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Revelation 12: The Jews, The Devil and Our Victorious God



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The road for the Jews has been a rough one, but God is getting them through it. You see, God has promised them land, salvation, and a king – and Rev. 12 is a key passage confirming this, for it summarizes His work with the Jews throughout their history. This chapter takes us from the birth of the Jews to the birth of Jesus, skips the church age, and then focuses on the last half of Daniel's 70th week. In spite of Satan's continual attacks against the Jews for over 4,000 years, God has continually given them the victory. When we see the big picture of God's working with the Jews, we must conclude that they are not losers, but winners, for God has, and will, fulfill His wonderful plans for them. Psalm 33:10-12

Revelation 12 starts with signs, the first being that of a woman, and she is not Mary, nor the church, but rather, is representing Israel and her twelve tribes (Genesis 37:1-11). The woman's primary purpose was to give birth to Jesus, to bring Him into the world, but it was hard labor,

a long 2000-year battle with the forces of darkness.

These evil forces are described in the next sign, that of a dragon **(Revelation 12:3-4)**, and this is the Jew-hating devil who, with the help of 1/3 of the spirits, does all he can to devour the woman's child, to thwart the Jews and abort the birth of Jesus. We see that Satan works through eight beast empires, the crowns on 7 heads referring to 7 devilish kingdoms who, in the past, have been opposing and oppressing the Jews: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and I believe, Hitler's third Reich. All this is leading to the future and final ten-horned 8th kingdom, one ruled by the Antichrist.

The 6th kingdom, the Roman empire, led by Herod and Satan, was not able to stop Israel from giving birth to Jesus, and also failed in her devilish scheme to kill Him by murdering little baby boys. The first 2000 years of Jewish history were extremely difficult, but by God's grace, the woman persevered through the labor pains, and finally, Jesus was born. But nothing is said in **Revelation 12:5** about Jesus being a Savior, about His sacrificial death and resurrection, and nothing is said about the church, just the fact that He will be the King ruling all the nations, and that, as we know, is at His 2nd coming. The church age is skipped over because the focus is on the Jews and on Jesus, and that He was taken to heaven, and that at the end of His 1st coming.

Revelation 12:6 summarizes God's dealings with the Jews during the last half of Daniel's 70th week, with verses 7-16 expanding on verse 6, giving more details about the last 3½ years of that most important week. There will be a great heavenly battle **(Revelation 12:7-9)**, with Michael and his angels soundly defeating the devil and his demons, who will forever be cast out of heaven. This divine drama is far bigger than you can imagine, for the outworking of Christ's crushing defeat of Satan at the cross is seen in that this deceiver, this accuser, will be thrown down to earth. Heaven will be so happy, for she will finally be done with the devil. But *"woe to the earth,"* for the devil will literally be on this

earth, and he will be mad, full of wrath, his utter hate for God now focused now focused on both Jews and Christians.

But you must know that Satan's time on earth will be very short. You need not fear, for God's promise is that you will defeat the devil. By the blood of Jesus, you are saved, and forever safe in the hands of God. By the truth of God, by Jesus' love for you and your love for Jesus, you will overwhelmingly conquer in all these things. **Revelation 12:10-12**

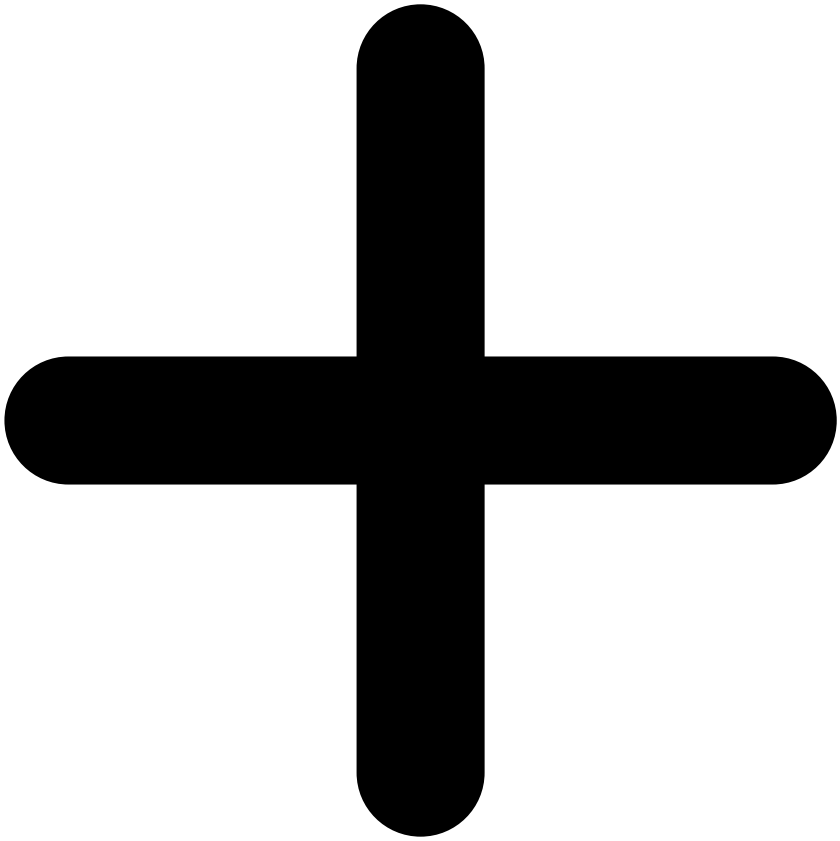
Once on earth, the devil empowers his man, and he becomes a beast, a superman, this Antichrist who pursues a remnant of Jews. But again we see God's victory, for somehow, they miraculously get away from the Antichrist and his forces of evil, and are then nourished, taken care of for 3½ years **(Revelation 12:13-16)**. Then that evil devil, who couldn't get to the Jews, goes after the church **(Revelation 12:17)**. As we know, Christians will also be victorious, for whether by death or by rapture, they will be taken up to be with Jesus. *"Who will separate us from the love of Christ?"* Romans 8:35

Over four thousand years ago, God's plan for the Jews began, and they have been persecuted, murdered, and scattered throughout the earth. By the grace of God, they were successful in phase one, for 2000 years ago, they brought Jesus into the world. God's plan for the Jews was then suspended, but has now been revived, for the Jews are back in their own land, and phase two is beginning, for now we live in the end-times.

It won't be long before Daniel's 70th week begins, and the Antichrist, that weakling, will again put up a fight. But at the end of that 7-year week, God will again get the victory for His people, the spiritual salvation of a Jewish remnant (Romans 11:25-27). That devilish Antichrist will finally be defeated, and cast forever into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20). Then begins the millennial kingdom, when Jesus Christ will gloriously reign over the whole world with all the believing Jews and Gentiles. Hallelujah!!! Revelation 20, Psalm 47, Psalm 67,

Psalm 72

P.S. Understanding God’s working with the Jews is critically important when it comes to understanding prophecy. If you haven’t read these already, I would encourage you to read A Jewish Reading Lesson and Charting God’s Miraculous Work With the Jews .



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