

# Apocalypse Now ( Revelation Revisited)

Session 9 / Wednesday

## THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES – THE INCREDIBLE SAGA OF SATAN'S HATRED AND ATTACK OF ISRAEL

1 This past YEAR one of the contenders for the presidential race declared that the United  
2 States must soften its feelings against one of Israel's deadliest enemies, an enemy that has  
3 declared itself as destroying Israel and the Jewish people from the Earth.

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5 Satan hates all people and all nations; but he has reserved his greatest hatred for Israel  
6 and the Jews. Why? Because

- 7 • The Savior of mankind - Jesus Christ - was a Jew
- 8 • Israel will dominate the future when Christ will reign over the Earth.

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10 The student of prophecy remembers how God will use the Jews and Israel to bring about  
11 His perfection on Earth:

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13 1. When Christ unveils the first seal judgment (Revelation 6) Antichrist is unleashed  
14 on a peace platform. Israel will make a sad treaty with him for seven years: Daniel  
15 9:27 **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (in prophecy, that's**  
16 **seven years): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the**  
17 **oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it**  
18 **desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon**  
19 **the desolate.**

20 2. In Revelation 7 we read that God will fill 144,000 Jews with His Spirit and they  
21 will evangelize the world after the Rapture. There will ensue an incredible salvation  
22 revival around the world. *(These 144,000 servants may well reach more people for*  
23 *Christ than have been won during the entire Christian dispensation. – Lahaye)*

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25 Now we come to chapter 12 and here the Holy Spirit reminds us of what caused this great  
26 conflict of the ages. Well before the creation of mankind, there was an upheaval in  
27 Heaven when Satan and a host of angels commanded a rebellion against God. God  
28 responded by throwing Satan and his legions out of Heaven and put them on Earth. The  
29 conflict here had intensified through the years. Nowhere do we get a more graphic  
30 picture of this than chapter 12 of Revelation.

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32 Rev. 12:1-17



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20     **And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and**  
21 **the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: [2] And she**  
22 **being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. [3] And there**  
23 **appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven**  
24 **heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. [4] And his tail drew the**  
25 **third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon**  
26 **stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as**  
27 **soon as it was born. [5] And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all**  
28 **nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.**  
29 **[6] And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of**  
30 **God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**  
31 **[7] And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;**  
32 **and the dragon fought and his angels, [8] And prevailed not; neither was their place**  
33 **found any more in heaven. [9] And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent,**  
34 **called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into**  
35 **the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [10] And I heard a loud voice**  
36 **saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God,**  
37 **and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which**  
38 **accused them before our God day and night. [11] And they overcame him by the**  
39 **blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives**  
40 **unto the death. [12] Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to**

1 the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you,  
2 having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. [13] And  
3 when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman  
4 which brought forth the man child. [14] And to the woman were given two wings of  
5 a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is  
6 nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. [15]  
7 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he  
8 might cause her to be carried away of the flood. [16] And the earth helped the  
9 woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the  
10 dragon cast out of his mouth. [17] And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and  
11 went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of  
12 God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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14 How did all this conflict, this civil war in Heaven, get started? The story of Lucifer's  
15 (Satan's) fall is described in two key Old Testament chapters – Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14.

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17 Ezekiel 28:1-10

18 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, [2] Son of man, say unto the  
19 prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou  
20 hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a  
21 man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: [3] Behold, thou  
22 art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: [4] With thy  
23 wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten  
24 gold and silver into thy treasures: [5] By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast  
25 thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: [6]  
26 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of  
27 God; [7] Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the  
28 nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and  
29 they shall defile thy brightness. [8] They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou  
30 shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. [9] Wilt thou yet  
31 say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in  
32 the hand of him that slayeth thee. [10] Thou shalt die the deaths of the  
33 uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

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35 At first reading, this seems to deal with a human being. But verses 11-19 shift the  
36 spotlight significantly:

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38 Ezekiel 28:11-19

39 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [12] Son of man, take up a  
40 lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God;

1 **Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. [13] Thou hast been**  
2 **in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius,**  
3 **topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the**  
4 **emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy**  
5 **pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. [14] Thou art the**  
6 **anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy**  
7 **mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**  
8 **[15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity**  
9 **was found in thee. [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the**  
10 **midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as**  
11 **profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub,**  
12 **from the midst of the stones of fire. [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy**  
13 **beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee**  
14 **to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. [18] Thou hast**  
15 **defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy**  
16 **traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour**  
17 **thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold**  
18 **thee. [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou**  
19 **shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.**

