

**Passage:** Revelation 12:7-17

**Title:** The War in Heaven (part 2)

**Summary:** You and I are in a war whether we want to be or not and we need to accept and realize that, embrace it and lean into it, because the war is over you the war is over me and the war was over that person to your left and to your right who drove with you to church today who lives in the house with you friends, family, and relationships that is what the war is over. Now we have to ask ourselves what is worth fighting for, we have to ask ourselves are they worth fighting for because we're in this fight regardless how you feel about it. Although this is not a message on spiritual warfare as the classical approach often is we're going to study Revelation and we're going to see amazing details regarding the last days and why things are the way they are, and for the double blessing, we will see our adversary the devil and how to defeat him on this soil we live called earth.

*Revelation 12:1–6 (NKJV)<sup>1</sup> Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup> Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. <sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. <sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.*

*Revelation 12:7–12 (NKJV)<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."*

*Revelation 12:13–17 (NKJV)<sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup> So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

### **Blessing / John on Patmos**

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it:

*(Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

### **John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe – Eternal Life – Be Ready**

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times:

*(John 20:31 NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life:

*(1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

*(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."*

### **Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne**

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it or not, John writes so that all of man might be ready:

*(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.*

### **Book of Revelation Outline**

- The Things Which You Have Seen - (Chapter 1).
- The Things Which Are - (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This - (Chapters 4-22).

*(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

### **Recap Outline**

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a 7 year honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.
- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.
- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not, people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.
- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after – but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

### **Recap / Seals & Trumpets**

#### **7 Seals**

Seal 1 – White Horse – the Anti-christ is Revealed. (6:1-2)

Seal 2 – Red Horse – War on the Earth. (6:3-4)

Seal 3 – Black Horse – Famine upon the Earth (days wage for loaf of bread). (6:5-6)

Seal 4 – Pale Horse – Pestilence and Death (1/4 world dies). (6:7-8)

Seal 5 – The Martyred Saints of the Tribulation. (6:9-11)

Seal 6 – Earthquakes & Upheavals upon the Earth. (6:12-17)

Seal 7 – The 7 Trumpets of God

Trumpet 1 – 1/3 of Trees and Grass burned up. (8:7)

Trumpet 2 – 1/3 of Sea turned to blood. (8:8-9)

Trumpet 3 – 1/3 of Water becomes undrinkable. (8:10-11)

Trumpet 4 – 1/3 of the Sun is blocked out. (8:12)

Trumpet 5 – Key to Bottomless Pit – Demons Released. (9:1-12)

Trumpets 6 – 200 million man Army – 1/3 Earth Killed (total now 1/2). (9:13-19)

Trumpet 7 – The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

### **Break – Commentary before 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (see Timeline)**

There are 7 seals, and the 7<sup>th</sup> seal has 7 Trumpets. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet, will have 7 Bowls of Wrath. Now just as before we got into the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet we had a break with a commentary of other things that were happening (the 144,000 being Sealed and more Martyred saints), so too do we break with commentary before the 1<sup>st</sup> Bowl of Wrath is poured out, which isn't until Chapter 15. So some fascinating study here in chapters 10-14, as we will get filler information of what is happening on the earth such as:

- The Rebuilt Temple. (11)
- The 2 Witnesses Preaching in Jerusalem. (11)
- Satan thrown out of heaven for good. (12)
- Satan's attempt to destroy Israel – God protects Them (12)
- The details on the Beast (the Anti-christ – Satan incarnate), (13)

- The False Prophet arises, (13)
- The mark of the Beast demanded, (13)
- The angels preaching the everlasting gospel as God still offers salvation to man. (14)

### Recap Last Study / Devil & Worship

Last study we took a close look at our adversary, the devil, and we saw how we can reverse the tables on him, and use his gift against him; how the once worship leader in heaven, now is now sent into confusion and unrest when he hears worship coming from amongst God's people. It seems that we are the ones who have confusion and anxiety because the cares of the world, well we should reverse the tables and let Satan be the one who is confused and in distress. Worship reminds him of what he once was, and never will be again. Keep that in mind when life seems to overwhelm you.....

### Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)* <sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

### In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)* <sup>16</sup> *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

**(Revelation 12:7 NKJV) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,**

### The War is Over You

What this war in heaven look like we don't know but I know that we know what the war is over and it's over you and I because we are the object of God's affection and Satan can't stand it because we truly replaced him as the ultimate worship leaders as we worship the Lord in spirit and truth a place that Satan once held but renounced because of pride and selfish desire. We are image-bearers of God Himself, and we have been given the earth to have dominion over (not the devil – and that adds to his madness).

*Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)* <sup>26</sup> *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* <sup>27</sup> *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* <sup>28</sup> *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

*John 4:21–24 (NKJV)* <sup>21</sup> *Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.* <sup>22</sup> *You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.* <sup>23</sup> *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.* <sup>24</sup> *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

### When Rebelled?

The scriptures do not declare exactly when Satan rebelled but we know that he rebelled somewhere between creation and that moment in the garden that he tempted Eve and Adam.

### Michael the Archangel / Fights for Israel / Delayed in Daniel 10 – Luke 18

The angel Michael is an interesting study in the Bible. We see he is a mighty angel; he and Satan would be equals, but not Satan and God. Michael is a powerful angel and it appears that he has a special assignment in matters pertaining to the nation of Israel. We saw him wrestling with Satan over Moses body (Jude 1;9). In Daniel 12:1, we read that he will fight for Israel in the future against Satan and his

forces during the time of the Tribulation (what we will read here Rev 12:7-17). I think it important to note this, in Daniel 10, Daniel was praying and after 21 days, Michael shows up and says I am responding to your prayers. I would have come sooner but I was fighting with Satan and he hindered me from coming. Christian you must see this with spiritual eyes, that there is a spiritually war going on around you, and thus you must continue to pray, even when it seems that God doesn't hear. Luke 18:1 says that men must always pray, and not lose heart:

*(Daniel 10:12 NKJV) Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.*

*(Daniel 10:13 NKJV) "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

*(Daniel 10:14 NKJV) "Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."*

*(Luke 18:1 NKJV) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

### **Call 12 Legions of Angels**

I can imagine, Michael this powerful angel, a warrior, ready to fight for the Lord, and for His people (good example for us – something we should long for), Michael ready to wage battle, I can imagine that day when Jesus said Peter put your sword away, My Father could send me 12 legions of angels if I called for them.....I picture Michael, ohh yea, send me, send me.....

*(Matthew 26:52 NKJV) But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*

*(Matthew 26:53 NKJV) "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"*

*2 Kings 19:35–36 (NKJV)<sup>35</sup> And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. <sup>36</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh.*

**(Revelation 12:8 NKJV) but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.**

### **Did Not Prevail**

Did not prevail is a keyword that's being spoken of all of our lives the devil says we're losers and even the world may join in on that but see here the devil is the loser we are the winners and there's a place for us that we have to believe it and your life will be changed all things on this earth are responding to the illusion of his lies now we see one more reason we are so hated because we have won what he has lost.

**(Revelation 12:9 NKJV) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

### **Not the Fall / Heavens door Locks – Future Event / Still Accuses You Today**

This isn't the fall of Satan we studied last week in Ezekiel 28, rather this is the locking of the door of heaven, and the accuser can no longer come before the Throne of God and make accusations about us. This event is still future, it happens during the Tribulation, so just know he still comes before God and makes accusations about us, just as he did with our brother Job (Job 1:6, 2:1). Reminder, the name/word "devil" means to slander or falsely accuse, and the name/word "Satan", means adversary or enemy.

*Job 1:6–8 (NKJV)<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"*

*Job 2:1–3 (NKJV)<sup>1</sup> Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."*

*Luke 10:17–20 (NKJV)<sup>17</sup> Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the*

*power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

## **Devil Deceives the Whole World**

It says that he deceives the whole world and we can go oh that's not true but the fact is that God says it makes the fact is that it's true. Every system of the earth that is not under the inspiration of the Lord is deceived by the devil and why they do what they do we now know is because of the deception that they are under by the devil.

Today we are seeing marching of protest after protest and yet when you ask why are you marching and why are you protesting people will say I don't know they're literally just following blindly because they're deceived by the devil who said this is what you need to be up in arms about and rallying against and yet they have no idea the truth behind why they do what they do Satan says do it and they do it.

