

Revelation: The Time is Near

A Great Sign in Heaven

Revelation 12

Revelation Review:

- John on Patmos, **revealed** Jesus in glory
- **The end of the world (as we know it) - The Great Tribulation**
- **Judgment on the nations and those who follow satan**
- **A last ditch effort to get the world to repent**
- **As bad as this is, hell is worse.** This is 7 years, hell is forever.

Previously:

- The Two Witnesses (Elijah & Moses)
- Beast Wages War on them
- Death & Resurrection
- Seventh Angel/Trumpet Sounds
- Kingdoms of the world have become Kingdoms of Christ - proclamation
- 24 Elders Worship - You have taken you great power, nations were angry, all will be judged

Current Events

- Bill Gates says all wealthy nations should eat 100% synthetic beef - e.g. vegetarian, to stop global warming...methane...cow flatulence (they willfully forget the millions of buffalo that roamed before we had millions of cattle) - Genesis God tells Noah and fam to eat meat and plants now
- Russia apparently wants war over by 5/9 to commemorate victory over Nazis
- "Real Food Shortages" coming says White House...famine
- Supreme Court nominee can't even define woman and the job is literally defining the Constitution - Rom 1:28 reprobate mind
- Revelation! Over simplification - OT through Acts mainly history and redemption plan and fulfillment, letters from apostles mainly instruction in righteousness and doctrine, then Revelation - wow, what is this! Everything revealed. From Jesus, the Father, Heaven, behind the scenes of all history and what's to come. Instruction so clear no current event from Pentecost through the Millenial Reign and Judgment can be looked at accurately without seeing it through the lens of Revelation! (truth bomb)

[Pray]

The Word is good. It is good to be in the Word. Let it wash you.

Ash and I talking about practical application...there's a place for it in scripture, specific epistles talk about it, but I think the practical application here is getting heavenly insight, a heavenly

*mind, a forward-looking mind, knowing what's going on behind the scenes spiritual so we can practically interpret what's going on physically **and not be deceived and be ready for Christ's return.** It doesn't get more practical than that.*

Living your best life? How to get along with folks around you? All well and good, but I think we're ready for spiritual meat to eat. Some of what's out there being taught at church is what Bill Gates would approve of - 100% synthetic meat made of spiritual milk.

Revelation 12:1-6

A great sign appeared in heaven

Great - external form or sensible appearance of things, number large/abundant, elder age, of a rank, grand scale, great things

Sign - wonder, mark, token, unusual occurrence

[Mat 16:1-4 NKJV] 1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, '[It will be] fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 "and in the morning, '[It will be] foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot [discern] the signs of the times. 4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Appeared - there was the crystal sea earlier, and I likened it to almost like a large TV in heaven able to peer down on earth - again my weak picture of it

I have a feeling in a sense this is over it like a large hologram, playing out before all those in heaven to see

Interesting that it's IN HEAVEN

The sign in heaven shows the spiritual truth behind the events on earth

Remember: Revelation tells of many things happening over a short and long period of time. Things that happen in conjunction and within and around each other. It's linear, but not 100% so and we're stepping back for a picture of all of history and the last few years of it before the millennial reign.

What greater sign than the story of redemption, Jesus being foretold through a nation for millenia and then born into the world!

A woman - this is clearly Israel. Any other interpretation is straining hard at a gnat trying to get it to say what they want it to say (Catholics: Mary, being one of the interpretations)

Joseph's second dream

[Gen 37:9-11 NKJV] 9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." 10 So he told [it] to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What [is] this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter [in mind].

From Commentary:

i. In other Old Testament passages, Israel (or Zion or Jerusalem) is often represented as a woman (Isaiah 54:1-6, Jeremiah 3:20, Ezekiel 16:8-14, and Hosea 2:19-20).

Other women in Revelation

- Jezebel is associated with a religious system promoting false teaching (Revelation 2:20)
- The Great Harlot is associated with false religion (Revelation 17:2)
- The Bride is associated with the church (Revelation 19:7-8)

Cried out gave birth - to the Messiah

Another sign - great red dragon

Satan

Seven heads

10 horns

Kingdoms and rulers under his power during Trib

Interesting 7 tends to be God's number of perfection, completion

10 associated with law - 10 commandments, 10% of earnings, passover selected on 10th day

Satan's earthly kingdom and power trying to make itself look perfect, holy - like his self-appointed authority is godly and his rule of tyranny right

His tail drew...third stars

Again showing a fall of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the angels to follow him, going down to earth with him in revolt to God

Ready to devour the child - what a picture, standing before her so as soon as born he can kill

He's obviously behind all of the abortions - California will burn first

Just like with Joseph, Moses, Pharoah, and ultimately Jesus - trying to eliminate God's people from the beginning - get rid of the salvation plan

Male Child - Jesus

Herod killing all the babies 2 and under, Joseph and Mary having to flee with baby Jesus
Ultimately killing him on the cross, but not devoured

Rule all nations with an iron sceptor

To happen during the millennial reign, no choice but to be righteous for 1000 years - after, if you still don't like it...

Ps 2 (we read last week), and

[Rev 19:15 NKJV] 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Child caught up - Jesus' ascension

Woman flees to place prepared for her - Israel doesn't go in the rapture with her child
3 ½ years

In some sense, I think Satan's focus has been heaven's throne for all of history, up until the midpoint of the tribulation. Not to say it still isn't there, but based on things that happen, the signs we're reading and future events told us, it seems his whole focus isn't on earth as the launching point of the campaign until halfway through the Trib.

The church still exists, and will until God says it's time to go home - the rapture - just like the witnesses in a way.

