

# “The biography of the beast”

Part 23



# War ... in heaven

## During the Great Tribulation, Satan will wage a war in heaven (Rev 12:7-9)

- Satan does not prevail
- His defeat entails his final “fall”:

**Is 14:12** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

**Lk 10:18** And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

- His original fall from Lucifer to Satan (Is 14, Ezk 28)
- His “fall” to stop the Church
- His fall during the Great Tribulation
- His fall into the Bottomless Pit
- His fall at the end of the Millennium
- His ultimate fall into the Lake of Fire

## 7. Satan's plan concerning God's people:

**Rev 12:10-11** 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.

- He is the "accuser of the brethren": Job
- He wants to devour believers:

**1 Pet 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

## 8. How can believers defeat him?

**Rev 12:11** 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.

- Resist him: **1 Pet 5:9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith,
- Use the weapons at our disposal:

**2 Cor 10:4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,

**Eph 6:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

## 9. Our greatest weapon against Satan:

- The blood of the Lamb

1 Peter 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Col 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

- The word of our testimony – 2 Pet 3:15
- Loving Jesus more than life – Mt 10:39, 16:25

## 10. The wrath of Satan

Rev 12:12-13 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.”<sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

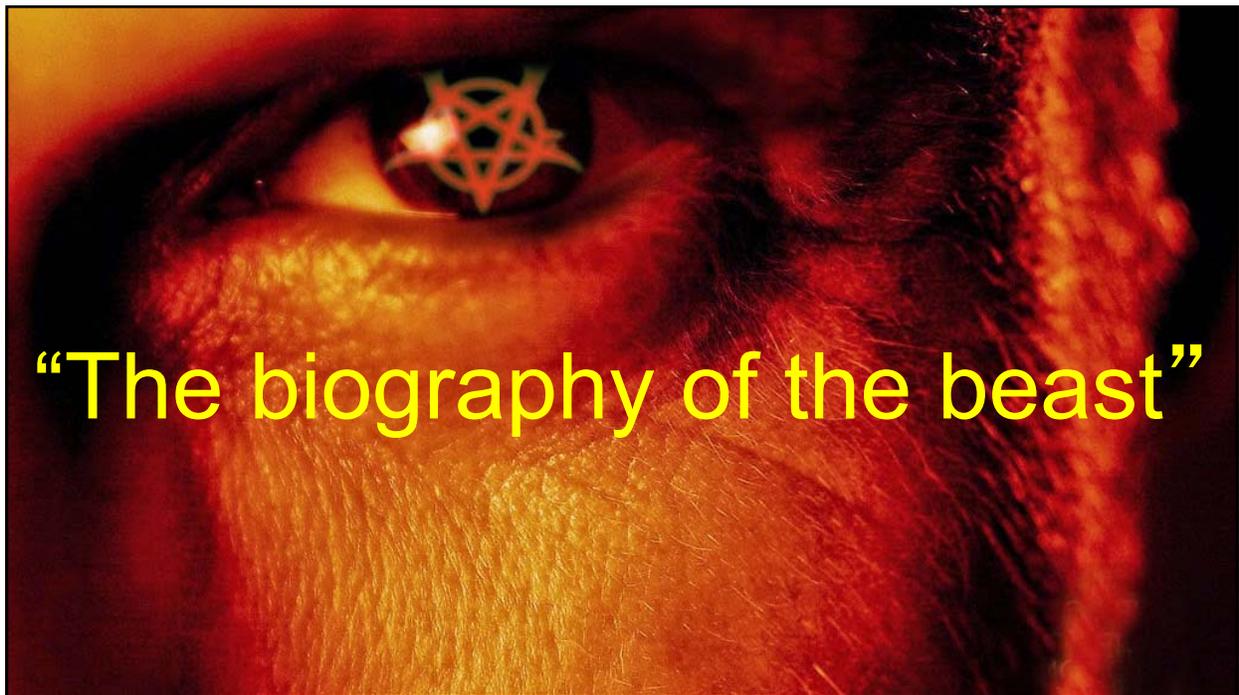
- Satan realizes his time is running out
- He ramps up his persecution of Israel

