

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"Satan Expelled From Heaven"

Revelation 12:10-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. Why do I bring all this stuff up???

a) Remember in Daniel 10 we learned that some of Satan's crosshairs are on geographical targets.

1) Israel is a target.

2) America is a target.

3) The Church is a target.

4) Believers are strategic targets.

a. Satan uses the spirit of "Offense"

b. The spirit of offense is a demonic spirit that can attach itself to someone that is holding onto negative emotions in their heart like anger, bitterness, hate, pride, and especially unforgiveness. Those characteristics are a breeding ground for the spirit of offense. The enemy and his demonic kingdom are just waiting for an opportunity to come through an open door to wreak havoc in your life.

b) **Psalm 119:165**

2. We must never forget that we have been sent by the Lord Jesus Christ into hostile territory to preach the Gospel yet we are ignorant of our enemies ways.

3. Revelation 12 gives us some insight into Satan's strategy!!

a) **Ephesians 6:12**

4. Believers are to be aware of Satan's schemes.

a) **2 Corinthians 2:11**

b) **Ephesians 4:27**

c) **James 4:7**

5. The war raging between supernatural beings in the heavenly sphere will reach its peak during the tribulation.

a) This future conflict will find Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon.

b) **Daniel 10:12-13**

c) **1 Peter 5:8**

6. **Revelation 12:7-9; 10-17**

7.1 **Thessalonians 4:16-17**

8. Revelation 12:9

- a) **"Satan"** - means to oppose and is generally an O.T. term.
 - 1) Satan's opposition was/is of course towards God.
 - 2) **Isaiah 14 & Ezeiel 28**
 - 3) Satan is confined to the realm of the earth, but has access to the presence of God.
 - 4) **Acts 5:3**
- b) **"devil"** - gk, **"diabolos"** - means **"slanderer"**
 - 1) **Ephesians 6:11**
 - 2) **Romans 8:34**

THREE THINGS WILL HAPPEN WHEN SATAN IS THROWN OUT OF HEAVEN

I. PRAISE WILL ERUPT IN HEAVEN

1. Vs 10

- a) ***"and I heard a loud voice in heaven saying"***

2. Who is the loud voice in heaven?

- a) Many believe this to be the voice of a martyr.
 - 1) Remember Revelation 6:9-10

3. Vs 11

- a) ***"and they have conquered him..."***

4. How did they conquer him?

- a) ***"by the blood of the Lamb"***
 - 1) **Revelation 7:14**
 - 2) When Jesus shed His blood on Calvary, Satan's defeat was legislated that day.
 - 3) **Lyrics - "Thank You Jesus For The Blood"**
 - 4) There is ***"Power in the Blood"***
- b) ***"by the word of their testimony"***
 - 1) Martyrs throughout history have been killed because they wouldn't keep quiet about their faith.
 - 2) And they overcame the devil even in their death.
- c) ***"for they loved not their lives even unto death."***
 - 1) No one can say they have overcome the devil if they deny Christ in order not to be killed.
 - 2) History is filled with accounts of those who ***"did not love their lives to the death"***

5. The way we overcome the devil is the same way they overcame him.

6. *Romans 8:38-39*

II. THE ENERGY OF SATAN'S ATTACKS ON EARTH

A. A VICIOUS ASSAULT

1. Vs 12b

a) *"But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come to you in great wrath"*

b) *"because he knows that his time on earth is short!"*

2. The devil knowing that his time is short, landed on earth with wrath.

a) He has 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of freedom left before he is bound for 1000 years.

b) When the 1000 years are up, Satan will lead a brief rebellion against God and then he will be doomed for all eternity.

3. The intense and awful nature of the Great Tribulation is directly related to the wrath the devil brings with him to earth.

B. AN ANTI-SEMITIC ASSAULT

1. Vs 13

a) *"he pursued the woman"*

1) To **"pursue"** is to hunt with hostile intent.

b) Cf. Vs 6

2. The Antichrist persecution breaks upon them during the tribulation will be horrific!!!

a) ***Matthew 25:31 -40***

3. The devil hates Israel, because the Redeemer of mankind is a Jew.

a) ***Hebrews 2:15***

4. Makes perfect sense of what's happening today.

a) Satan is behind Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran.

b) Iran is the mastermind of Evil and Antisemitism.

5. No Israel - No Kingdom.

C. AN INTENSE ASSAULT

1. Vs 15

2. Satan's attacking force will be intense!!

a) Like the power and intensity of a flood.

3. Satan will make an effort to destroy every single Jew on the face of the earth.

D. THIS IS A FURIOUS ASSAULT

1. Satan's rage toward Israel will happen on TWO FRONTS

a) Against Israel

b) Against Believers

1) 144,000 saved Jews\

2. Vs 17

a) "*and the dragon became furious with the woman*"

1) Satan hates Jews - believers or not. Jews were targets.

2) And he wants to silence believers.

III. GOD PROVIDES PROTECTION

1. Vs 14, 16

2. God will protect Israel from complete annihilation.

a) Vs 14

1) "a time (1), and times (2), and half a time (1 half) = 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

3. The Tribulation is winding down and the intensity is turning up!!!

a) All according to God's plan.