What we see today it's just what we saw 2000 years ago there was a small group of men in acts chapter 19 who were threatened by Paul's ministry that it was going to bring down their place of pride and prosperity also known as their Kingdom their power and their glory and when they felt that they were going to lose position they started a riot and they stirred people up and people came and they gathered into the riot yelling screaming and the scripture say filled with confusion they didn't even know what they were riding about or protesting they just were told to do it and they got caught up into the wind that was influenced by the devil himself and they started the rise and the riot but when they were asked why are you doing this the scriptures clearly tell us that they didn't even know why they were doing it they were just being influenced by the great influencer the deceiver the devil himself. But what we saw then is what we see now what we see now is what we saw then and there was a small group of men people who wanted their Kingdom their power and their glory now and they would stir under the influence of the devil every one to join them and that is surely what we see here and now; what's ever so interesting is when you read the context these men are not disputing that a great miracle happened these men are not countering what they saw earlier in acts chapter 19 Paul casting out demons out of the woman who was there money making person rather than saying there is a great power greater than ours personal flesh they chose that regardless of what they saw and what they knew to be true they're taking their today I'd rather inherit my world today and not wait for tomorrow with the honoring of God.

*Acts 19:11–20 (NKJV)<sup>21</sup> Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." <sup>14</sup> Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. <sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" <sup>16</sup> Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. <sup>18</sup> And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. <sup>19</sup> Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*

**Acts 19:21–41 (NKJV)<sup>21</sup>** When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."<sup>22</sup> So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.<sup>23</sup> And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.<sup>24</sup> For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen.<sup>25</sup> He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.<sup>26</sup> Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.<sup>27</sup> So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."<sup>28</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"<sup>29</sup> So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions.<sup>30</sup> And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him.<sup>31</sup> Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater.<sup>32</sup> **Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.**<sup>33</sup> And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people.<sup>34</sup> But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"<sup>35</sup> And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Zeus?"<sup>36</sup> Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.<sup>37</sup> For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess.<sup>38</sup> Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.<sup>39</sup> But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be

determined in the lawful assembly. <sup>40</sup> For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering." <sup>41</sup> And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

### **Cant Make Peace Pact**

The whole political system, the whole cultural relevance system, the who social justice is all under the deception of the devil, and if you/we do not come in alignment, we are the ones who are called legalistic, hate mongers, and judgmental. We have to recognize the words spoken of in Ephesians 6, and tie them directly to this verse (and verses of Revelation 12), so that we can understand why the world is the way the world is. We cant make a peace pact with the world, for that is making a peace pact with the devil himself.

*Ephesians 6:10–13 (NKJV)*<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

*2 Corinthians 4:1–4 (NKJV)*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

*John 12:30–33 (NKJV)*<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." <sup>33</sup> This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

**(Revelation 12:10 NKJV) Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**

**(Revelation 12:11 NKJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

### **Notice 3 Things to Overcome**

Satan is overcome in heaven. He can be overcome on earth the same way. Notice the 3 things to overcome the devil:

- The Blood of the Lamb
- The Word of their Testimony
- They did not love their Lives to the Death.

### **The Blood of the Lamb**

#### **When Satan Accuses**

They/we overcome him by the blood of the Lamb. Satan when he accuses God has to make things up, twist the truth, as he did in the garden. When he accuses us, he need only tell the truth.

#### **Accuse – Categorize / Washed or Not Washed**

This word for accuse is where we get our word "categorize". How fitting, for we are so quick to categorize our failures and success. To categorize or sins, big ones, little ones. I did real good here, ohh I'm not doing good here. We can even start categorizing other's failures and successes (compared to ours), and the resultant in all cases will lead to legalism, self-righteousness, and/or self-condemnation. Satan will say ohh you did that, why how can you call yourself a Christian. Or, wow, look at you, aren't you something, aren't you glad you aren't like ole Fred over there. Be careful about categorizing your failures and successes, and those of others, there really is 2 categories; washed in the blood, not washed in the blood.

*Accuse - kategoreo, kat-ay-gor-eh'-o; from G2725; to be a plaintiff, i.e. to charge with some offence:--accuse, object.*

#### **Apply The Blood**

Apply the blood

- Your Home - just like we saw the children of Israel in the Passover apply the blood of the lamb over the door of your home and say this home is covered by the blood of the lamb

- Your Person - when we look at the priesthood we saw that the blood and the sacrifice would be a dab would be put on the toe the ear and the thumb representing the toe everywhere I walk is covered by the blood of the lamb everything that I hear is covered by the blood of the lamb and everything that I do will be covered by the blood of the lamb and I will not allow myself to go to here and to do anything that would be outside of the covering of the blood of the lamb
- Your Church - and then as we take communion we break this bread and we do it in remembrance of him as a church that he's coming soon and the blood of the lamb secures us in his return.

