

Revelation 12:3-17 – 9 May 2019

Purging of the Purchased Possession:

Fulfilling Your Purpose in the Midst of Attack

Introduction to Chapter 12 –

Chapter 10-14 is the parenthesis between the 6th and 7th trumpet judgement.

Remember the parenthesis between 6th & 7th Seal was about people (144,000 & Trib Saints)...same here.

Chapter 10 – John and the Word

Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses and the Temple

Chapter 12 – Israel and the Dragon

Chapter 13 – The Anti-Christ & the False Prophet

Chapter 14 – 144,000 and the everlasting gospel

Israelology –

Chapter 12 is foundational -unless you understand God's purpose for Israel, you'll have a confused view of what the Bible is all about.

Systematic Theology

- [Theology proper](#) – The study of the character of God
- [Angelology](#) – The study of angels
- [Biblical theology](#) – The study of the bible
- [Christology](#) – The study of Christ
- [Ecclesiology](#) – The study of the church
- [Eschatology](#) – The study of the end times
- [Hamartiology](#) – The study of sin
- [Pneumatology](#) – The study of the Holy Spirit
- [Soteriology](#) – The study of salvation
- [Theological anthropology](#) – The study of humanity.

Systematic Theology misses Israel!!!

How is your Israelology? And why does it matter?

Israelology matter for these reasons:

- 1) Shows that God will fulfill all that He says.
- 2) Shows that there's no reason to take God's promises as anything but literal and true.
- 3) Shows the depth of meaning/purpose God has for each, can't just be replaced.

OPEN IN PRAYER

Review of Vs 1-2

1. They often rejected their very purpose, see Matt 21:33-46
2. What is Israel's purpose?
 - a. Bring to the world God's Word.
 - b. Bring to the world the Messiah to reign on David's throne.
 - c. Be an example to Christians (I Cor 10:6-11)
 - d. Israel's purposes aren't fulfilled until Jesus is ruling on the throne of David.
3. **What is your purpose? What were you chosen for?**
 - a. General purposes
 - i. To praise God before men (I Pet 2:9)
 - ii. To have fellowship with God (I Cor 1:9)
 - iii. To produce good works (Eph 2:10)
 - b. Examples
 - i. Paul was chosen....

1. To preach the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph 3:7-12)
 2. Be a minister & witness to the things he had seen to the Gentiles (Act 26:16)
- ii. Jesus had purpose...
1. “Save Me from this hour, but *for this cause* came I into world.” (Jhn 12:27)
 2. “*For this cause* came I into world, to bear witness of the truth.” (Jhn 18:37)
- c. **When was the last time you considered if you’re fulfilling God’s general and specific callings on your life?**

Read Chapter 12 Vs 3-5

1. Description
 - a. Vs 3 – 7 heads, 10 horns
 - i. Explained in Rev 13, 17
 - ii. Lifted straight from Daniel chapter 7
 - b. Vs 4 – Tail drew 1/3 part of stars of heaven to the earth.

- i. Tail drew 1/3 part of angels
 1. We know 3 angels by name.
 - a. Michael (Guardian of Israel)
 - b. Gabriel (Messenger for Messiah)
 - c. Lucifer (Eze 28, Isa 14)
 2. Vs 9 – makes it clear that this 1/3 is referring to the angels.
 3. Dan 8:9-12
 - a. Satan’s rebellion led other angels into rebellion
 4. Interesting Guardian angels seems to be biblical (Matt 18:10, Heb 1:14)
 - ii. Could it also be 1/3 part of Israel deceived?
 1. Stars are used in vision of women.
 2. Israel would be multiplied **as the** ‘Stars of Heaven’, they’re not the stars of heaven.
2. Vs 5 – Wanting to kill the Christ to thwart God’s plan.

