Series "Jesus Unveiled" "Woman, Child And The Dragon" Revelation 12:1-6 Part-24

John uses the term "War" 4X in Revelation 12.

Revelation 12:7

Revelation 12:17

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

This passage is called a Parenthetical passage – interlude – pause, break of the action, Revelation 12-14.

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, Since His Fall, Has Been At War With God And The Jewish People That God Loves.

<u>1. Verses 1-2 – The Woman</u> <u>2. Verses 3-4 – The Dragon</u> <u>3. Verses 5-6 – The Child</u>

1. Verses 1-2 – The Woman:

Revelation 12:1

"A great sign appeared in heaven" – Seventh Trumpet, Revelation 11:15.

"A great sign" – The word "great" – Greek word "megas"; we get "mega"; sign – 7X in Rev.; "symbol, to give a sign, a mark."

"a woman" – There are 4 "Women" in Revelation:

- 1) Jezebel Rev. 2:20, represents a false teacher and symbolized paganism.
- 2) Woman Rev. 12, represents Israel.
- 3) Harlot Woman Rev 17:1-7, represents the apostate church.
- 4) Bride of The Lamb Rev. 19:7-8, the Church.

Who Is The Woman? Popular Views Include:

Woman Represents The Church – Church not married until Rev 19:7-9.

Woman Represents The Catholic Church – she is going through the entire tribulation.

Woman Represents Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy – Founder of Christian Science.

Woman Represents The Nation Of Israel – Joseph's Dream in Genesis 37 – Joseph's life parallels Israel's history.

Genesis 37:9-10

"woman clothed with the sun" – Represents Israel; Malachi speaking to Israel of her Redeemer, Malachi 4:2.

"the sun" – Jacob

"moon" – Rachel

"crown" – "Israel's triumph in the midst of suffering"; "of 12 Stars" – Joseph and 11 brothers, 12 tribes of Israel. Genesis 15:5

Revelation 12:2

"she was with child;" – Jesus, the Messiah, Revelation 12:5; Isaiah 9:6-7.

Romans 9:4-5

"and she cried out, being in labor and in pain (Present-tense in Greek – "ongoing, continuous action") to give birth."

Isaiah 26:17-18

Jeremiah 30:7

2. Verses 3-4 – The Dragon:

Revelation 12:3

"Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold," - "Oh look"

"a great" – Greek word "megas"; we get "mega"; "red dragon" – Who would this great red dragon be? Revelation 12:9.

"red" – Blood – murderous, bloodthirsty character; Satan, a murder, John 8:44.

"dragon" – 13X in Revelation; "a flying serpent", intense cruelty, terrible appearance, fierce and cruel nature. Isaiah 27:1 – Hebrew Dragon – "monster, or sea monster."

"The Accuser Of The Brethren" – Revelation 12:10

John 8:44

Ephesians 2:2

"Seven Heads" – The number seven – speaks of "completeness, perfection and wisdom", Ezekiel 28:12.

"Ten Horns" – "strength, power"; Daniel 7:7-8, 20-24; Revelation17:12 – Roman Empire.

"Seven Diadems" – "the crowns of royalty"; Power and authority, perfect rule.

Antichrist Will Revive The Roman Empire: Revelation 13:1.

Revelation 12:4

The Past Revolt Of Satan In Heaven: "And his tail swept away a third of the stars of Heaven" – The term stars – angels (Job 38:7; Rev 1:20).

2 Peter 2:4

Jude 6

"and threw them to the earth" - The fall of Satan - Ezekiel 28:12-19.

Isaiah 14:12-17

"dragon stood before the woman" – Greek, "Satan not only stood before the woman in the past, but he continues to stand before the woman."

Genesis 3:14-15

1 John 3:12

3. Verses 5-6 – The Child:

Revelation 12:5

"gave birth to a son, a male child" – This is called "The Incarnation of God" – God in the flesh.

Galatians 4:4-5

Hebrews 2:14

"who is to rule" – Literally "to shepherd" all the nations with a rod of Iron – 2nd coming of Jesus – Millennium. Psalm 2 – Psalm 2:7-9.

Revelation 20:6

"caught up" Greek word "harpazo"; word in Latin, Rapture; "caught up, snatched away" – Here it refers to "The Ascension". This is proof that Jesus was not destroyed and that He accomplished the Father's will; He sat down, complete.

Acts 1:9-11

Ephesians 1:20-23

Revelation 12:6

Satan Hates Israel For Christ's Sake: "fled into the wilderness" – Satan failed to destroy Jesus Christ; he now focuses his attention on Israel. Revelation 13-17 – Jesus predicted this in Matthew 24:15-21.

Zechariah 12:2; Zechariah 14:1-3

Application:

- 1. Satan, Since His Fall, Has Been At War With God And The Jewish People That God Loves.
- 2. Satan Led A Rebellion In Heaven. We, Like The Angels, Also Have A Choice To Fight On God's Side Or Satan's Side.
- 3. Though Israel Is Satan's Target, God Will See To It That No Weapon Formed Against Israel Will Prosper. In The End Israel Will Be Saved.