*Exodus 12:6–7 (NKJV)*<sup>6</sup> Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

*Leviticus 8:23–24 (NKJV)*<sup>23</sup> and Moses killed it. Also he took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. <sup>24</sup> Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.

*1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)*<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup> In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

### **Conviction versus Condemnation**

Every day on earth as Satan whispers in your ear, "You're not worthy to be blessed. You're not good enough to be used." Please understand the difference between condemnation—which is from Satan, and conviction—which is from the Holy Spirit. The condemning work of Satan always pushes you away from God. The conviction of the Holy Spirit, on the other hand, always draws you closer to God. The condemnation of Satan is always about self, about never measuring up, about hopelessness. The conviction of the Spirit is always about forgiveness, about going on, about God's glory and grace.

*Romans 8:1 (NKJV)*<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

*Romans 8:9 (NKJV)*<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

### **Martin Luther / The Ink**

If you ever get to Germany and go see Martin Luther's study, the guides will point out the ink spots that are upon the wall. As Luther tells the story, one night he was in his study and the devil appeared before him, and started to accuse him. As the devil started to accuse, Luther got his inkwell out, started dipping his pen into it and writing down everything that the Devil accused him of. He would say is there anything else, and the devil would say yes, you lust, have anger, malice, and Luther would say anything else, and Satan would go on, and finally Luther said anything else, and the Devil said no, that is it. Then Luther, at the very bottom of the list, took his pen and wrote, "Washed with the blood of the Lamb", and then he threw the ink bottle at the Devil, and the Devil disappeared. Beloved when the accuser comes, throw the ink bottle at him and say washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

### **The Word of their Testimony**

#### **Our Testimony – Covered with the Blood of the Lamb**

Our testimony, we were sinners separated from God, by His grace He saved us. Our testimony is nothing about what we have done, for what we did was condemning, so not what we have done, but what He has done. Every believer's testimony has the same title page, "Covered with the Blood of the Lamb."

Christian there is great power in telling your testimony not just for others to hear but for you to hear it yourself to be reminded of what your testimony is that God has rescued you by his great power at his great price his only begotten son and when the devil comes to steal kill and destroy you throw the testimony back in his face i was once lost but now i'm saved and i'm covered by the blood of the Lamb

There's just pure power in telling our testimony and people love stories and people are interested in people especially the people that know you that you work with and that you live next to and that you have interest in life that you share whether it's cultural family relational sports for children and the list goes on

and on and there's just a place when you're having a conversation and someone talks about life being hard and someone talks about things aren't going well for them or you just clearly sense there's an emptiness in them it's as simple as saying to them can I tell you what God's done in my life. And we become living examples the God is real the God is alive and the God works in people's lives and there's people today who want to know that he is these things that he is real that he is alive that he works in his people that he's not a distant God a far off God but he's a here and now God, and that is what the devil wants to deceive people to believe that God isn't real or the people that believe that he is real but the devil wants them to believe that God doesn't work he isn't alive in a person's life he doesn't have the power to change a life and that's where your testimony comes as a real story to break the delusion and the illusion of satans deception on the world today. Christian tell people your testimony and then you'll hear it and you'll be reminded the God who sees you the God who loves you and the God who works in you..

*2 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)*<sup>1</sup> *Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?* <sup>2</sup> *You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;* <sup>3</sup> *clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.*

## **They did not love their Lives to the Death.**

### **Seems like Contradiction / Lose - Find**

What seems like a contradiction, God says, He who loses his life will find it:

*(Matthew 10:39 NKJV)* *"He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.*

Held ourselves but when we live for something someone greater than our Lord Jesus Christ we are free we are free from the grips of this world we are free from the grips of the lies of man we are free from the grips of the delusion and deception of the devil because we know why we were created and what we were created for and we are the object of his affection and therefore Satan wants to kill us because he can't stand the witness and the testimony that we remind of who he once was and who he now is and the beauty of who we once were but now who we now are created in Christ Jesus.

