

Revelation 12:1-9

The People of the Great Tribulation

Satan's Fall and Goal

(Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!

(Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!

(Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!

BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the "Digging Deeper" conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 11 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received!

Review the end of chapter 11 and refresh your memory on where we are in scripture and where we are on the timeline of events! Jot down anything you want to take note of that was significant to you during this study!

Read the whole of chapter 12 to get an overview and to observe the scripture in context! Then go back and look up any words in your blue letter Bible app! Just select the verse, select interlinear concordance and select the word! So much insight is given looking up these words! Let me know if you have any questions!

Look at verses 1-9 and mark any repeated words or key words you notice! This gives you an idea of what the text is going to

be about and what you need to pay attention to! You can mark them with symbols, boxes or highlight them. Whatever works for you and makes it easy to refer back to and “see” the flow and significance of the text you are reading!

Read chapter 12 again, record any new details you did not see before!

Look at verse 1, who is speaking? What does “great” mean? What is a “sign”? From what we discussed in Bible study, why is this significant and we need to pay attention to it?

Who is introduced in verse 1? This is the first person of the Great Tribulation, who is she and who is she not? Read Genesis 37:9-11 and compare to this verse! Write out the similarities! It is vital to let Scripture interpret Scripture especially here where we are not given the exact explanation, and we are given “signs”- the beauty of what God has given in His Word and the beauty of what He shows us throughout the whole of the Bible!

Look at verse 2, what do you see here? Read the following verses and record what you see and how it connects to this verse!

Isaiah 66:7-10

Isaiah 26:17-18

Hosea 13:13

Micah 4:10, 5:2-3

Matt. 24:8

The story of Christmas did not begin in Bethlehem in a stable, it began in a garden called Eden! There, immediately following the fall when Adam and Eve yielded to the temptation of “the ancient serpent” (Gen.12:9), **God made a promise to send a Savior**. Read Genesis 3:15 and record what happened and who is that woman? This promise, made in the presence of Adam and Eve, often called the first gospel, would be further developed in God’s promise to Abraham (the Abrahamic covenant of Gen 12) and God’s promise to David (the Davidic

covenant of 2 Sam 7). The fulfillment of those promises is now explained in Rev. 12 here!!!

In the light of this, write in your who is God journal, “who is your God? What did He do? Who am I based on what He did? That determines what I do” This “who is God journal” is vital in helping you mind to focus on the character of God, so that you will be able to stand when you don’t understand what He is doing, and what is going on! So you don’t depend on your own understanding but on who God is!!

Read verse 3, what do you see here? Who is the second person introduced in the Great Tribulation? What did he have? In Bible study we covered what the details represent, what can you remember of who this is and what he had. Read Isaiah 27:1, 51:9, Daniel 7:7-8, 24, and Revelation 13:1. What do you discover from these verses?

In class I shared a quote from a resource I had from global ministries, read it and record your thoughts! “Our view is that the Antichrist will rise from a [“revived” Roman Empire](#) in the last days. That empire will be divided into ten parts, governed by ten kings, who will rule under the Antichrist. These ten kings, symbolized as horns, voluntarily cede authority to the one-world leader, the Antichrist. These kings will wage war against Jesus (“the Lamb”) and His people. Despite their power and authority, these ten kings will be defeated at the return of Jesus Christ: “Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet. . . . The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur” ([Revelation 19:19–20](#)).” (GMO resources) Isn’t it incredible that the future events are laid out for us to know and to understand so we are not unaware? We serve such a Sovereign God- spend some time thanking Him for who He is, and how he has never surrendered His authority!!

Read verse 4, what happened here? Look up any words you want more insight on. What is the goal of this dragon? Look up “devour” and remember this is his goal for anything and

anyone who does the will of God! anytime we do what God wants- anytime we press in to the Lord, anytime we stand strong to further the kingdom of God- he will try and utterly destroy, rob, consume our desire, our motivations, our opportunities, and our time, so that we don't do the very thing that will set us and others free! We need to be so careful to guard our time with the Lord, sanctify it, set it apart so nothing and no one gets in the way of that time! That is why we have Digging Deeper Workshops- why we have the tools for you in this root work to not neglect the beauty of the Word of God, or the washing that goes along with it! So how is your quiet time? Your Digging deeper time? Do you have a set time set apart that can not be disturbed? How is your resolve? How is your surrender? How is your steadfastness? Satan hates that you worship God- he hates that you follow God- don't give him an opportunity to drag you down by giving into your flesh!! Stay here a while and allow the truth of your heart to be revealed and surrender what needs to be surrendered and put on what needs to be put on!! Your whole world will be changed the more you do it- the more you dedicate your time to Him!!

