

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"Two Wonders And A War"

Revelation 12:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. We have been sent by our Lord into hostile territory, (the kingdom of darkness) to proclaim the Gospel, yet we know very little of the enemy's ways.
2. Revelation 12 gives us some great insight into Satan's strategy.
3. The key players are God and Satan and angels and humans.
4. As saved humans we are to carry out on the earth the conflict being waged in Heaven.
5. **Revelation 12:1-9**

I. THE FIRST WONDER IN HEAVEN - THE WOMAN

1. Vs 1

a) "**Sign**" - (Wonder in KJV)

1) **Semeion** - Which means a sign that points to something of greater significance.

b) "**woman**" - not a real woman but points to something of greater significance.

2. The correct identity of the woman is - Israel.

a) Often described by the prophets as a woman in travail.

b) **Romans 9:5** points out that Christ came from the Jewish nation.

c) Christ is pictured in **Revelation 12** as being born of a woman, the woman can be none other than the nation of Israel.

3. Notice **Genesis 37** and Joseph's dream.

a) **Vs 5-11**

1) Jacob - Sun

2) Rachael - Moon

3) The stars were his brothers.

b) This is support that the woman was Israel.

II. THE SECOND WONDER IN HEAVEN - THE DRAGON

1. Vs 3

a) "**And another sign appeared in Heaven:**"

2. Vs 3

a) "*behold, a great red dragon*"

1) That would be Satan.

3. **REMEMBER** this is NOT a portrait of Satan!!!

a) This IS a description of the character and person of SATAN!!

4. ONLY in Revelation is Satan referred to as a DRAGON.

5. One commentary suggests that the "7 heads" represents 7 consecutive world empires running their course under Satan's domain.

a) Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

b) The Antichrist's future empire (Revelation 17:9-10) will be a 10 nation confederacy, ruled by the Antichrist, **Revelation 17:12**.

6. Vs 4

a) This is Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 when Lucifer/Satan was thrown out of Heaven.

1) And 1/3rd of the angelic host fell with him.

b) "**stars**" - angel

1) **Isaiah 14:12** NLT

2) Job 38:7

7. Vs 4b

a) "*...so that when she (Israel) bore her child he might devour it.*"

8. **Genesis 3:15** - (Proto Evangelium) = which is the first Gospel

9. **VERY, VERY IMPORTANT:**

a) **EVERY PERSON** linked to the bringing of God's Saving Seed to the human race was attacked by Satan through human agencies.

1) Remember when **Esau wanted to kill Jacob?**

b) The 12 sons of Jacob became the 12 tribes of Israel.

1) **JESUS WAS FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH**

c) Pharaoh tried to kill all the Hebrew babies in Egypt.

d) **REMEMBER THE STORY OF MOSES!!!**

1) **Genesis 15:13-16**

e) Satan sowed discord and sin among the sons of David in an attempt to destroy the lineage to Christ the Messiah.

f) Remember when Haman tried to destroy the Jews while they were in exile.

1) And Queen Esther was prepared for such a time as this?

h) Herod ordered the killing of all male children under the age of 2.

1) **Matthew 2:16-18**

i) Satan Tempted Jesus in the Wilderness to go against His Father's plan.

j) The people of Nazareth tried to throw Jesus off a cliff.

1) **Luke 4:29-30**

k) And finally, Satan had Jesus killed on a cross outside of Jerusalem.

10. **WOW!!!** NOW SATAN TURNS TO THE *BODY OF CHRIST*.

I. THE WONDER IN HEAVEN - THE WOMAN

II. THE WOMAN IN HEAVEN - THE DRAGON

III. THE WAR IN HEAVEN

1. **Revelation 12:5-6**

2. **Revelation 12:7a**

a) *"Now war broke out in Heaven"*

3. The war which broke out in heaven is a continuation of the war that has been going on between God and Satan since Lucifer was kicked out of heaven.

4. **Vs 7b**

a) *"And the dragon and his angels fought back,"*

b) *"And he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven"*

5. **Vs 8-9**

6. **RIGHT NOW!!!** A war is going on in Heaven.

a) **Daniel 10:10-13**

7. **Daniel 10:13**

a) The prince of Persia was an emissary of Satan.

8. Just as God has His angels to do His bidding, so does Satan.

a) **Matthew 25:41**

b) **Revelation 12:7**

9. Based on **Daniel 10**, some of Satan's assignments are geographical in Nature.

a) Israel is a target!!!!!!!

a) America is a strategic target.

1) The Church is a strategic target.

b) Believers are strategic targets.

10. Evil has intelligence that is capable of a strategy and scheming in order to about a desired end.

11. NOW LISTEN UP: *Luke 19:10*

12. TODAY: SATAN USES "The Spirit of Offense"

a) 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) According to scripture, the spirit of offense is a negative influence that causes people to be easily offended, resentful, and bitter. This spirit can divide and disrupt communities and relationships, and it often stems from a lack of humility, forgiveness, and love.

c) In the Bible, the spirit of offense is a state of being that causes someone to be easily upset or disheartened by the words or actions of others.

13. Psalm 119:165 KJV

a) "*Great peace*" - Salom - "well-being"

b) "*which love thy Law*" - The Word of God

c) "*and nothing shall offend them*" - means to cause to stumble.

14. *Proverbs 4:23*