

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 12:7-12

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SALVATION IS, THE VICTORY OF GOD

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HERE IN REVELATION CHAPTER 12

WE'RE GIVEN THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" DETAILS THAT WILL MAKE UP THE LAST HALF, THE LAST 1,260 DAYS OF THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD.

PRIOR TO CHAPTER 12, THE WORLD HAS BEEN DEMONICALLY BLESSED BY *THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE, THE CURRENT EUROPEAN UNION.

*VIA THIS NEW EUROPE, THE WORLD WILL HAVE PROSPERED ECONOMICALLY LIKE NO OTHER TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY. *FOR THE WORLD, IT WILL BE A TIME OF NEVER BEFORE SEEN SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, MIRACLES AND RELIGIOUS UNITY. *AND IT WILL BE A TIME WHEN THE WORLD WILL HAVE FOUND ITS GODLIKE POLITICIAN THAT CAN ANSWER ALL THEIR QUESTIONS... SO POWERFUL IS HE, SO PERSUASIVE AND INFLUENTIAL IS HE, THAT THE BIBLE CALLS HIM -- THE ANTICHRIST, THE GREATEST IMPOSTER OF JESUS CHRIST!

BUT IT IS IN THIS CHAPTER, THAT WE BEGIN TO SEE HIS
DISNEYLAND WORLD BEGIN TO UNRAVEL

Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, **8** but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. **9** So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. **12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

This Descent of Satan to the Earth is What Begins What is Called "The Great Tribulation"

The entire seven years is called the tribulation period.
The last half of the seven years is called "The Great Tribulation".

Matthew 24:15-25 / 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

6a Then the woman fled into **the** wilderness, where she has a **place prepared** by God...

A Yet Futuristic Event

Notice Church;

She will Flee (that is Israel) into a (the) wilderness, where she has had a place **prepared for her by God Himself...**

Matthew 24:14 - 25 (& Revelation 12) - A Commentary by Jesus Himself

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **15** "Therefore when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** "then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**. **17** Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. **Flee to the mountains** **18** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **Flee to the mountains** **19** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **20** And pray that your flight may not be in winter, (**Flee to the mountains**) or on the Sabbath. **21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. **23** "Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here *is* the Christ!" or 'There!' do not believe *it*. **24** For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** Behold, I have told you beforehand or in advance.

There is a Place That God has Prepared for Israel

The Anti-Christ will be Angry with the Nation of Jordan in the Future

Daniel 11:41

He (antichrist) shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; **but these shall escape from his hand**: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

#1

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God,

#2

that **they** (Jordanians) should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

SALVATION IS THE VICTORY OF GOD!

I.) *Fighting the right battle, wins us the victory* vv. 7-8

1st *There is a victory that can only come through war* v.7

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

Daniel 10:12-13

Then he (the angel = possibly Gabriel) said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. **13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Mighty and Strong Angelic and Demonic Powers at War

No Normal Person Rejoices in War,

But in a Fallen world War is Inevitable, and by God's Grace, When a War ends, there is a Glorious Hope and Great Peace That is On The Other side of War.

There are Righteous Wars That God Himself Ordains.

There are dark spiritual Powers at War... they will lose.

Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'

Isaiah 24:21

In that day the LORD will **punish the powers in the heavens** above and the kings on the earth below.

We Need to Pray & Pray Again - - It's a Desperate Hour.

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle **against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*...

**We Need to Enforce the Fact That Means
"Apply the Bible Through Prayer"**

Ephesians 6:18

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— **19** and for me (pray for me), that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

**We Need to Pray, & Pray Again - - It's a Desperate Hour
"And war broke out in heaven"**

The Question has Been Raised, Which Heaven?

1. The Heaven Meaning the Atmosphere Around Earth
2. The Atmosphere of the Starry Heavens
3. Or the Heaven or Heavens -

Daniel 12:1

"At that time **Michael shall stand up**, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people (Daniel's people, the Jews) shall be delivered..."

Michael shall "Stand Up" = Act, to Defend.

The Book of Job Teaches Us That Satan Has Direct Access to God Presently.
There is a war that each of us are waging right now.

#1

If you're not a Christian, it's a war against you personally!

Ephesians 2:1

And you *He made alive*, **who were dead** in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

#2

If you are a Christian, it's a war against your-self,
The devil and this world system!

1 John 2:16

For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Fighting the right battle, wins us the victory.

2nd There is a victory that is fully guaranteed us

v.8

but they (the dragon and his angels) did not prevail,

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The Believer is Safe, While at War - Because...
The Church is Safe, While at War - Because...

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

John 16:11

because the ruler of this world is judged.

Hebrews 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, **that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15** and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Fighting the right battle, wins us the victory.

3rd There is a victory that is absolutely final

v.8

nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

The Book of Job Records a War Between a Man and Satan...

"Job Follows You Because He's Healthy and Rich, Take it Away and He'll Hate You."

- signed Satan

I mean not to scare you but Satan has that right today in your life and mine!

Luke 22:31

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren."

Question:

Did Job Win in the End?

Did Peter Win in the End?

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me," Says the LORD.