### **Overcome by Seeking First / Defeat comes when Don't / Comfort Zone**

We overcome by seeking first the kingdom of God (Matt 6:33), defeats are common for the believer on this side of heaven, when they are in love with their lives, seeking to satisfy the flesh, and then Satan has an open door to have his way to influence and draw you to those desires, self-pleasures, laziness, and the likes. If you think there is anything this world can offer you over the Kingdom, then you will be distracted from seeking first. We can get into a comfort zone, and never want it to be disturbed; and when it does we question the Lord, how could you?

*Matthew 6:33-34 (NKJV)*<sup>33</sup> *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* <sup>34</sup> *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

### **Mount Up Wings of Eagles**

We are told to mount up on the wings of eagles, a picture that the Lord wants us to soar into the heavens. *(Isaiah 40:31 NKJV)* *But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

### **Duet 32 / The Working to make us Fly**

In Deuteronomy, there is a wonderful passage of what the Lord does in our lives to make us fly:

*(Deuteronomy 32:9 NKJV)* *For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.*

*(Deuteronomy 32:10 NKJV)* *"He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.*

*(Deuteronomy 32:11 NKJV)* *As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,*

*(Deuteronomy 32:12 NKJV)* *So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.*

*(Deuteronomy 32:13 NKJV)* *"He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock;*

### **Eagles Nest / High in Air / Soft & Comfortable / Sharp sticks in Nest on Perimeter**

The eagle, after choosing a site on a rocky cliff sometimes thousands of feet above the ground, a mother eagle constructs her nest. For protection, she arranges sharp sticks along the perimeter. But inside, the nest is soft and comfortable for the eggs. So, when baby eaglet pops out of his shell, he finds his accommodations quite to his liking. "Wow! What a view!"



### **Mamma Brings 3 Meals / Eagle Grows – Starts to get Poked / Same for Us – not so Cozy**

And with Mama Eagle dropping breakfast, lunch, dinner, and an after-dinner mint into his beak every day, he's a happy eaglet indeed—until his girth increases and he begins to bump into the sharp sticks Mama purposefully placed around the nest. Suddenly, the once-cozy abode becomes a little uncomfortable. The same goes for us. When what was once so cozy—that group you were in, those people you were linked to, the job you had—gets a little irritating, you may have a tendency to grumble. But you must realize God does this intentionally because He will not allow you to perpetually nest in a place of fatness and flightlessness.

Then, just when Baby eaglet thinks he can't stand one more poke, Mama Eagle comes and, with her powerful wings, bumps the nest—sending baby eaglet tumbling out. Flapping his little wings frantically yet futilely, he falls hundreds of feet and is about to crash when Mama Eagle scoops him up on her wings and takes him back to the nest. “Whew! What was that about?” baby eaglet wonders.

And for a couple of days, he's happy again, being served breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner. But then the pesky sticks begin to bother him again, and after a couple of days—bump goes the nest and out he falls. Once more, right when he thinks his life is over, there's Mom bearing him on her wings, returning him to the nest. Now baby eaglet is really wondering. “Every time I get comfortable, every time I settle back in, Mama comes and turns my nest over. What kind of parent is she, anyway?” Yet the process is repeated five or six times, until one day—baby eaglet soars. And as he does, he understands that the pokes, the overturned nest, the perilous plummeting were all about spurring him to do what he never would have done on his own. They were all about teaching him to fly. (Courson)

### **Have you been Flapping or Squawking / I found You in Wasteland – Apple of Eye – not Crash / Fly**

Precious saint, if you've been flapping or squawking or crying, this word is for you: God says, “I found you in a wasteland. You are the apple of My eye. I've got nothing but the best in My heart for you. You're not going to crash. I'll always be there to catch you. But I'm going to continue working with you that you might fly.”

### **I'm Learning to stop Squawking / Pokes and Bumps - Essentials to Fly**

As a result, I am slowly learning not to be quite so squawky, quite so angry, quite so fearful—but to remember the plan of the Father to bear me on eagles wings. The pokey sticks are preparatory for the overturning of the nest. And the overturned nest is absolutely essential to teach me to fly.

### **The 3 ways we Overcome**

So 3 ways we overcome the enemy; claiming that we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and not loving our lives to death, being willing to allow God to bump us out of our comfort zone.

**(Revelation 12:12 NKJV) "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."**

### **Earth & Sea**

Ohh where can I go from you that your spirit does not dwell so on the earth and the sea God speaks to the some mariner in that military submarine I'm with you there I see you there where you inhabit and dwell.