Israel still exists, has come back, has been afforded some protection although satanic elements always try to destroy it (Nazis in WW2, middle-eastern/muslim sympathies now and through the millenia - crusades anyone?)

But Satan has had some form of access to heaven, as we're about to look at, up until this point so I think his campaigning for the throne was ultimately centered there and everything else secondary, if we can be as simple-minded as to make it one-dimensional and linear in purpose.

:7-9

War broke out IN heaven

Signs in heaven, now war in heaven

Remember, we experience time linearly, from God's perspective, it's beginning from the end and end from the beginning.

Satan and his angels had access -

[Job 1:6-7 NKJV] 6 Now there was a day (what day, regularly, this day in heavenly time?) when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

(about to read - the accuser of the brethren)

Also, if you weren't sure it was Satan, the Bible just makes it clear!

Ancient serpent - the same being in the garden

It's why I hate dragons and depictions of them in culture. They've always been satans picture, description or physical form

War of angelic hosts

I won't get into it deeply, but Michael is the chief warrior angel and the war is between angels. God's Angels win and Satan and his are cast out of heaven.

The coup goes hot. All those millenia accusing the brethren. Giving an account. Trying to prove that he's God and outsmart him. It crumbles. Turns to hot war.

We can see this in different forms of government and parliaments, over time, going from "political discourse" to actual brawls and civil war.

:10-12

The loud voice returns

The authority of Christ have come - to what? Silence and remove the accuser.

No other authority can do that.

"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and sound mind" 2 Tim 1:7

Satan accuses all believers, we hear it, we feel it, God's blood defends us

The Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony

- God's blood is all that saves us
- Our testimony is evidence of the blood and the bible lived out in us, but that doesn't save us

- Which is why i think the twofold here of blood & testimony is really about the tribulation saints of both Israel and Gentiles - remember the martyrs crying out, clothed in white, when will they be avenged?
- Because it talks of them not loving their life unto the death - and not every believer dies a martyr prior to the Trib - although what a glorious way to go, to glorify God with the giving of your very life, should he allow it

Therefore rejoice o heavens and those who dwell there!

Woe unto those who live on the earth and sea (interesting creatures as well, but interesting also given the ufo stuff we see in news and culture, all demonic in origin)

Great wrath - because he knows his time is short!

Wrath - God's wrath is being poured out and now Satan's is as well now. Fun times!

It's obvious now. He's lost his freedoms. He no longer has heavenly access. He knows he's only got a little time left to do his work and build his army and condemn as many souls as possible and torture as many as who love God. All out. No stops.

There is a spiritual holding back - as we've looked at - now. The Holy Spirit prevents full-out evil from taking over. But we can tell our time is short in this world as the days grow darker.

:13-14

When the dragon saw that he was cast down to earth.

Don't quote me - but it's like he got knocked out. Beaten so bad and thrown out to earth that when he finally comes to he realizes that he's not in Kansas anymore.

So he can't attack the angels or heaven anymore, so what's the low hanging fruit? Israel and the saints that remain

Mid-trib now - I believe this is where the antichrist is fully possessed by Satan as opposed to just under control (Satan wanted Moses' body), he claims to be God in the new temple, and I believe whatever religious freedom there was before (pluralism, not Christianity accepted) is totally obliterated and turns into complete and total worship of him. Perhaps timing of the mark is now.

Flees to wilderness.

[Mat 24:15-22 NKJV] 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. 18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 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 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.

Nourished for 3 ½ years

- Divine protection keeps them safe
- Wings of an Eagle, Do her allies who oppose the fully-demonic AC step in an help evacuate?
- Theory of it being in Petra, rock city (if you've seen Indiana Jones 3 you've seen Petra)
- Apparently Christians have stockpiled things there for this time for Trib saints/Messianic Israel

For some reason doesn't go there - other distractions in the world - like the two witnesses.
Like rulers who don't bend the knee
Like getting an army ready

:15-17

Serpent spews water out of his mouth (when time is up)

Interesting water - God has a fiery sword, Water of the word, the Flood - a false impersonation of God, trying to get rid of God's people

- a huge political propaganda campaign to malign the people and make his case to the world
- a scientific "truth" campaign against the people genetically, spiritually
- Maybe there's even some actual flooding - piping in water, his own judgment against those who disobey him
- Perhaps an army amassed to go in, both physical and spiritual

The earth helps the woman! Swallowed the flood.

- Interesting that the Earth helps the people and not man helping the earth like current ideology

[Num 16:28-33 KJV] 28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for [I have] not [done them] of mine own mind. 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; [then] the LORD hath not sent me. 30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that [appertain] unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. 31 And it

came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that [was] under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that [appertained] unto Korah, and all [their] goods. 33 They, and all that [appertained] to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

[Isa 59:19 KJV] 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

- Swallows up physical water, if any
- Prevents and stops troops from getting in

Reminds me of the Red Sea falling in on the army of Pharaoh

Then the dragon was angry with the woman

What, he wasn't before? You know how it is, his wrath turns from one place to another when he keeps failing and being thwarted

Couldn't and didn't get victory in "Petra" (wherever this is taking place)

Turns and goes out across the whole world to wage war directly with believers - Messianic and Gentile alike

[Pro 28:15 KJV] 15 [As] a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; [so is] a wicked ruler over the poor people.

[1Pe 5:9 NKJV] 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

There are people being persecuted now.

The church is being warred on throughout all of history, Israel as well.

Don't think we aren't now - the assault on freedom of speech, on everything that is holy. It is all over the world and it is here now. If things continue on this path in America, we can expect to lose our jobs (livelihood) and our lives for our faith in He who is True.

[Luk 21:28 NKJV] 28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Rev 12:12a "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!"