## 11. God protects Israel

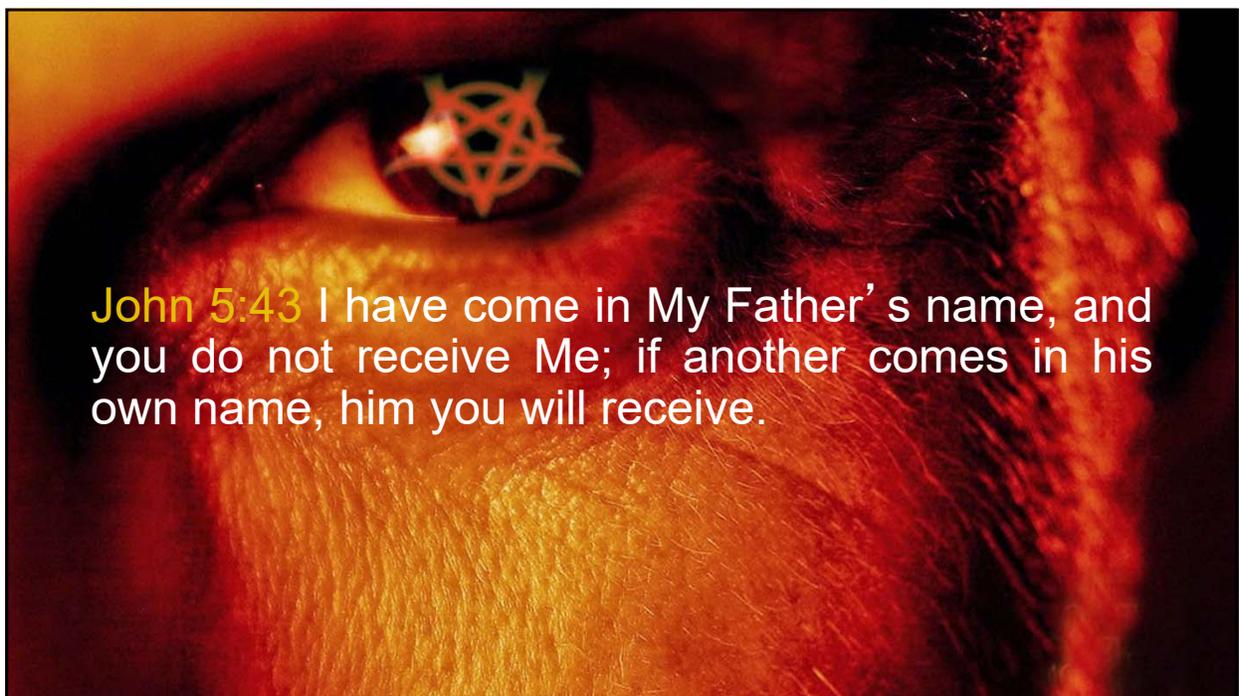
**Rev 12:14-16** But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup>So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