### **You Who Dwell in Heaven**

The evens could even be speaking of the astronauts. God is outside of our time domain and writes these things 2,000 ears before they occur.

But we know for sure, to absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Last breath on earth, first breath in heaven. No purgatory by the way.

[2 Corinthians 5:6-8 \(NKJV\)](#)<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

### **Time is Short – Devil Knows it**

The time is short and the devil knows it I like that this word short also means temporal and so the devil is being reminded that the power that he has as the Prince of this world is temporal and it is fading fast. Clock is ticking and it's ticking faster and faster with every passing day his temporal power is a day lesser and a day shorter. So the devil is increasing in intensity that's what this also means and we need to ask ourselves if the devil is increasing in intensity am I as well increasing in my intensity and fervor for the things of the Lord and the days that I live or do I still pray read witness and live like I did back in 2014 ten years ago or like I did in 2024 years ago or is my intensity rising because I know that the days are short I know that the intensity is rising and therefore my intensity needs to rise in proportion to the intensity of the day that I'm living in. Christian is your intensity rising to be proportional to the day and intensity that we're living in?

We continually as a church say praise the Lord Jesus is coming back soon and we should be saying praise the Lord every prompts the update we're one update closer to a soon return while we need to be saying praise the Lord that the intensity is rising because the intensity points to and proves out that the devil knows that the time is short and that Jesus Christ is coming back.

### **BTW New Believer**

He by the way new believers welcome to the fight you've come at a great time you've come at the most intense time in the history of the planet because Satan knows that his day is temporal and his clock is ticking and his time is short so welcome to the fight fellow Christian.

And remember the baptism church where we all stood together where we made a commitment to stand next to those who are being baptized whether they were new believers or making and rededication or just wanted to be baptized after all the years we stood with them and said we're standing with you and so there's a place for us to say how are you doing brother sister and what can I pray for you because they have no idea of how this battle goes being so new into the battle.

**(Revelation 12:13 NKJV) Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.**

### **God's Supernatural Protection**

In verses 13 through 17 we're gonna see God's supernatural protection for the nation of Israel and as we always say and it's proof of his eye and upon us and his protection upon us as well, but in the context this is Speaking of the children of Israel when the devil comes to try to destroy them at the midpoint of the tribulation.

### **Time is Short / Trib – Great Trib / 50/50 Survive 1<sup>st</sup> half**

Satan knows time is short now, so he starts an all out assault on Israel. If you thought what we have studied up to this point has been horrible, it will pale in comparison to this time upon the earth. That is why the 7 year period is called the Tribulation Period, and the last half of it is called the Great Tribulation. You do not want to see the Tribulation, and if you do, it is a 50/50 chance you will not see the Great Tribulation (for 50% of the population dies in the first 3 ½, imagine the second).

### **The Timeline / Dan 9 Recap / Peace Pact – then Turn and Demand Worship / Thrown out - Humiliate**

So the timeline of when this happens is clearly given to us in Daniel 9. Now we know from Daniel 9, that the first three-and-a-half years, the Jews will be deceived by this man of sin, this European leader, who will make a peace pact with the nation. And they will be deceived because he gives to them the right of the rebuilding of their temple and they will believe that this man is their Messiah, and will hail him as such. But after three-and-a-half years, when the temple has been built (remember rebuilt in Rev 11:1-2) and they've re-established the worship and the sacrifices and the prayers, he will come to the temple himself and he will stop the daily sacrifices and prayers. And he will declare to them that he is God and he'll

demand that they worship him as God and he will stand in the holy of holies of the rebuilt temple proclaiming himself to be God:

*(Daniel 9:24 NKJV) "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.*

*(Daniel 9:25 NKJV) "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.*

*(Daniel 9:26 NKJV) "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*

*(Daniel 9:27 NKJV) Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

### **Jesus – When see Abomination Flee**

Jesus said when you see the abomination of desolation, get out of there and flee to the mountains. So for a thousand two hundred and sixty days, the three-and-a-half years, the Jews, Jesus said, flee to the wilderness. If you're on the rooftop, don't even stop to get a coat. If you're out in the field, don't even run home. Hope it is not on the Sabbath because Israel literally shuts down on Sabbath days (by the way that is how we know this part of Matt 24 is about the Jews not the Church). So get to the wilderness and we are told that God has prepared a place for them where He will provide for them for the three-and-a-half years, the last three-and-a-half years of the great tribulation period. So this happens right at the Mid-Tribulation point. I think he may demand worship because he is so humiliated after being thrown out of heaven, especially after the 2 witnesses ruined his party