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21 The previous segment (vs. 1 - 11) appear to inform us about the ruler of Tyre (ancient city  
22 in Lebanon) from then on in the chapter there can be no question Ezekiel is speaking of  
23 Lucifer. One writer (Ron Rhodes) has informed us: *he....is portrayed as having a*  
24 *different nature from man (he was a cherub - vs 14 - an angel); he had a different*  
25 *position from man (he was blameless and sinless - vs. 15); he was in a different realm*  
26 *from man (the holy mount of God - vss 13 and 14); he received a different judgment from*  
27 *man (he was cast out of the mountain of God and thrown to earth (vs. 16); and the*  
28 *superlatives that describe him don't seem to fit that of a normal human being (full of*  
29 *wisdom, perfect in beauty and having the seal of perfecton (vs. 12 from the NASB).*

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31 Lucifer was a created being and remained perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found  
32 in him. Angels, as is the case of humans, have free will - the right to choose right or  
33 wrong. What was Lucifer's iniquity? Ezekiel 28:17 **Thine heart was lifted up**  
34 **because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:**  
35 **I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.**  
36 His sin was pride!

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38 This is perhaps the beginning of sin in this universe. And I believe it predated the fall of  
39 the human Adam. God judged Lucifer: Ezekiel 28:18 **Thou hast defiled thy**  
40 **sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick;**

1 **therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I**  
2 **will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.**  
3 **Simply put - God threw him out of Heaven and His divine presence. Luke 10:18 And**  
4 **he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (Jesus saw it all**  
5 **happen.)**

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7 **In Isaiah we read of the 5 “I wills” of the prideful fallen angel. Isaiah 14:12-15**  
8 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut**  
9 **down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] For thou hast said in thine**  
10 **heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will**  
11 **sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will**  
12 **ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. [15] Yet thou**  
13 **shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**  
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Can you even begin to imagine the anger of Lucifer when God put him down? As a result of his prideful attack on God, he was banished from living in Heaven (Isaiah 14:12 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!** His name was changed from Lucifer (which meant “morning star”) to Satan (which means adversary or enemy). His power became completely perverted (Isaiah 14:12 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!** 6-17 **They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; [17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?)** And his destiny, following the second coming of Christ, is to be bound in a pit and eventually be thrown into the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41 **Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:)**

15 **HOW DOES SATAN VENT THIS UNHOLY ANGER THROUGH THE YEARS?**  
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17 **One of the most significant attacks of Satan against God is his hatred displayed toward**  
18 **the Jews and Israel. In Revelation 12:1 and 2, we read that there was a woman wearing a**  
19 **crown of twelve stars. This represents Israel with her twelve tribes of the Jewish people.**  
20 **From Israel, 2000 years ago, Israel gave birth to the Messiah, Who appeared as a child in**  
21 **Bethlehem - Jesus Christ. (Rev. 12:5 **And she brought forth a man child, who was****  
22 **to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to**  
23 **his throne.)**

1 Satan knew if he could pull off the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people, there  
2 would be no Messiah. He also knows that if he can destroy them there will be Kingdom  
3 for Christ to return to following the awful Tribulation.  
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#### 5 THE REVOLT IN HEAVEN AS REPORTED IN SCRIPTURE 6

7 **Rev. 12:3-4 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red**  
8 **dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. [4]**  
9 **And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the**  
10 **earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for**  
11 **to devour her child as soon as it was born.**  
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13 Today's population for the most part discards any credibility in belief of Satan.  
14 However, Scripture makes it abundantly clear there is such a person, he is real, and he is  
15 deadly! In the above scripture, he appears as "enormous red dragon with seven heads,  
16 and ten horns and seven crowns on his head." *The ten horns refer to the ten kings who*  
17 *will be dominant in the Tribulation, from whom the Antichrist will receive his power and*  
18 *authority. – LaHaye*  
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20 But Satan is not the only person listed in this twelfth chapter of Revelation. There is  
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#### 23 THE SUN-CLOTHED WOMAN - Rev. 12:1-2 24 Page 2 / Lines 20-22 25

26 Some have attempted to identify her as Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus. Others have  
27 named other famous women. The truth of the matter is the "sun-clothed woman" is not a  
28 human being but ISRAEL. Note the scriptural description of her: "...a woman clothed  
29 with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head."  
30 This obviously cannot be a female human! So who is she?  
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32 We get a strong clue from one of Joseph's dreams as described in Genesis 37:9-11: **And**  
33 **he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have**  
34 **dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars**  
35 **made obeisance to me. [10] And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his**  
36 **father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed?**  
37 **Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee**  
38 **to the earth? [11] And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.**  
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40 The dream referred to the Jews, the people of Israel. The objects clothing her were light-

1 giving objects - sun, moon, stars. Those twelve stars are defined by the twelve tribes of  
2 Israel. The sun and moon are light giving or reflecting. If you consider the gifts of the  
3 Jews to society in general - particularly in technology and medical matters - no other  
4 nation comes close.

