

# RED DRAGON DAWN 1

## *Understanding Satan's Plan of War & Rule*

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Please turn to *Revelation 12*.

TITLE was taken from 1980's blockbuster film "Red Dawn" where the Russian's invade the US and a team of teens led by Patrick Swayze resist them.

DRAGON. The word "dragon" is inserted because Satan is the true enemy and threat, regardless of which countries are making war and attempting to conquest other nations. The Devil, who is called the Great Red Dragon by God in Revelation 12:3, fully means to rule the world through war.

**Why is this sermon focusing on Satan's plan vs. God's?** Not only has God's plan been preached from this pulpit plenty of times, but the Bible speaks of the Devil intentions in great detail, especially in the Book of Revelation. ***If the Lord chose to share this in His final book, it must be important for us to know.***

GOD REVEALED PLANS OF ENEMY. It OT times God often revealed the plans of the enemy to Israel so they could respond in a manner that aligned with God's will and plan whether changing military tactics or dressing in sackcloth and ashes to repent and plead with the Lord for mercy!

DISCERN SIGNS OF TIMES. God's people should not be like the rest of the world: clueless as to what's going on. Jesus commanded us to correctly discern and interpret the signs of the times and rebuked the believers of His generation for not doing so.

- We should understand the earthly and heavenly signs, even looking for and expecting them vs. being blindsided.
- We should not be afraid because we're in covenant with Christ. He's never lost a fight.
- Regardless of what may happen to our bodies, our spirits belong to Him—we know where we're going, Who we're with, what we'll be transformed into, and what the final destiny of the earth is.
- God's Kingdom is coming to earth and things here will be just like it is in Heaven!
- With this solid rock under our feet we need to encourage and educate others on the same.
- Sharing Christ with them to bring them into the same covenant with Him that we currently enjoy.

**Job 5:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> He frustrates the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot carry out their plans.

SATAN DOESN'T WIN/FALL ON ICE. Regardless of what you hear from this point on, Satan doesn't succeed. He doesn't win. When was the last time you were walking and you fell on the ice? First comes the instant fear and confusion when you lose control, followed instantly by the horrible sharp shock of hitting the ground. You can't breathe, you can't move, you can't cry out for help, and pain splashes all over you like the ice bucket challenge. If an enemy were to descend on you in that moment and attack, you'd be helpless to defend yourself.

BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING. This is what's going to happen to Satan, his Antichrist, his False Prophet, and his massive army. When Jesus appears in the sky, the brightness of His glory and majesty will cause the serpent to faceplant on the ground, with Jesus' heel grinding his scaly head into the dirt.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

**Therefore there's no reason to be afraid of anything you hear in this sermon series or anything taking place in the world.**

- Is it possible for other nations to be drawn into the war? Yes.
- Might one of the leaders push the button and launch a nuke? They might.
- Could another pestilence worse than Covid come along? It could happen.
- Might there be an earthquake, volcanic eruption, or tsunami that rears its head and devastates? It's possible.
- Might prices inflate to the level where it takes a whole day's work to pay for a loaf of bread and that's it? We can't afford to drive like we do now or maybe not at all? Yes.
- Might people preaching and teaching false and destructive things rise up and deceive billions, including people we know and love, drawing them away from Christ? Absolutely.

OLIVET DISCOURSE. Jesus mentioned all these things in His Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 some of which we went over in Bible Study last Tuesday—He said they WOULD happen. Yet He commanded us to not be afraid and said these things MUST happen.

I don't like it and I assume you don't either...**but if they must take place then the Church needs to be in the KNOW.**

WHEN GOES BAD, PEOPLE SEEK. When things go south on a global scale, unbelievers become very afraid and start asking questions...SEEKING not just answers, but PEACE and comfort.

## **THAT IS THE MOMENT FOR THE CHURCH TO SHINE WITH THE SAME BRIGHTNESS OF CHRIST PAUL SPOKE OF IN 2 THESSALONIANS 2:8!**

SHINES INTO DARKNESS. Said brightness shines into the darkness of the devil and his plans, and draws those trapped there out of it and into His marvelous Light! It will scatter the cockroaches of fear, anxiety, and hopelessness that crawl over people outside of covenant with Jesus! During times of war and pestilence is when these things overwhelm the world and when the Spirit of God inside of us is needed more than ever!

**Now is not the time to shrink back and join the world in its fear & anxiety, but to step forward and BOLDLY present ourselves as living sacrifices to our God—this is our good and acceptable service.**

### **Revelation 12:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

<sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

<sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

<sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

<sup>6</sup> and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

NOT ASTROLOGY. These verses refer to what John is seeing in the constellations and no, it's not astrology. The Book of Enoch shows that astrology was given to humanity by the fallen angels and served only to corrupt mankind, not bring us closer to God. Christians should have nothing to do with horoscopes, talking about their zodiac signs, or having charts read.

