

The **REVELATION** of Jesus Christ

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CHAPTERS TWELVE, THIRTEEN, AND FOURTEEN – THE MINISTRY OF THE ANTICHRIST

In our previous studies of chapter 12 we identified the key figures (*the woman, the man child, the great red dragon*) in order to gain a clear view of the details taking place during the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation period.

- The woman – _____
- The man child – The _____
- The red dragon – That old serpent, called the devil, and _____

Revelation twelve provides us with details concerning the final conflict between the woman and the dragon. Today we will begin with an overview of its text which will cause us to come face to face with the most _____ character the world will ever know – the _____.

THE BEAST – PART ONE – REVELATION 12-13

1. An overview of chapter 12

- Details concerning the final conflict between the remnant of Israel and the Devil:
 - Israel (*dear to the heart of God – Hosea 3:19-20*) appears as a great wonder in heaven – **verse 1**
 - She is ready to deliver the Messiah (*the man child*) – **verse 2**
 - The Devil appears as another wonder in heaven in the form of a great red dragon – **verse 3**
 - The scene moves down to planet earth as this red dragon draws 1/3 part of the angels (*stars – Rev. 6:13*) to his side and then casts them to the earth... he stands poised to _____ the Jewish Messiah when he is born – **verse 4**; Mt. 2:16; Lk. 4:16-30; Jo. 8:12-59; 10:19-39; 18:1-6; 18:7-19:42
 - The Messiah is delivered through Israel (*as prophesied – Is. 9:6-7*); one day he will rule all nations socially, militarily, scientifically, scholastically, and spiritually. Christ, after being rejected by his own people Israel, is caught up into heaven to sit at the (*right-hand*) _____ of God... he patiently awaits his second coming to assume power over the earth – **verse 5**; Jo. 1:11; Acts 1:9; Rev. 19:11-16

CHURCH AGE TIME GAP OF 2,000 YEARS (God is dealing with Israel during this time of Rev. 12)

- The Israelites flee into the _____, to a place God had prepared; she is nourished there for 1,260 days – **verse 6**; Job 38:22-23; Jer. 50:19-20; Ezk. 20:35-36; Hosea 2:14-15; Mic. 7:14-15
- The scene moves back to heaven as we witness a _____ – the archangel Michael and his angels fight against Satan and his angels – **verse 7**; Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1
- Satan and his angels are permanently cast out of heaven to the earth; he is no longer the prince of the power of the air – **verses 8-9**; Eph. 2:2
- A loud voice in heaven proclaims that the Devil – the _____ of the saints, is cast out... the voice states that the saints overcame him (*and his accusations*) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony because they loved not their lives unto death – **verses 10-11**
- The voice now shouts hope and judgment – “*Rejoice ye heavens and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea...*” [Because] the Devil is wroth, he plans to wreak havoc... he knows his time is _____! – **verse 12**
- The Devil, realizing his power is limited, _____ Israel – **verse 13**
- It is recounted again to us that Israel flees to the wilderness, but this time we are told she will fly on _____ of a great eagle; we are reminded that she will be supernaturally protected and fed for 3 ½ years (*a time, times, and half a time*) – **verse 14**; Mt. 24:15-21
- A literal flood of _____ is issued from the devil to destroy Israel, but the earth opens up just in time to save them – **verses 15-16**; Daniel 9:26; Jer. 12:5; 46:7-8 (*just like in Ex. 14-15*)
- After this the Devil (*in a last ditch effort*) makes _____ with the remnant of Israel (*those who keep the OT commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*) – **verse 17**

2. The Beast – Revelation 13:1-2

- This beast rises out of the _____
 - This is likely the Mediterranean Sea –

 - This sea is connected to three continents:
 - 1) Middle East _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____

- This beast is *primarily* like unto a _____ with the feet of a _____ and a mouth like a _____
 - A leopard is yellowish-brown like an _____
 - A leopard has a stomach that is white like a _____
 - A leopard has spots that are black like an _____

**This beast is a composite... he is integrated – he is like the beasts of Daniel 7; he is like another creature found in Job 40... The Behemoth –*

- This beast is _____ from the dragon of chapter 12

<u>Chapter 12</u> Great red dragon 7 heads and ten horns... 7 crowns on each of his 7 heads No name written on his heads Comes _____ from heaven	<u>Chapter 13</u> Like a leopard with bear's feet and a lion's mouth 7 heads and ten horns... 10 crowns on the 10 horns (no crowns on the 7 heads) Name of blasphemy written on his heads Comes _____ from the sea
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- This beast receives what he has from the _____
 - His _____
 - His _____
 - His _____

- This beast is none other than the second member of the Satanic trinity (Rev. 16:13) – the _____
 - A beast is representative of a king and a kingdom – Daniel 7:7, 17, 23
 - A king and kingdom are often interchangeable terms – Ezk. 27:3; 28:12, 14, 17; Is. 14:12-14, 22

**This beast, as the antichrist, is both a _____ and a _____.*

NEXT WEEK: THE BEAST – PART TWO – His persona and lineage...