

# Revelation Shorts\_ Revelation Chapter 12

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There is a very important chapter from the book of Revelation. And speaking about Revelation, chapter 12, I received several emails, asking that we would make a revelation short concerning this wealth chapter. And that's exactly what we're going to do in this time of study. Revelation chapter 12, is foundational, because it provides an overview, a general overview for the book of Revelation. And similarly, we see the major message of the book of Revelation being revealed clearly, in chapter 12. Now, I would invite you to take out your Bible, and open it up to the book of Revelation, and chapter 12. But before you read it, you should pray, asking God that he would give you insight and understanding to comprehend this very important chapter, that you would pray prior to reading it. And after completing these 18 verses, and that you wouldn't just read it one time, but that you would read it many times, dealing with the Scripture over and over, is going to give you a better understanding of what God's truth is within any chapter that you study. Now, there's another problem, because if you rely upon commentators, and many of the most famous Christian commentators, when it comes to this 12th Chapter, they have problems. And the reason for that is this is that they have some problems with their theological beliefs. And therefore, when they come to chapter 12, based upon this theological baggage that they bring, it causes them difficulty. And therefore what they say frequently about this 12th Chapter is incorrect. Here's the message for us, that we should not have our theology dictating our understanding of Scripture. But it should be our understanding of Scripture that that dictates and informs, our theological beliefs. Well, let's begin. Look with me to verse one. In verse one, there's a sign a sign is for the purpose of giving information. Many times it's a symbol, a well known symbol, in order to assist the reader. And here the sign that appeared was that of a woman. Now, we have learned in other studies, when a woman is the primary theme, the main purpose of a scripture focuses in on a woman, that fact changes the context from whatever it was to something new. And what is that new context

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redemption. When you look at Revelation, chapter 12, it is clearly seen that the primary theme is that of redemption, the work of redemption, and also the outcome of redemption. So verse one, we see that there is a woman, and this woman, it says that she is clothed, and clothing represents deeds, action, behavior and character, she is clothed with the sun. And most scholars see the sun this this radiant light, referring to glory. And we know something, we know that redemption is powerful. It takes an individual that was heading for judgment, God's wrath, and brings about a glorious change, whereby that person now who has been redeemed, has a

kingdom hope. This one will be in the kingdom, where they will stand forever, in the presence of God, how glorious. So not only this woman said to be clothed with the sun, but also her feet are over the moon. This speaks about authority. So we have glory and authority coming out of a redemptive experience, and we who have been redeemed by faith in that gospel, God gives us authority, the authority, the power, the anointing, to serve him to carry out his purposes in this world. So glory and authority comes from redemption. And then finally, in this first verse, we see that this woman, that she has a crown of 12 stars 12, referring to the 12 tribes of Israel. We know that 12 and Israel, those two concepts go together, and they speak of things relating to the kingdom. Israel is a kingdom term. So we see a relationship between God's work and the nation of Israel. Then when we move into verse two, we find still speaking about this woman that she conceives, and she's ready to give birth. In fact, she she is in pain because of labor pains, so she's ready to give birth. And now verse three, in verse three, there's a another sign that appears, but this is not one that reflects glory, or anything having to do with redemption. Know this sign that appears, is that of a dragon, a red dragon, red, symbolizing war, bloodshed, and death. That's the character of this dragon who were told later on is that serpent of old, who is Satan, who is the accuser. And this dragon, we find that he has seven heads. Now, other things are told, but for the sake of time, we know that the seven heads also have seven crowns. So these heads represent this shouldn't surprise us. Because in a previous episode of revelation shorts, we studied this base in chapter 17, that beast that had seven heads, and the seven heads represent seven kingdoms, or seven empires. And these empires all had something in common. And that is that they were opposed to God and opposed to Israel, Israel's foundation in God's plan. So verse three speaks about this, this dragon, verse four says, there's going to be a rebellion by this dragon in heaven, he is going to take 1/3 of the stars, most scholars see this as 1/3 of the angels with him



