

Satan's Focus on Israel Revelation 12

I. The Woman and the Dragon -12:1-6

1. God predicts this conflict – Gen. 3:15
God faces Adam & Eve with their disobedience – Gen. 3:8-13
They blame their sin on the serpent (Satan)
2. God Pronounces a curse upon the serpent (Satan) – 3:14
Humbling this beautiful creature who was under Satan's control
3. God predicts conflict between Satan & the woman – 15
The focus of this conflict will be on her offspring
Her offspring will ultimately bruise the serpent's head
And the serpent shall bruise his heel
4. There will be conflict throughout human history
But in the end there will be a child to destroy Satan
But this child will also suffer a wound
5. This woman is blessed of God because of her offspring – 1
She was clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet
On her head a crown of twelve stars (her 12 sons, Israel)
6. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains – 2
In agony of giving birth
While this is true for women who bare children, it is true of her as she watched her Son suffer for the sins of the world
The offspring becomes the point of the conflict as Satan seeks to destroy Him
7. There is another sign involved in this conflict – 3
It is a great red dragon, with 7 heads and 10 horns
On his 7 heads were 7 diadems
(crowns representing nations in the fight)
8. The tail of this dragon swept down 1/3 of the stars of heaven -4
These are fallen angels (demons) who made up Satan's kingdom
9. The dragon stood before the woman when she gave birth - 4
So when she bore her child, he might devour it – 4
When Mary gave birth to Jesus,
Satan stirred Herod in an attempt to kill Him
10. This male child is One who will rule the nations with a rod of Iron (This is the Son of God) – 5
11. This child was caught up to God & to His throne – 5
12. The woman (Israel) has fled into the wilderness – 6
Where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days (3 ½ years)

II. Satan is Cast Out of Heaven – 12:7-12

1. The conflict moves to heaven – 7
The angel Michael & angels fight with the dragon & his angels
2. Dragon & his angels are defeated – 8
No longer a place for them in heaven
3. Great dragon was thrown down, the ancient serpent– 9
The one called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world
He was thrown down to earth & his angels with him
4. A loud voice cries in celebration in heaven – 10-11
“Salvation & power of God's kingdom & authority of Christ have come”
“The accuser of our brothers' has been thrown down”
“Who accuses them day and night before our God” – like Job
5. “They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb” – 11
“And by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death”
6. “Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them” – 12
“But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in Great wrath, because he knows that his time is short”
Remember the rapture will take believers to heaven before this happens.

III. Dragon Pursues the Woman – 12:13-17

1. When the dragon sees he is cast out – 13
He will take his anger out on the woman (Israel)
2. God fights for the woman (Israel) – 14
She is given two wings of a great eagle to escape into wilderness
Where she is nourished for 3 ½ years
3. Serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth – 15
To sweep her away with a flood
4. But the earth came to help the woman – 16
The earth opened its mouth & swallowed the river
5. Dragon was furious, made war on rest of her offspring – 17
Who keep commandments of God & hold to testimony of Jesus
He (Satan) stands on the sand of the sea –
Introduces the beast – 13:1

