

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION 12

### *The Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ*

**I. Review:** (Rev.1:9 NKJV) <sup>9</sup>*I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

A. One outstanding characteristic of John the apostle is that he was always faithful to share the Word of God and his testimony about Jesus Christ, even in the face of adverse circumstances.

B. As we are being revived, we must not forget that we are called to share the Word of God and our testimony of Jesus Christ with others.

C. In fact, we must not allow trials, cares of life, and worldly pursuits to distract us from the Great Commission.

D. Eternal souls and eternal rewards are at stake.

**II. Let's talk about God's love for the world.**

A. (John 3:16 NKJV) <sup>16</sup>*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

B. The price He paid for the world reveals His great love for the world.

C. God desires everyone to be saved

D. (1 Tim. 2:3, 4 NKJV) <sup>3</sup>*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

**III. The world is in a state of condemnation before God because of sin.**

A. (John 3:18 NKJV) <sup>18</sup>*"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

B. What does it mean to be **condemned**? Condemnation is a legal term which means the act of condemning; the judicial act of declaring one guilty and dooming him to punishment.

C. All the world is guilty before God.

D. (Rom. 3:9-19 NKJV) <sup>9</sup>*What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. <sup>10</sup>As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>There is none who understands;*

*There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one. "<sup>13</sup>*

*"Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; <sup>14</sup> "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery are in their ways; <sup>17</sup> And the way of peace they have not known." <sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes." <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*

E. All the world is liable to the penalty of sin which is death.

1. The unsaved need to be saved from the penalty of sin.

2. **(Rom. 6:23 NKJV)** <sup>23</sup> *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

3. **(James 5:20 NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> *let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*

4. Death is more than physical. It is spiritual, physical, and eternal punishment in hell.

F. All who do not receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will receive eternal damnation.

1. **(Mark 16:15, 16 NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

2. **(Rev. 20:15 NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> *And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

#### **IV. God has committed the message of reconciliation to the church.**

A. **(2 Cor. 5:17-19 NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup> Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

B. We are God's ambassadors to a lost and dying world.

C. **(2 Cor. 5:20 NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

D. The Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ has been committed to us just like it was committed to John.

E. Like John, we must be faithful with what has been committed to us.

D. The more revived we are personally, the more we should be involved in soul winning.