

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 18

Chapter 12

- ✓ Satan is seen in Heaven in Job and in the book of Zechariah.

Verses 7-9 – When did that happen? Or has it happened yet? Does it happen during or after the Woman flees or does it happen sometime before?

- ✓ First of all, just observe - there is war in Heaven! Wow! I'm not sure if we were ready for that - "I thought Heaven was place of tranquility, perfection, evil" well it is but there are some things you need to know.
 1. Sin began in Heaven - Satan sinned before any man did and he did so in Heaven!
 2. Satan, because of man's sin, has had access to heaven for thousands of years.
 - ✓ Why you ask? Because we gave him the right to be there by our sin - He is our accuser before God.
 - ✓ We find him functioning in this role in Job 1:6-7 and again in Zechariah accusing Joshua the high priest.
 - ✓ Can you imagine what it has been like to be God and hear his constant accusations.
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- ✓ But it's not just people that Satan has accused - how could God forgive the likes of Abraham, David, or Job prior to Jesus' Death???
 - ✓ Technically, God couldn't arbitrarily forgive and remain apparently just - so He bore their accusation for hundreds of years until Jesus paid their penalty – Romans 3:23-26.
 - ✓ So once Jesus paid their penalty, Satan had no grounds of accusation cleansing the sinners that had died before hand, but not just those, also all sinners who would come after.
 - ✓ This is why I feel that this battle and Satan's expulsion from Heaven has taken place - I believe it took place when Jesus ascended with ultimate victory over Him and His angels.
 - ✓ Because of Jesus' sacrifice, he no longer has a place in Heaven Romans 8:1, 33-34
 - ✓ Hebrews 9:22-24 – Why would heaven have to be cleansed? Because Satan's been there!
 - ✓ How could Heaven be cleansed unless Satan had been kicked out permanently?
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Verse 10 – The Devil is on his way out: Out of his position as Cherub, Out of heaven down to earth, Out of Earth into the bottomless pit, Out of God's New creation into the outer darkness forever.

1. Cleansing – I John 1:7
 2. Confession – Message of Jesus is robbing him of his possession's faith comes by hearing.
 3. Commitment – Serve the Lord no matter what: live or die, sink or swim, once for all, now and forever, every inch, every ounce, every fiber given over to Jesus.
- ✓ What's the worst he can do? Death. And what does that do for you? Heaven!
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Verse 13 – Bible predicts that the last 7 years will be the worst of Israel's history.

Verse 14 – Given this same 3 1/2 year time period of the last half of Tribulation but it is given to us as Daniel described it: "Time and times and half a time."

Verse 15 – Waters can be people as is probably the case in chapter 13:1.

Verse 16 – That would have the earth swallowing up these armies that pursue Israel.

Verse 17

Chapter 13 The Antichrist is a really big subject: his kingdom and person is second only to the person and kingdom of Jesus in the Bible.

- ✓ He spans the entire width of the Scriptures being only third human that we are introduced to in the Bible: **Gen. 3:15 The Spawn of Satan.**
 - ✓ The Bible gives him no less than 33 titles in the O.T. and 13 in the New Testament that allude to him.
 - ✓ He is portrayed as both Jewish and Gentile both as a governmental leader and as a religious person even a religion himself.
 - ✓ He is not just one person but in reality two, Beast and False prophet of Chapter 13 – demarcated clearly here but the lines are blurred everywhere else.
 - ✓ Add all that to the fact that he is often inseparable from the movement and regime that he manipulates, and you have one complicated dude here.
 - ✓ It is almost impossible to overemphasize Israel's centrality in the end time scenario which should raise the hairs on your neck when you realize that every day She is becoming more central on the world's Geo-Political Horizon
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Verse 1 – This sea or waters is not literal any more than the Devil literally is a dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns or that the beast actually looks like his description here—these are symbolic references as is the case with the sea.

- ✓ These waters or sea is the sea of peoples from which this world leader rises.
 - ✓ What happens is that he rises twice with a phase one and a phase two of his administration.
 - ✓ **Phase I** = rise to prominence making a covenant with Israel and heading a one-world government.
 - ✓ **Phase II** = Supposedly being killed and then rising from the dead being fully possessed by Satan.
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- ✓ **Phase I** = Clever man who through intrigue pushes his way to the top of world dominance.
 - ✓ **Phase II = chapter 11:7**
 1. Just a clever man
 2. A supernatural entity who will command the world's worship.
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7 heads and 10 horns

- ✓ Remember I told you that this image represents both the man and his regime at the same time.
 - ✓ Antichrist is this beast, and he is also 1 of these 10 horns and he is also one of the 7 heads, in fact, he's both the 7th and the 8th (even though there technically isn't an 8th because the 7th and the 8th are one in the same.)
 - 1. These 10 horns represent 10 king and kingdom federation that will rule the world in the end times - **Revelation 17:12-13.**
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2. The rule of these 10 will be commandeered by another who will oust 3 of them leaving a remainder, along with himself, of 7. **Daniel 7:8**
 - ✓ Pay attention to that mouth because that is one his most distinguishing characteristics.
 - ✓ So, what once was 10 kingdoms is now 7 (7 heads) and the 7th dominates them all.
 3. He is the 7th and also the 8th: **Rev. 17:11**
 - ✓ How can this be? He has a Phase I and a Phase II.
 - ✓ Dragon in **Chapter 12:4** is described the same way except there are 10 crowns not 7 and they are on the horns not the heads.
 - ✓ They represent phase I and II of the same regime - the Dragon configuration is phase I and the Beast configuration is phase 2.
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