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as he's cast out of heaven. And then in verse, verse five, we're given more information about the woman who is ready to give birth, she is going to give birth to a male child. And this male child is Messiah, who is going to rule over the nations, all nations, he's the king of kings, the Lord of lords, and he's going to do so in his kingdom authority with a rod of iron. And we're told that that this dragon, we're told that that he is there in order to devour up this male child. But now look at verse, verse five, we find that that this one who's going to give birth, and we know that the scripture says, I'm speaking about Yeshua himself, saying that salvation is of the Jews, Messiah comes from Israel, Messiah, is from the tribe of Judah. And we know that this one is going to complete his work. And we know that he is going to be received, as verse five tells us into heaven, and be at the throne of God. Now, this tells the reader, that Messiah is going to enter into this world he was born, the Incarnation, that he is going to do his work the death, burial and resurrection, and that he is going to do it successfully. And this is seen in the ascension, that God receives him to the throne of God the throne, He's going to rule over the kingdom of God. Look now, diverse six, obviously, the dragon doesn't like that. Messiah has returned to the heaven, the eternal Son of God to His rightful place, with God the Father, at the throne of God. And we find that the enemy that dragon is going to do what he always wants to do for the things of God and He knows the importance of Israel. So he is going to make war with the woman, that one who gave birth, that is the instrument from which Messiah entered into this world. remembering salvation is of the Jews, he is going to make war with the woman, but God, he has always faithful, He is going to provide a place prepare this place for the woman for Israel. And this looks at something in the future. Now, when we look at Revelation, chapter 12, it tells the story, but not always chronologically. We're given information in order for us to

understand what God's going to do. And when it says a place has been prepared for her for 1260 days, well, those 1260 days, they equal 42 months, or three and a half years. And we're speaking specifically and remember,

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Daniel prophesize, prophesied of 70 weeks, and that final week, that seventh week, speaks of the final seven years. And in the middle of that week, exactly. At the three and a half year standpoint, that breaks in Daniel seventh week, that final seven years to two equal periods. We know in the middle of the week, that there's going to be the abomination of desolation. That is when the Antichrist is going to proclaim that He is God, that he is Messiah, and demand that all worship Him. But Israel is going to reject that. And that's why Israel is going to be persecuted for those 1260 days, those final three and a half years. And they're going to be a place for Israel, for those who flee into the wilderness, meaning that persecution is going to bring Israel to trust the pen and believe in God and His promises. Well, now move to Verse seven, verse seven speaks about this war between Satan and and those who belong to God in the heavens. And Satan is going to be cast out verse eight, he is cast out of the heavens no longer a place is found for him. And verse nine says he's going to be in this world, and he is going to do what Satan always does, and that is to deceive. But there's good news. Look now to verse 10. In verse 10, we speak about about heaven rejoicing. Now, heavens go to rejoice, and heaven is a kingdom term, as well. As Heaven is rejoicing. God says, Woe to the earth. Why? Because heavens rejoicing because God's gonna bring his defeat upon this world, this this wrath that's going to destroy all that is in opposition to God's purpose to establish the kingdom. And then we find what this this rejoicing is based upon. It is rejoicing because of salvation, this victory. And if you look at verse 11, that victory is found through the lamb, the blood of the Lamb. Here again, the book of Revelation brings Old Testament truth into the New Testament, and gives it that same perspective, what do I mean by that? The blood of the lamb brought about redemption, the blood of the lamb in Egypt, we think of Passover, and pass over is the festival of redemption. So that victory, that salvation comes from the work of redemption, and who's that Redeemer, Messiah, that mill child that completed His work successfully, that was received back into the heavens to the very throne of God. So verse 11, speaks of victory by the blood of the land, to those who did not love their life, meaning their earthly life and the things of this world, the things of their life, to death. We if we focus in on our earthly life, we're not going to be faithful to God. So verse 12, verse 12, speaks about once more, this rejoicing in the heaven and Satan is defeated and his he knows that his time is short. So what does he do? He comes down to earth knowing that his time is short. And now look at verse 13, verse 13, once more we see how he's going to persecute is, he's going to be in opposition to God's purposes and planned God perfect. medically, is indeed going to use Israel in the last days. And because Satan, he has been cast down and he is waging war against Israel, we know something, God, as I said, is faithful, and God is going to work. And he is going to provide Israel, the wings of an eagle, that

