

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"War On Earth"
Revelation 12:13-17
Part-26

Revelation 12:13 – "he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child."

Revelation 12:1-6 – The Great Battle: Genesis 3:15

Revelation 12:7-12 – War In Heaven: Satan Evicted From Heaven.

Revelation 12:13-17 – War On Earth: Daniel 12:1-11

Revelation 12-14 – This passage is called a **Parenthetical passage** – interlude – pause, break of the action; reveals the mid-point of the tribulation.

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: Satan, Thrown Down To Earth, Now Gives His Full Attention To The Destruction Of God's People Israel.

1. Verse 13 – The Adversary

2. Verse 14 – The Asylum

3. Verses 15–17 – The Attack

1. Verse 13 – The Adversary:

Revelation 12:13 – "And when the dragon"; "War In Heaven", Revelation 12:7-12 – Mid Point Of The Tribulation; God Cuts Off Satan's Access To Heaven And Satan Is Thrown Down To Earth: Revelation 12:12.

Daniel 9:27

"when the dragon" – Revelation 12:9 – Our enemy is referred to by 4 different names:

- 1) "great dragon" – speaks of Satan's "fierce nature"
- 2) "serpent of old" – "crafty character"

- 3) "the devil" – Greek "Diabolos"; "defaming, accuser or slanderer, slandering, master accuser of the brethren."
- 4) "Satan" – 14X in Job; "Adversary"; "One who pleads a case against a person."

"saw that he was thrown down to the earth," – Revelation 12:10

"he persecuted" – "with hostile intent to pursue, to chase, to hunt"; "the woman" – The woman is Israel – Genesis 37:9-10.

"who gave birth to the male child." – Jesus, the Messiah came through the bloodline of Israel – Revelation 12:5.

The anticipation of the persecution was given in Revelation 12:6.

"he persecuted the woman" – Jesus warned those in Judea, Matthew 24:16.

Exodus 1:8-17

Exodus 14:30-31

Google The Question "Why Does The World Hate Israel?"

Romans 11:25-27

Genesis 50:20

John F. Walvoord said, "Israel is hated by Satan not because of any of its own characteristics but because she is the chosen of God and essential to the overall purpose of God for time and eternity."

Zechariah 13:8

2. Verse 14 – The Asylum:

Revelation 12:14

"But the two wings of the great eagle" – What does this mean?

What John records here is "Imagery" taken from Exodus – Exodus 19:4.

Deuteronomy 32:11 – "protection"

Psalm 17:8

Isaiah 40:31

“two wings of the great eagle” – indicates “strength, rapid speed in flight, protection that will be needed for Israel’s escape.”

“wilderness” – “an abandoned or desolate place”; same word used for desert.

“to her place,” – Revelation 12:6

(Pictures Of Petra)

“where she was nourished” – God nourished Israel 40 years in the wilderness – manna, quail, Exodus 16:12; Matthew 25:31-46.

“for a time and times and half a time,” – (Daniel 7:25)

Numbers 33:5 – Israel had 42 stages. There are 42 months.
Daniel 7:25; 12:7

Matthew 24:16

Matthew 24:20

“serpent” – Speaks of his craftiness, his schemes.

3. Verses 15– 17 – The Attack:

Revelation 12:15

“And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman,” – In Scripture, “water like a river” is used as imagery for “troubles, an invading and destroying armies”, Psalm 32:6.

Psalm 69:1-2

Daniel 11:41

Revelation 12:16

The Song Of Moses: Exodus 15:8-12

Revelation 12:17

"and went off to make war with the rest of her children," – Genesis 3:15.

"rest of her children," – The Remnant 144,000 sealed of Israel.
Revelation 7:4-8; This would include the Tribulation Saints (son's of Abraham through faith, Galatians 3:7).

"who keep the commandments of God" – Revelation 14:12; John 14:15.

"and hold to the testimony of Jesus." – Not their testimony.

Satan Will Persecute Israel Severely, Resulting In Israel Placing Their Faith In Jesus Christ As Their Messiah: Zechariah 13:8; Romans 11:26.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

Zechariah 12:10

Zechariah 13:6

Application:

1. The Source Of All Wars Is Spiritual. Forces Of Righteousness Versus Unrighteousness; God Versus Satan.
2. God's Intervention And Protection Of His People Is Promised In Scripture: Isaiah 54:17.
3. Satan's Purpose Through The Persecution Of Israel Is To Destroy God's People And Plan. God's Purpose Will Prevail In That Israel Will Recognize Jesus As Their Messiah; Will Turn In Faith And Will Be Saved.