verses 13-17 – War On Earth.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments

Thought Of Our Passage: Mid Point Of The Tribulation, God Cuts Off Satan's Access To Heaven And Satan Is Thrown Down To Earth.

1. Verses 7-8 – The Conflict

2. Verse 9 – The Conquest

3. Verses 10-12 – The Celebration

1. Verses 7-8 – The Conflict:

Revelation 12:7

"And" – The Context is Revelation 12:1-6; God reveals the source of all wars.

Revelation 12-14 – God reveals what is going on at the mid-point of the tribulation.

"there was war in heaven," – We left off with a war on earth, Revelation 12:6.

"war in heaven," – The context is the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.

Why Was There A War In Heaven? To Cast Satan Out Of Heaven:
Revelation 12:8 – "there was no longer a place found for them in heaven."

"Michael" – "who is like God?" He is the only angel that is called an "Archangel" in Scripture. Jude 1:9 – "But Michael the archangel,"; Daniel 10:13, 21.

Daniel Speaks Of This Future War: Daniel 12:1

"and his angels" – "messengers"; The fallen angels are evil messengers.

What is Satan doing in heaven? Ephesians 2:2; Ephesians 6:12.

Revelation 20:7-10

Revelation 12:8

"and they were not strong enough," – referring to Satan and his fallen angels.

"Satan is mighty but he is not almighty!" Lucifer was created; Ezekiel 28:13 – "On the day that you were created"

"and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven." – "Their place was not found any more in heaven."

Satan Has Access To Heaven. Job 1:6-7; Job 2:1

Why Does God Allow Satan Access To Heaven? It's a mystery. Revelation 10:7.

1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 4:27

Satan is in heaven bringing accusations against the saints, Revelation 12:10.

2. Verse 9 – The Conquest:

Revelation 12:9

"And the great dragon" – speaks of Satan's "fierce nature".

"was thrown down," – "expelled", Revelation 9:1.

"the serpent of old" – "crafty character", Genesis 3:1.

"who is called the devil" – Greek "Diabolos"; "defaming, accuser or slanderer, slandering, master accuser of the brethren."

Impossible for Satan to successfully accuse the brethren.
Romans 8: 31-34

1 John 2: 1

Satan – 14X in Job “Adversary”; “One who pleads a case against a person.”

1 Peter 5: 8

“who deceives the whole world;” – “to lead astray, to mislead”; Greek present tense “habitually, and continually”, Genesis 3:4.

2 Corinthians 4: 3-4; 2 Corinthians 11: 14-15

1 Timothy 4: 1

“he was thrown down to the earth,” – Daniel 10: 10-14

Jesus Predicted Satan’s Expulsion From Heaven: Luke 10: 18; John 12: 31.

3. Verses 10-12 – The Celebration:

Revelation 12: 10

Heaven’s Response Is Praise With A Warning: “a loud voice in heaven,”

“Now the salvation,” – being delivered from the control of Satan.

“and the power,” – Greek “dynamis” we get the word “dynamite”; “God is going to strengthen His own and manifest His own strength.”

“and the kingdom of our God” – the coming of the millennial kingdom.

“and the authority of His Christ have come,” – Psalm 2: 2

James 3: 6

Revelation 12: 11

“overcame him because of” – Greek emphatic pronoun putting stress on the fact. Literally, “They did this; this is how the victory was achieved.”

There are 3 things that the saints did that resulted in victory:

1. **“overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb”** – Blood is proof of death, thus the death of Jesus Christ is the basis for victory over Satan.

1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7;
Colossians 1:20.

2. **“and because of the word of their testimony,”**
genuine/authentic relationship.

Romans 1:16-17

3. **“they did not love their life even when faced with death.”**
Matthew 16:25

The Church Of Smyrna – Revelation 2:10

Jesus' Example For Us – John 10:11; John 10:15

Revelation 12:12 – “For this reason,” – What reason? Satan has finally been evicted.

“rejoice, O heavens” – The word “heaven” used 52X in Revelation.

Heaven's Cleansing, Results In Earth's Pollution: “Woe to the earth and the sea,” – Revelation 8:13

There are 2 reasons for this Woe:

Reason #1 – “because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath,” – Literally “boiling rage”; an emotional rather than a rational state of mind – “Double Wrath”; “The Wrath Of The Lamb”. Revelation 6:16.

Reason #2 – “knowing that he has only a short time.” The last 3½ years.

Matthew 24:22

Application:

1. We Need To Remember That Satan Has Been Defeated At The Cross, But His Final Sentence Has Not Yet Been Carried Out: Romans 16: 20; 1 John 4: 4.
2. Satan Understands His Destiny Revealed In Scripture. Yet Satan Relentlessly Continues To Fight His Losing Battle Against God. This Battle Will Continue Until Satan Is Cast Into The Lake Of Fire: Revelation 20: 10.