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they might be delivered for that same period of time. But we have a different term, the same term that Daniel uses, instead of 1260 days, we see in verse 14, that Israel is going to be given those those eagle wings for a time. And times and a half time a time is one year, times in the plural is two years, and then a half time is a half a year. So again, time times and a half time is

a total of three and a half years, God's going to minister and provide for Israel during that time of persecution, and there's going to be a remnant that is saved. Now look to verse 15, we see that Satan is going to, to cast forth a river. And that is for the purpose of swallowing up the Jewish people destroying them, drowning them. Now the image here is very similar to what we see in the Exodus from Egypt. Israel came to the river and saw that river as a place of, of death. But God did not intend that that sea to be a place of death, but rather in the same way that something miraculous took place, God parted the sea, the Red Sea, it was a place for death, but not for His redeemed people, but for the enemy. And God is going to move mightily. Look. Now if you would to verse 16, we see there that the Earth God's going to cause Earth to open up and receive that river. Now, by the way, water and river in the book of Revelation can refer to a great group of humanity. And it simply tells us that that the enemy is going to use humanity that is, a large percent of the world's population is going to come against Israel, we know that every nation in the world is going to rise up to fight Israel in the last days, but dot supernaturally is going to, to defend them and deliver them. That's what we see, in verse, verse 16. And then verse 17, once again, it gets more specific about victory, we see that the enemy, I'm speaking about Satan, and those who belong to him, are going to want to once more destroy those that belong to her seed. Now, this is important, because Israel is mentioned. And her see those who have a connection with God's Kingdom people. And what we find here, look at verse 17, carefully. And here again, it's not speaking in a chronological order, it's simply telling us, those who relate to the kingdom, in this world are going to be persecuted. And here it speaks about those who are going to failing victory overcome the persecution of an enemy, how? Well it says, because they keep the commandments of God. Now, these are the commandments that we find throughout the Scripture, we could summarize them with the law of Moses. And those also are going to have look carefully at verse 17. Those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of you show meaning this when we obey God's commandments, it manifests in our life, the character of Messiah, we're going to bear testimony witness concerning him. But we're going to be persecuted but it is our faith in Messiah and our our commitment to obedience. We're not saved by obedience, but obedience is expressing the victory that expresses who we belong to.



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And then the last verse, verse 18, says that this one, and we're speaking here from the context and what we learned in Chapter 13, this one who's standing upon the shore, this is the Antichrist. He is going to stand against those Those who behave according to the commandments of God who have the testimony of Messiah, it tells the believer get ready for persecution. Those who walk in obedience to the Word of God, those who have the testimony of Messiah, Chu Jesus Christ, were going to be persecuted. So it tells us persecution is coming the enemies against the purposes of God, God's redemptive work and the people who've experienced redemption, and the victories through the blood of the Lamb. Don't love your life to death, but love the Redeemer, the one who shed his blood, and therefore the evidence that you love him. What did Messiah Say If you love me, you'll keep my commands, the evidence that we belong to the kingdom of God, not the means by which we are saved. But the evidence that we belong to the kingdom of God is that we keep his word we walk in His commandments, and we manifest the testimony of of Messiah in our life of your show. Well, a brief overview of this all important chapter 12 of the book of Revelation. Until next time, may God bless you, Shalom from Israel.