**The Lord is the One Who put the constellations in the sky and He's willing to give His true interpretation as to what they mean—let's listen to Him tell us through the Bible.**

**Verse 1:** the woman clothed with the sun is Virgo and represents the nation of Israel.

- The sun represents God and His glory, holiness...everything that God is.
- Israel is “clothed” with God just as the Lord called upon us to be clothed with/put on Christ (Romans 13:14).
- The moon also represents Israel and possibly the Church. The moon has no light of its own, but reflects the light of the sun and therefore illuminates the world at night.
- Just so, those of us in covenant with Jesus have no light except that which He gives us. We are meant to shine in the darkness!
- The crown of 12 stars are the 12 tribes of Israel.

JOSEPH. Keep in mind that Joseph saw this very same thing in a dream way back in Genesis 37.

**Interesting astronomical facts:**

- Every fall the moon is at the feet of Virgo—during the Jewish Fall Feasts.
- Many speculate the Rapture and Second Coming of Christ will take place during the Fall Feasts.
- The Sun aligns with Virgo every year...at the same time (Fall Feasts).
- The constellation Leo, the Lion, appears above the head of Virgo every few years...also during the Fall Jewish Feasts. The 9 brightest stars in said constellation make the shape, aligning with 1) Jesus is called the Lion of Judah, 2) 9 fruits of the Spirit and 3) 9 gifts of the Spirit.
- Oftentimes when Leo appears above Virgo’s head, its accompanied by the planets of Mercury, Venus, and Mars for a total of 12 “stars.”

**Verse 2:** she’s pregnant with Jesus, the Messiah. Once every 11-12 years Jupiter passes through Virgo, “hanging out” in her belly, then finally descending between her feet to be “born.” Jupiter is the King planet and Jesus is King.

**Verse 3:** this is the devil described by John as a “great red dragon.” Some believe it’s the constellation known as Draco.

- GREAT doesn’t just mean large it translates to LOUD. We’ll see later on that the devil’s greatest weapon is the same as Jesus and ours...the tongue.
- RED is “flame” colored.
- DRAGON means what it says but the deeper translation speaks to him being beautiful and fascinating to look upon.

BEAUTIFUL. He does not appear as twisted, evil and ugly...isn’t that interesting? Upon a surface glance, he’s beautiful and alluring to behold. I recall a movie years ago starring Macaulay Culkin called “The Good Son” when he was still a kid...but his true character as that of a heartless killer. The movie poster shows his bright and cute smiling face and the blurb reads: “evil has many faces.”

**Verse 3 continued:** the 7 heads represent the 7 major world empires that have ruled since the beginning of time and, to this day, the labels of which we use to describe time periods of human history.

- The golden age, silver age, bronze age, and iron age are concepts that come from the Bible.
- The 10 horns represent 10 kings who will rise in the last days to rule under the Antichrist in a system famously known as “The Beast” and represent the final age of “Iron Mixed with Clay” (Daniel 2).
- The 7 crowns identify that the 7 empires of the devil ruled the known world when they existed. Examples of these empires from ancient times were Babylon, Persia, Egypt, Greece, Assyria, Rome, and Ottoman.
- Remember the movie “300”? The massive world empire the Spartans were fighting was the Persian empire.

**Verse 4:** *most of the time we see “stars” being referred to in Scripture it means the elder race God created we call “angels.”* I’m going to preach a sermon on them someday.

- Satan gets 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of this elder race to rebel against the Lord and side with him and this took place at the beginning of recorded time.
- These are the “principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places” Paul refers to in his letter to the Ephesians.
- Paul says we wrestle against them, the true enemy, because they’re the ones pulling the puppet strings for the nations and leaders of the world.

**Verse 4 continued:** Satan stood ready to have Jesus killed as soon as He was born. King Herod was a puppet of these fallen angels and through their evil inspiration, issued the execution of all the boys under 2 in Bethlehem in the attempt to take Jesus out.

SATAN FAILS. What did I tell you in the beginning? Satan fails. He cannot stop God’s plan and his own plans fail time and again. He was prophesied to try and destroy the Messianic bloodline back in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15) and the Bible is full of amazing stories of his failed attempts. Jesus never loses a fight and He’s not losing now.

**Verse 5 is paramount:** Father God has given rule of the earth to Jesus and to no one but Jesus. He alone is King with a capital K, although during the Millennial Kingdom He will assign lowercase kings under Him.

**“Still on throne!”** When things are going badly in the world and evil seems to be getting stronger, we try and comfort each other by saying “Jesus is still on the throne!” Now it’s time to flesh that out and believe it!

## Psalm 2:1-9 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,  
<sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”  
<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.  
<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
<sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”  
<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

**Right now nations are raging and plotting.** Russia invaded Ukraine and perhaps other nations will be drawn in or attack nations of their own.