*(Matthew 24:15 NKJV) "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),*

*(Matthew 24:16 NKJV) "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

*(Matthew 24:17 NKJV) "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.*

*(Matthew 24:18 NKJV) "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.*

*(Matthew 24:19 NKJV) "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!*

*(Matthew 24:20 NKJV) "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.*

*(Matthew 24:21 NKJV) "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

### **Ezekiel 38-39 – Magog Invasion / 3 Views**

Now in our prophecy update we always talk about the still yet future event of Ezekiel 38-39, where Israel is attacked from the north by Russia and her allies, this is known as the Magog Invasion. Ezekiel 38-39 Magog (Russia), Iran, Libya, Ethiopia, and Turkey will invade Israel during a time they have peace (Ezk 38:11) (that word for peace could also be translated "in confidence). Note: Former Russian Republic that are all Muslim nations living north of Israel: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakstan, Turkmenistan". This event in Ezk 38-39, could very well could be what is happening here, but we really can't be sure. Some believe it could happen today, others here in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Tribulation period, while others believe it is the battle of Armageddon (if you pick any of those 3 you will have plenty of company).

### **God Preserves Them / All Saved – Fall for Antichrist – Mark of Beast / (See Timeline)**

In both Ezekiel and here in Revelation, God will preserve them – without any help from other nations. There appears to be nuclear exchange for they mark the dead bodies for 7 months have 7yrs of fuel (Ezk 39). Note: still need fuel in 1000yr period. Romans 11:26-27 says all of Israel will be saved when the fullness of the gentiles has come (see also Ezekiel 20:33-38). This battle could happen anytime up to the Mid-Trib (for Israel goes to desert in second half of Trib). Most likely: Peace will only come to Israel after Anti-Christ brokers it for them. Russia comes down sometime during first 3 ½ years. God saves Israel miraculously. I think the Magog invasion and what we are reading here are one in the same events because Ezk 39:22 says all Israel will know I am the Lord – revival begins among Jews. This won't happen before the Anti-christ, because it says Israel will know I am Lord, therefore they wouldn't fall for the Anti-christ. Also Israel can't take the mark of Beast because then they couldn't get saved (Ezk 39:7 - Israel wont profane my name anymore). But, to be honest, it is my speculation, and for purposes of our study here, the main point is that Satan will come after Israel, and God will supernaturally protect them and tuck them away safely for the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.

**(Revelation 12:14 NKJV) But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.**

### **Mount Up**

So here we see literally the Lord taking those that loves and mounting them up on wings of eagle to protect them

*(Isaiah 40:31 NKJV) But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

### **Maybe USA / 3<sup>rd</sup> World Overnight**

As some read this, they think this could mean the USA. Maybe, I don't think so. My thought is that after the rapture, there were enough Christians raptured that we became a third world nation over night, or better said, in a blink of an eye.

### **Petra / When See Abomination Flee / Ish 16 / Sela – Petra / 12 wide Entrance**

So as Jesus said, "When you see this abomination of desolation, flee to the wilderness" (Matthew 24:15). It tells us here, God's going to give her two wings of an eagle, to bear her to the wilderness. Now there is an interesting prophecy in Isaiah chapter sixteen. The prophecy is for Edom to open up her gates and to receive the castaways. And verse four of chapter sixteen, "Let my outcast dwell with thee, Moab, be thou a covering for them in the face of the spoiler [or the enemy--the antiChrist]: for the extortioner is at an end, and the spoiler ceaseth, and the spoilers are consumed out of the land" (Isaiah 16:4). As your margin might say there in Isaiah 16:1, "Sela" means "Rock" or "Petra." Petra is truly an amazing city. Located in Moab, or present-day Jordan, this city carved of stone has stood for centuries, preserved largely because the sole entrance is a passageway only twelve feet wide, and the cliffs of the rocks range from 500 – 1000 feet high:

*(Isaiah 16:1 NKJV) Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela (rock) to the wilderness, To the mount of the daughter of Zion.*

*(Isaiah 16:2 NKJV) For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest; So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.*

*(Isaiah 16:3 NKJV) "Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes.*

*(Isaiah 16:4 NKJV) Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.*

### **Uninhabited / Group Stocking Bibles / (See Pictures)**

It is interesting, but this area is uninhabited (for centuries now), as beautiful as it is, no one lives there. The only people that go there now are tourist. The area is beautiful, check out the pictures of it sometime on-line; it is beautiful and perfectly preserved. There is a Christian group today who is stocking up Bibles there in Petra, and marking these verses, and leaving tracts on how to receive Jesus as your Savior.