- a. Christ is the One who would rule with a ‘rod of iron’. (Psm 2, Rev 2 & Rev 19)
- b. Interesting that Herod had the same idea.
- c. Christ was “caught up” unto God
 - i. Harpazo in the Greek
 - ii. Interesting that this is the same as used for the Church, the bride of Christ, in rapture.
 - iii. Christ wasn’t snatched by force at the ascension.
 - iv. Seems to be the “Holy Spirit of Christ within the church” that’s being snatched up to God by force.
 - 1. He who lets will let, until He be taken out of the way.
- d. Gap in time between vs 5 and 6
 - i. Between rapture and Tribulation
 - ii. Many ‘gaps’ in scripture
 - 1. Isa 61:1-2a
 - 2. Luke 4:18 – Jesus went half way.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 6

1. The Abomination of Desolation
 - a. Dan 9:27 – Anti-Christ breaks covenant $\frac{1}{2}$ way thru Trib.
 - b. II Thes 2:3-5 – Anti-Christ will sit in the temple as god.
 - c. Matt 24:15-22 – When you see this, “flee to the mountains”.
2. Flee to what mountains?
 - a. Dan 11:41 – Edom, Moab and some of Ammon will escape Anti-Christ's control.
 - b. Isa 16:1-4 – Sela or Petra shall be their shelter. (Also Isa 26:20)
 - c. Zec 14:4-5 – The Lord Himself will come gather back from their hiding.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 7-8

1. Satan fought Michael, not God.
 - a. Michael and Satan contended for the body of Moses in Book of Jude.
 - b. Michael was fighting against the wicked, spiritual forces in Dan 10:13
 - c. Michael is only one id'ed as an Archangel
 - i. Jude 9, I Thess 4:16
2. Satan has access to heaven to accuse us (Job)
 - a. At some point, he is kicked out of heaven.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 9

1. Satan wants to thwart the plan of God.
 - a. Attacked Abraham's seed
 - b. Attacked David's seed
 - c. Attacked Jesus
 - d. Why does he still attack, if the cross defeated him?

- i. Wants to prevent everyone from embracing the gift of salvation. (one at a time)
 - ii. Wants to prevent Israel from embracing the gift of salvation.
 1. Rom 11:26 – all Israel shall be saved
 2. Hos 5:15 – during affliction they're turn to God!
 3. Dan 12:1 – At the end, Israel *shall be delivered*.
2. Satan wants to deceive us.
- a. II Thes 2:11-12
 - b. John 5:43
 - c. If we choose to reject God's truth, then He'll allow us to believe whatever we want to believe.
3. Deceive – G4105 – *planao* – *plan-ah'-o* – to cause to roam from safety, truth or virtue. To go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.

- a. **Have you wandered away from your God given purpose in life? Have you been deceived?**
- b. God's mercies are new every day.
- c. Confession & repentance.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 10-11

- 1. Vs 10 – He's the accuser of the brethren
 - a. The same deceiver, is then the tempter, and the accuser.
 - i. Deceives – us into thinking God's way isn't good.
 - ii. Tempts – us into thinking sin is good.
 - iii. Accuses – us when we fall for the lie b4 God.
- 2. Vs 11 – We overcome by blood of the Lamb.
 - a. We are more than conquerors in Christ (Rom 8:37)
 - b. Gates of hell can't prevail against our faith in Christ.

3. Vs 11 – We overcome by word of our testimony.
 - a. “Word” or “evidence given”.
 - b. **If you’ve wandered away from God’s purpose...**
 - i. **Give evidence with words that...**
 1. **Your situation is what it is.**
 2. **God is who He said He is.**
 - ii. **Confess with your mouth (I John 1:9)**
 - iii. We have an advocate with the Father.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 12-13

1. Satan has but a short time.
 - a. This is why the rapture is a surprise timing.
 - b. “Until fulness of the Gentiles is come in”
 - c. Counter counting down in heaven each time someone is saved.
 - i. This must freak Satan out at each salvation!
 - ii. Is Anti-Christ alive today, yes.

1. Satan doesn't know when the end will begin.
2. He needs to be ready to possess one.
2. Satan will possess the Anti-Christ at this 3 ½ yr mark.
 - a. Zec 11:17 – Anti-Christ wounded by sword
 - b. Rev 13:14 – False Prophet causes all to worship A-C for living thru injury.
 - c. Rev 13:3 – Seemingly raised back to life.
 - d. All done in the power of Satan, mocking the trinity, Father, Son and H.S.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 14-16

1. Israelites provided for; 40 years in wilderness.
2. Elijah was fed by ravens.

Read Chapter 12 Vs 17

1. 2nd half Trib horrible for all; especially for gentile believers as seen here.

Conclusion –

Recap, in examining our purpose:

1. Have you **considered God's general call** on your life? It's the same for us all.
2. Are you **allowing Satan to deceive you** into **not fulfilling** your purpose? He is a liar.
3. When was the **last time you confessed** to God that you're not committed to His plan and repented?