

**THE
GREAT
SPIRITUAL
BATTLE**

REVELATION 12:1-17

The Great Actors Of The Tribulation Period

A. The Woman - Israel

B. The Dragon - Satan

C. The Man-Child - Christ

D. Michael - The Angels

E. Israel - The Remnant of the Seed of the Woman

F. The Beast Out of The Sea -

The Anti-Christ/World Dictator

G. The Beast Out of the Earth -

The False Prophet /World Religious Leader

I. The Woman Clothed With the Sun (12:1-2)

Revelation 12:1-2

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

I. The Woman Clothed With the Sun (12:1-2)

A. An Old Testament Interpretation

Genesis 37:9-11

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

I. The Woman Clothed With the Sun (12:1-2)

B. The Travail of the Woman

Sufferings of Israel At Christ's Birth

Isaiah 9:1-2

1 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Daniel 7:7-8

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:24

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

II. The Great Red Dragon - Satan (12:3-4)

Revelation 12:3-4

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

II. The Great Red Dragon - Satan (12:3-4)

**A. Seven Heads, Ten Horns, Seven Crowns =
Revived Roman Empire**

B. The significance of “Red”

C. The Tail - Fallen angels which follow Satan

D. The Action of the Dragon

Matthew 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

III. The Man-Child – Christ (12:5-6)

Revelation 12:5-6

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

III. The Man-Child – Christ (12:5-6)

A. Old Testament Revelation

Psalms 2:9

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

B. “Caught Up” - Christ’s ascension

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

III. The Man-Child – Christ (12:5-6)

C. The Woman's 3 ½ year Flight

Daniel 9:27

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

IV. Satan Cast Out of Heaven (12:7-9)

Revelation 12:7-9

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

IV. Satan Cast Out of Heaven (12:7-9)

A. By Michael the archangel

B. Four Pictures of Satan

- 1. The Great Dragon - Empire he dominates**
- 2. That Old Serpent - His Actions in Eden**
- 3. Devil - Slandering**
- 4. Satan - Hebrew for “adversary”**

V. Satan's Wrath and Ultimate Victory of the Saints

(12:10-12)

Revelation 12:10-12

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

V. Satan's Wrath and Ultimate Victory of the Saints

(12:10-12)

A. "Salvation"

Deliverance and completion of the divine program

B. The Victory of the Saints

1. Blood of the Lamb

Nullifies the accusations of Satan

2. Word of their testimony

Opposes Satan's lies by preaching truth

3. Loved not their lives unto death

Martyrdom - (Symra - 2:10)

C. Satan's wrath released because his end is near

VI. Persecution of Israel in the Great Tribulation

(12:13-16)

Revelation 12:13-16

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

VI. Persecution of Israel in the Great Tribulation (12:13-16)

A. Satan's First Target – Israel

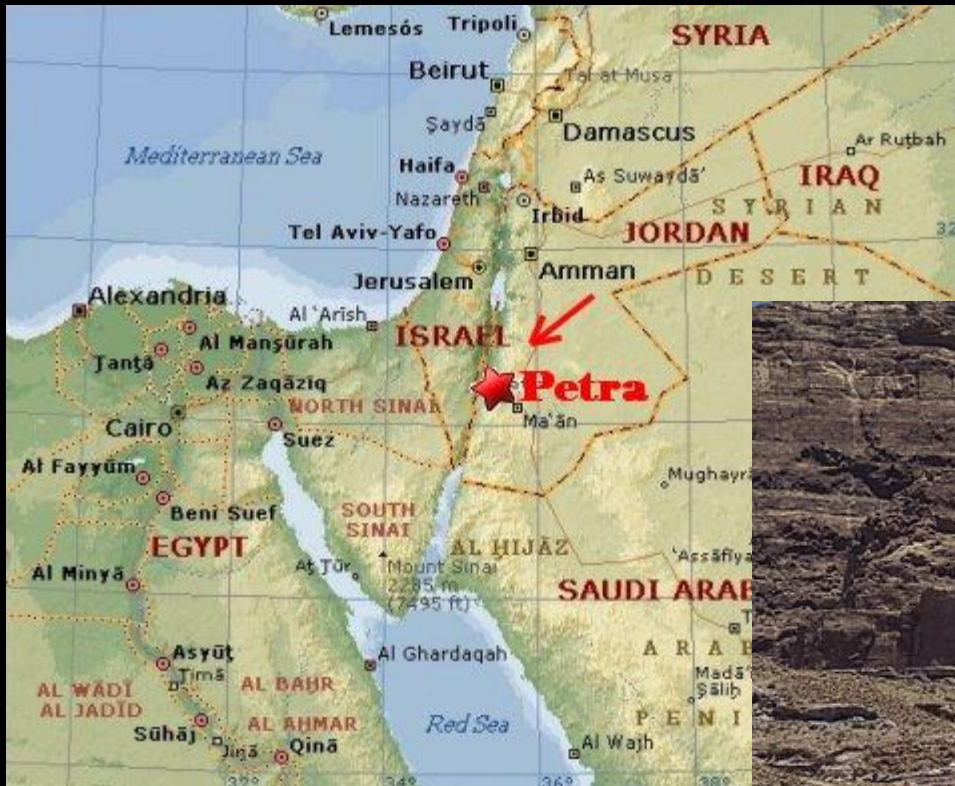
Matthew 24:16

Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

B. The Length of Persecution - 3 1/2 years

C. The Method of Persecution/Miracle of Salvation

VI. Persecution of Israel in the Great Tribulation (12:13-16)



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D. Divine Help - Eagle's Wings

Exodus 19:4

Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

VII. The Persecution of the Godly Remnant of Israel (12:17)

Revelation 12:17

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 13:8

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

**Christ Has Won The Battle
For You**