THE GREAT RESET. I’ve gone down the rabbit hole of The Great Reset created by the World Economic Forum who desires a one world government and economy. There’s no doubt their plans have been going on for decades, likely much longer. Money, influence, timing, people in the right places, are theirs. To some degree they will succeed as we see in Revelation 13.

**But they plot in vain.** They absolutely conspire with each other, not against you and I, but against the Lord. These people worship the Dragon; he is their God, way, truth, and life.

**Look at verse 3:** just as the demons Jesus cast out bowed down to Him and called Him the Son of God, *they recognize His Lordship*. They desire to cut that bond and rule themselves.

WHAT DRIVES SATAN? **God our Father gave earth’s throne to Jesus...and Satan wants it.** Satan’s followers have already crowned HIM as king over the earth and mankind. The Beast system will be his last attempt to wrest control from Jesus.

DRACO? Is Satan represented by the constellation Draco? I think so. Thus when you and I see Draconian measures being taken from the governments of man to take away the freedom Jesus bought for us on the Cross, then you know it’s from the Devil.

CONSTITUTION. Some people cite the American Constitution as the source of freedom and, at least on paper, it codified the same for the US. YET have you noticed the people all across the world who don’t have our freedom based amendments, are fighting back against the tyranny of their rulers just as if our Constitution were theirs?

COMES FROM BIBLE. Where do you think the FF's got the idea for our freedom based amendments? ***They got them from the Bible, from the words of Jesus.***

SPIRIT = FREEDOM. One of the Jesus-given labels for the Holy Spirit is "freedom." Revelation 13 will show us that the Dragon will seek to silence any voice that speaks against him to the point of mass martyrdom in the millions.

TONGUE IS POWERFUL. What did I tell you in the beginning of this sermon? Our tongue is the most powerful weapon we have and as a Christian, ***I will not be silent!*** I will not keep things within the 4 walls of this church! I will not comply with draconian laws that I know are flowing from the mouth of the Dragon.

GOD LAUGHS. Where is my hope? It's shown in verse 4 of Psalm 2: the Lord...Who laughs at the raging, plotting nations in derision. Why is He laughing?

ANDRE THE GIANT. Years ago I was big Pro-wrestling fan and there was match involving Andre the Giant. At one point Andre is beating his opponent and one of the opponents' lackeys tries to step in. The lackey was about 90lbs soaking wet and he runs up behind 7' 2" 500 lb Andre and starts hitting him in the back. At first Andre barely noticed, then finally turns around, puts his hands on his hips, and the whole crowd burst out laughing at the ridiculousness of the man's efforts to hurt the famous giant.

DON'T STAND A CHANCE. The nations plotting against Jesus don't stand a chance and neither does the combined might of Satan and a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the angels...***Christ will crush them like an overripe grape!*** Their pathetic efforts to hurt Him will be met with derisive laughter!!!

**Verse 5:** He speaks to them in His wrath and they will tremble with fear! Remember what's revealed in Revelation 19 at His Second Coming: a sharp 2-edged sword comes from His mouth—words!—which He uses to smite the nations!

**Verses 6-8:** Father has set Christ on earth's throne! The crown was placed on the head of Jesus by Father Himself! The whole earth and all its people belong to Him! Everyone bows, trembles, and kneels before Jesus including Satan himself!

***I don't care about Vlad Putin, Xi Jinping, Ayatollah Khamenei, Kim Jong Un, or Joe Biden!*** They can rage and plot all they want...Jesus laughs!!! And when He laughs, He does it from His throne of rulership!

I quote verse 9 of Psalm 2 one more time, Father speaking to Jesus:

<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**THE “RED DRAGON DAWN” OF THIS WORLD IS FAST APPROACHING BECAUSE Satan IS GUNNING FOR A THRONE THAT WILL NEVER BE HIS.**

MAKING HIS MOVE. He’s been putting things in place for centuries to make his move and establish His Beast system. He will not only create crises such as war and pestilence, but will take advantage of natural disasters to increase his presence and power in this world.

NOT GOING BACK TO NORMAL. Things aren’t going back to normal...to the pre-Covid days of same old same old. It’s my conviction that physical life is going to get harder and not easier. It’s my contention that evil and lawlessness in our country and in the world is going to get worse, natural disasters will increase, and wicked people will deceive many.

MARY SAID IT. You heard Mary say it last week: *now is not the time for compromise*. God’s Truth has been given to us in black and white (the Bible) and we either believe the song we sang as kids in Sunday School or not.

*“The B-I-B-L-E, the only book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.”*

BRIGHTNESS. It’s the brightness of Jesus’ coming that will destroy the Antichrist and the FP, and throw Satan in chains into the fires of Hell.

**YOUR brightness is needed right now! YOU are part of God’s plan!**

There is war going on now, but the War to end all wars will take place in our future at Armageddon.

**Every person you lead to Jesus will be one more soldier in that great battle!**