Satan had a hard fall, read Isaiah 14:12-20 and Ezekiel 28:14-15 what do you learn here? What was he like before he fell? What made him fall? What was his motivation? After he fell the battle immediately started in the garden and has been between him and the people God has chosen throughout time to work in and through- Israel and the church! But the persecution of the Jews has been from the beginning and completely a spiritual battle! Courson says this: "Why have the Jews been perpetually persecuted? The only explanation must be the one we see here in Revelation 12: The dragon is determined to devour the child of the woman. You see, if there is no Jerusalem, if there is no Israel, if there are no Jewish people, how could Jesus fulfill the prophecies of His return to rule and reign His people in Jerusalem? Consequently, the plan of the dragon is to keep Messiah from returning to Israel by annihilating the Jews. If you don't grasp this, you'll never have a satisfactory answer for the mystery of anti-Semitism." (courson) record your thoughts on

this, how have we seen this throughout history, and how have we see this in our lifetime?

Read verse 5, who is the 3rd person introduced of the Great Tribulation? What characteristics do you see about Him in this verse? Compare with Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:25-29, 12:5 and 19:11-15! What is the sharpening process of iron? Read Prov. 27:17 and record! Isn't it incredible how God's Word fits together so beautifully!? This shows us what about God? What does this show us about Jesus?

Remember that this chapter visits the process all throughout history and it goes from the beginning before the garden, in the garden, to the birth of Christ to the resurrection of Christ and now in verse 6 we have the time after the abomination that causes desolation where the nation of Israel flee into the wilderness! Where is this wilderness? Where has God prepared a place for her? What is God going to do here? And for how long? Read Isaiah 16:1-4 and Mark 13:14-23 and record what you learn! Who is God here?

Read verse 7, there is a transition here to a scene in heaven....what is going on here? Who is the 4th person of the Great Tribulation? Who is the war between? Read Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1, and Jude 9 and then record what you learn about him! What does "Michael" mean? Contrast that with Isaiah 14:14 where satan says "I will be like the Most High" - this gives further insight to this battle! How incredible is this!?

When this takes place exactly is not certain however, some try to equate this with the first coming of Christ which supports the a-millennialist view saying satan is bound now and has no influence - however, we do not see that at all personally or contextually here in this chapter! Satan is most obviously active throughout the period of the Church Age! Look up the following verses to see this: Acts 5:3; 1 Cor. 5:5; 7:5; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:14; 12:7; 1 Tim. 1:20; 1 Peter 5:8!!

Read verse 8, who was not strong enough? And what happened to them? Satan and his angels are not strong enough to even

defeat Gods angel armies- so why do we give him so much credit? We have the Spirit of the living God in us! Stand firm! God Himself is our defender!

Read verse 9, what happens here? What further details do you see about the dragon here? Look up all his names and record what you learn about his character! What do you see with his name "devil"? We discussed this in class, and I will define it for you here: Slander -is an accusation maliciously uttered, with the purpose or effect of damaging the reputation of another. Slander is the sharing of speculation and hearsay about someone that results in a negative depiction of another person and a decline in their reputation.this results in broken friendships, divided families, and fractures among a local church. We have to be so careful! We can so easily fall into this and take on the very characteristics of satan and being used by him in a mighty way..all the while thinking we are puffing self up- we are actually puffing him up! Ahh we need to run from unwholesome talk that does not build up, exhort, and bring life! Maybe you need to spend some time in confession and repentance before the Lord! Don't move on until you have dealt with this with the Lord! Freedom is waiting on the other side of surrender!

Satan- adversary (one who opposes another in purpose or act), the name given to the prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of God and Christ. He is the "one who deceives the whole world," the one Jesus says is "a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him.... he is a liar and the father of liars" ([John 8:44](#)). He is defeated, humiliated in this war, along with his angels. The critical and crucial battle is done. The end of the war is soon to follow. Remember: our enemy is a defeated foe, and you serve the One who defeated him on the cross!

The biggest and most deadliest way you can give access to the enemy is to let sin reign in your life! When you allow sin to dwell in you, you allow the enemy to play you like a fiddle and you are hindered from becoming a tool that the Spirit of God can use for His glory and His purposes! Spend the remainder of

the time asking the Lord to reveal any sin that is hindering your race! Any sin that is keeping you from being fully used by God! Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and write it out! We need to throw off every single thing that keeps our eyes off the Lord! And in doing so we certainly bind and resist the enemy!! It is a win, win! Rejoice in the freedom from sin that can only be found in Christ!! He conquer the grave, defeated sin and made a way for us!! Praise Him!!!!