## 12. The dragon vents his rage on the believers on earth

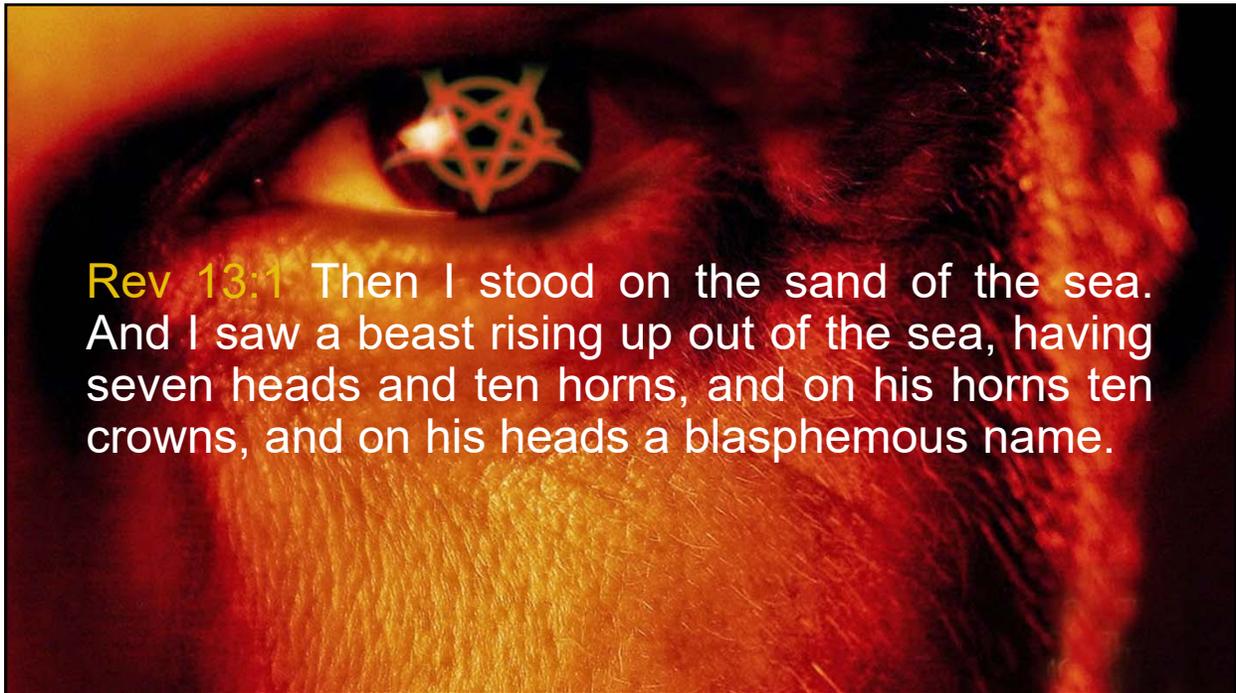
**Rev 12:17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



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**John 5:43** I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.



## 1. Satan seeks to counterfeit God

- Satan sought to be God:

Is 14:13,14 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; ... I will be like the Most High.'

- The Anti-Christ is, essentially, the son of Satan:

Rev 13:2,7 The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ... And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

**2 Thess 2:9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

**1 Jn 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

- **Jesus is the human manifestation of God, the Father:**

**John 14:9** He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

**Col 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

- **The Anti-Christ is the human manifestation of Satan**

## 2. Why a beast?

It seems fitting that since men have embraced Darwinism for the past century and have come to believe he is nothing more than a beast, God gives them a beast to worship and follow.

## 3. Satan wears crowns?

- **Satan does have authority:**

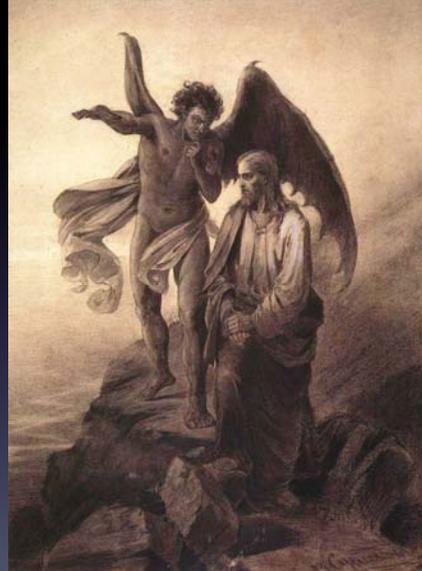
**Is 14:13** I will exalt my throne above the stars of God

**Eph 6:11-12** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>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.

- **The diadems of Satan & the Beast contrast with the many diadems of Jesus**

- **Dunamis** = the Greek word used in the N.T. to describe unstoppable, unhindered power.
- **Before Jesus's resurrection, Satan had this power:**

**Mt 4:8-9** Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."



**After Jesus' resurrection & Pentecost, this power was given to believers:**

**Lk 10:19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- **Exousia** = power subject to another
- **This is the power Satan has now:**

**Eph 2:2** 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,

**Col 1:13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

**Acts 26:18** to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God,