### **So Somewhere in Wilderness of Moab**

So somewhere in the wilderness of Moab (Jordan) and some believe that it is actually around the area of the rock city of Petra that the Jews will flee at this time in escaping from the wrath of the antiChrist and of Satan who has empowered the antiChrist. It isn't conclusive that it will be Petra, but it will be in Moab (Jordan). We'll get this more as we get into chapter thirteen.

### **City of Refuge**

It is interesting that in the Old Testament Cities of Refuge were establish for people who involuntarily killed someone, they could flee there and the offended party could not come into the city and seek vengeance. They had to stay there until the death of the High Priest, and then they could return home and all debts were cancelled. Jesus when He hung there on the cross said forgive them for they know not what they do; and later it would be said what they (the Jews) did they did in ignorance. And here we see the Lord giving them a place of refuge, and they will not wait until the High Priest dies, but he returns: *(Luke 23:34 NKJV) Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.*

*Paul speaking to Jews - (Acts 3:17 NKJV) "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.*

**(Revelation 12:15 NKJV) So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.**

**(Revelation 12:16 NKJV) But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.**

### **Like a Flood**

Here it says, "like a flood", and doesn't say was/is a flood. Now the resultant will be the same, they will be aided in making it to the wilderness refuge. It could be a flood of an army, a flood of biological weapons, or maybe a flood of water, we are not sure. It isn't absurd to think it is literally the earth opening, God has done this in the past, if you recall the rebellion of Korah, the earth opened and down they went:

*(Numbers 16:31 NKJV) Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, (Numbers 16:32 NKJV) and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods.*

### **Half World / 2 out of 3 Jews will Die**

During the great tribulation, the population of the world will be almost decimated. As you read in the book of Revelation, concerning the great tribulation, during the opening of the seals and the judgment that comes as a result of the opening of the seven seals of the scroll, we are told that one-fourth of the earth's population will be destroyed by the plagues that come forth from the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. Later on as further judgment comes, we are told that one-third of the remaining population of the world will be destroyed during that period which comes out to about one-half being destroyed and only a small remnant of the inhabitants of the earth actually surviving the great tribulation. As far as the nation of Israel is concerned. Only one out of three will survive through the great tribulation but that is pretty much a general average concerning the whole earth as far as the book of Revelation as it speaks of the judgments of God so that the population of the earth will be greatly reduced. Only one or less than one in three surviving. So things are not good for the Jews either, and they have a peace pact going for them in the first 3 ½ years.

*(Zechariah 12:10 NKJV) "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

*(Zechariah 12:11 NKJV) "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.*

*(Zechariah 13:8 NKJV) And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:*

*(Zechariah 13:9 NKJV) I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"*

Christian the Lord is able to absorb swallow up all the vomit that the devil tries to spew out upon you to destroy you with his lies deceptions and illusions and delusions.

**(Revelation 12:17 NKJV) And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

### **Satan Turns Wrath on Church**

So now that Satan can not get to the Jewish people, he will pour all that he has out on the believers who were saved after the Rapture. If you are not saved today, then this is what you have to look forward to.

### **Christian Where is Your Rock City**

Christian though this speaks after this. At this mid tribulation point as we have studied Satan knows that his time is short it's temporal and therefore he's increasing his intensity and so there is a place we need to ask ourselves in the time of this intensity as the enemy is pressing in hard where is our rock city where is the place that we go and tuck ourselves away when the enemy presses in like a flood.

God has given us his word as a rock city to secure ourselves as the enemy presses in, the Lord has given us this church and fellowship together as a place to run into when the enemy presses in, and may we not forget that brother or sister who comes here because they're looking for a rock city to be secured from

and that we see them and the church becomes not just about ourselves but about protecting each other, and the Lord gives us worship that takes us in to the place of perfect peace.

*Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)<sup>3</sup> You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*

*Psalms 32:7 (NKJV)<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah*

*Psalms 18:1-3 (NKJV)<sup>1</sup> I will love You, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

## Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

## **In Every Study**

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*