With Every Passing Day, Satan's Doom Approaches.

SALVATION IS THE VICTORY OF GOD!

II.) Our victory is an overwhelming victory

vv. 9-10

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him

Notice This Please;
(It doesn't matter how it reads, it sounds good).

"So the great dragon was cast out **"**

so, so, so, SO, so

Notice with me, the Intel on Satan; A vivid Compendium of Our Enemy

He is "the **great dragon**"
(The kingdoms and nations that he controls)

He is "that **serpent of old**",
(The spiritual homicide he committed in Eden)

He is "the **Devil**"
(Diabolos = the slandering accuser)

And He is "**Satan**"
(Our chief adversary, our enemy opponent)

And This Has Been His Intent / Mission

"...who deceives the whole world..."

It's Been His Mode of Operation from The Beginning!

Satan is effectively deceiving the whole world as we speak.

1 John 5:19

We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world** is under the control of **the evil one**. = *Satan*

This Control can only be broken by the One who defeated
Satan, - - Jesus Christ.

You can try anything, you can try everything,
You visit the temples and shrines, you can take that pill, and you can chant a
mantra - You can be confirmed, baptized, you can be degreed and ordained,

If you don't know Jesus Christ personally - -
you are still lost and blinded by Satan's powers.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

We Are Warring Against a Kingdom of Darkness
(That darkness is advancing).

John 9:4

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming when no one can work.*

Matthew 10:32

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33**
But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Our victory is an overwhelming victory.

2nd Because our true desire is overwhelmingly fulfilled v.10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come,

We know exactly who these loud people are in heaven:

- It's Calvary Chapel Chino Hills

“**Now** salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come,...”

Revelation 6:9

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. **10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” **11** Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*

Destination: Heaven!

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*” **10** But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Like The Travel Channel - *where is that place?*

Destination: Heaven!

Romans 8:34

Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*” **37** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our victory is an overwhelming victory.

3rd Because our true accuser is overwhelmingly stopped

v. 10b

for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Yes He's The Accuser, what does he say?
And Yes It is He, Who accuses us before Our God, when?

Day and Night, Always?

Revelation 4:8

*The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And **they do not rest day or night**, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" **9** Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **11** "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

Satan says - "Did you see what Jack did today?"

God says -

"I can't hear you, the worship is so loud! -
Did you ask me what Jesus did today?"

SALVATION IS THE VICTORY OF GOD !

III.) This victory comes at a great price

vv. 11-12

1st This gift of Salvation is of the Lord

v.11-12

And they (Those Believers During the Tribulation Period) **overcame** him (The Dragon) **by the blood** of the Lamb and **by the word** of their testimony, and **they did not** love their lives to the death. **:12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!

When Jesus Christ **Ministered** On Earth,
He Shattered Satan's Realm.

And When Jesus Christ **Preached** on Earth,
He Liberated Captured Hearts and Minds

And When Jesus Christ **Taught** On Earth
He Equipped His Followers to War against Satan

And When Jesus Christ **Died and Rose Again,**
He Destroyed Satan's Power - Forever

The Way to Overcoming...

By The Blood / By The Word / By The Love

Philippians 1:20-21

according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. **:21** For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

the word of their testimony

Is that they effectively argued that the Word of God is True
and by the evidence of their changed Lives!

the public and private preaching of the word of GOD

Acts 13:47

For so the Lord has commanded us: *"I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."* **:48** Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. **:49** And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. **:50** But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. **:51** But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1 John 2:13

I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Verse 11

and **they did not** love their lives to the death.

Matthew 10:38

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. :39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

John 6:66

From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. :67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" :68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. :69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Here is the Prescription for Eternal Security and Spiritual Victory.

"by the **Blood** of the **Lamb**"
"by the **Word** of their **Testimony**

...and they did not love their lives to the death.
(void of idolatry)

They Had Given Up, Surrendered to God
- so that HE could live through them.
That's How a Christian Wins !

Verse 12

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!

Therefore (because, on account of, as a result...)

Those In Heaven will Rejoice!

The Church having been Raptured, will Rejoice in Heaven
The Old Testament Believers in Heaven, They will be Rejoicing
There will be Those Martyred during the Tribulation Period, They Rejoice

O heaven(s)
The Angels Also - Traversing the Heavens,
from God's throne thru the starry heavens down to earth.

Those Who Dwell in Them

This victory comes at a great price

2nd This gift rejected leaves man no other hope v.12b

Have You Ever Had a Really Crummy Neighbor, and When that Neighbor Moves Away you "Rejoice"... but that crummy neighbor just moved into another neighborhood...

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea (dwellers)!

By What Means will you Redeem Yourself,
- How?

Why Is Jesus Christ Such an Issue for You
- Why?

Acts 4:11-12

This is the "stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone." :12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

This victory comes at a great price

3rd This gift - is a once in this life-time chance to escape v.12

For the devil has come down to you, (you, who?) (you earth-dwellers that's who) having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

**The Meaning of this Message
Must be That...**

There is an Epic Battle being Waged.
And We're In It.

What Role Are You Playing?

END OF STUDY