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6 The Child Who came from Israel was none other than Jesus Christ! Small wonder Satan  
7 hates Israel and the Jews so intensely. His nemesis, his conqueror, was born in the little  
8 town of Bethlehem. Throughout the Old Testament there were effort at Jewish genocide  
9 by the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks. And in our own lifetime, by  
10 the Germans in their hellish death camps (which resulted in six million Jewish deaths).

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12 So when we see, hear or read of animosity toward Israel and the Jews we can readily  
13 point to its source, none other than Satan himself. His efforts are intensifying right now.  
14 If you are a student of Scripture you can quickly discern the source of the anti-Israel, anti-  
15 Jewish attacks. You can point the finger at Satan himself!

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17 *Satan initiated what Bible Scholars call 'the conflict of the ages,' attempting to stamp out*  
18 *the seed of the woman from the time of Adam and Eve to the Tribulation period, from*  
19 *Genesis to Revelation. Satan tried to stop the seed by the murder of Abel by Cain*  
20 *(Genesis 4), by his effort to pollute the human race (Gen. 6), by his attempt to cut off the*  
21 *Hebrew nation in Egypt (Exodus 1-2), and by the decree of Haman (Esther 3:8-15).*  
22 *Several times during the life of Christ he tried to destroy the "seed of the woman" –*  
23 *Herod's decree to kill babies, the storm on the Sea of Galilee, and the attempts to throw*  
24 *Christ over a cliff near Nazareth. During the Christian dispensation the conflict is seen*  
25 *in Satan's persecution of the Church; his propagation of Islam; the Dark Ages, when the*  
26 *Word of God was kept from ordinary people; and false religions that spring up*  
27 *everywhere but offer no remedy for sin. This conflict will reach its climax during the*  
28 *Tribulation, when Satan through the Antichrist will seek to get people to worship him.*  
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### 30 31 MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

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33 All of the angels are not the same. There are "ranks" of angels. Gabriel, for example, is  
34 the angel of messages to human beings. Michael is a mighty arch-angel, powerful  
35 beyond human comprehension. He was a leader for God in the civil war in Heaven:  
36 Michael seems to be the "commanding general" of the heavenly hosts:  
37 **Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the**  
38 **dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

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40 Michael's warring history is remarkable. When Moses died on Mount Nebo (in what is







1 Heaven will rejoice at the absence of Satan, but Earth will weep because this vile creature  
2 is now in charge of this planet, and his wrath and vengeance will be massive! Once  
3 again he will vent his anger against Israel and the Jews. The Jews will temporarily flee  
4 Israel into a place (perhaps Jordan) where they will find some respite from Satan's fury.  
5 For three and-a-half years (the final half of the Tribulation) they will find protection:  
6 **Rev. 12:15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake**  
7 **the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.**

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9 The flood will be both literal and spiritual with Satan sending floods into the desert and  
10 with rumors of disaster and "final solutions." A part of that flood, I believe, will be  
11 multiple armies sent against the Jews to once and for all eradicate them.

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13 Dr. Joseph Seiss, a marvelous Moravian scholar of the last century, wrote a book called  
14 The Apocalypse in which he suggested: *It is the region and time of miracles when this*  
15 *drinking up of the river which the Dragon sends against the woman occurs. It is the*  
16 *region and time when there is to be a renewal of wonders, "like as it was to Israel in the*  
17 *day that he came up out of the land of Egypt, (Isaiah 11:15-16 And the Lord shall*  
18 *utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake*  
19 *his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over*  
20 *dryshod. [16] And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall*  
21 *be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land*  
22 *of Egypt. ) It is the region and time of great earthquakes and disturbances in the*  
23 *economy of nature. (Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of*  
24 *Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the*  
25 *midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley;*  
26 *and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. )*  
27 *(Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;*  
28 *and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; )*  
29 *(Rev. 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the*  
30 *city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant*  
31 *were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. ) And there is reason to think*  
32 *that it is by some great and sudden rending of the earth that those pursuing hosts are*  
33 *arrested in their course, if not en masse buried up in the convulsion. They fail to reach*  
34 *the Woman in her place of refuge. The very ground yawns to stop them in their hellish*  
35 *madness. (P. 527)*

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37 Only when Satan is cast once and for all into hell will he cease his aggression against  
38 God's chosen people: **Rev. 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and**  
39 **went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of**  
40 **God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

1 We end tonight's study on the positive note that this final and aborted attack against Israel  
2 will end with a mighty spiritual revival in that land and among Jews around the world.  
3 The Church of God have sixteen basic theological positions. Number 14 is of  
4 special interest to us in this study:  
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6 14. WE BELIEVE in the Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints  
7 at His secondcoming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This  
8 millennial reign will bring THE SALVATION OF NATIONAL ISRAEL and the  
9 establishment of universal peace.,  
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11 Amen and Shalom!  
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14 Next week: The Triumvirate From Hell Revelation 13  
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