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Rev 12: 1-6

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- Rev 12 is a most fascinating chapter in that it incapsulates both the past and the future
 - Vs 1 and 2 reaches into the distant past
 - To remind us of the promise to Eve
 - Gen 3: 15.... And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Christ); it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
 - Vs 3 introduces us to another "sign" from heaven
 - Behold a great red dragon.....

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- This verse goes into some detail of what this sign symbolizes
 - First....this great red dragon
 - The identity of this “dragon” is found in Vs 9
 - “That serpent of old who is called the devil”
 - There is a helping verse in the O.T. to aid us.....
 - Isa 34: 1-2.... Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.
 - Isa 34: 13...And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and ***it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.***

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- This second sign then is the fulfillment of Isa 34.....
 - Second.....this dragon is red in appearance
 - Perhaps in anticipation of his final destination
 - Third....this dragon has 7 heads and 10 horns???
 - Rev 17: 9-11....we find the explanation of the heads
 - 7 kings..... Vs 10
 - Fourth....this dragon has 10 horns????
 - Rev 17: 12-13....gives us the explanation of the horns
 - 10 coming kings with a shortened authority

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- Question.....
 - Why is this important for us to know today?
 - Luke 4: 1-6.....
 - Vs 6b...."for it has been handed to me and I can give it to whomever I wish"
 - Rev 13: 4.....
- Second question.....
 - How does what we have read apply to us today?
 - First.....control is the name of the game for Satan as we will learn through Rev 12-18
 - Second...liberty is not man's idea it is God's

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- Note these Scriptures.....
 - Ex 20: 2.... I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 - II Cor 3: 17..... Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.
 - Lev 25: 10...proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof:
 - This is inscribed on the Liberty Bell of the U.S.

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- But Satan's design for mankind is opposite to what God's has designed
 - John 10: 10.... "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly.
 - John 8: 32.... and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
 - John 8: 44.... You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

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- Consider the manifesto of the Democratic Socialists of America.....
 - Eliminate.....
 - The Presidency, the Supreme Court and the Senate
 - The Department of War, the Electoral College, ICE
 - Eliminate the nation state of Israel and establish Jerusalem as the capital of a “free Palestine”
 - All designed to do one thing.....increase control over peoples, nations and reduce freedom/liberty
- What about our current gov't??
 - Data centers, flock cameras, CD currency, facial recog.

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- Isa 14: 12-15.....note the 'I will's in this passage"
- Rev 12: 4....."his tail swept away a third of the stars"
 - Luke 10: 18.....Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."
 - Ezek 28: 16-17.... "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. ***I cast you to the ground***; I put you before kings, That they may see you.
 - This "third" is described in Vs 7-8..."dragon and his angels"

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- These passages give us insight into our world today....
 - Eph 6: 12..... For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
- But God pronounced his judgment (Gen 3: 15)
 - Col 2: 13-15....
 - He made a public display of their defeat....at the cross
 - Satan has tried everything to stop Gen 3: 15.....
 - Cain killed Abel....(I John 3: 12)
 - not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one, and slew his brother.

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- Throughout the Bible we see this battle rage
 - At the birth of Moses, Pharoah said “kill all the boys”
 - Saul tried again and again to kill David....
 - Through whom would come the Messiah
 - Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem....
 - Kill every male child 3 years old and younger
 - Luke 4: 29....
 - They took Him to a cliff to throw Him off
 - John 8: 59...Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

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- But God.....
- Is in control over all.....
 - Heb 2: 14..... Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;
 - Vs 4....."that he might devour her child"....
- Vs 5-6.....and she gave birth to a son, a male child.....
 - Psalm 2: 8-9; Isa 9: 6; Heb 12: 1-2

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- We must note two aspects of this "male child"
 - First....
 - "Who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron"
 - This fulfills a two-fold prophecy
 - Psa 2: 7-9...I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
 - This passage in Psa 2 indicates a forced submission....
 - Phil 2: 10...so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth

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- There is second aspect of prophecy yet to come
 - Rev 19: 15.....And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
- His Name is written King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev 19: 16)
- This child was “caught up”.....
 - Same word as used in I Thess 4: 17....”then we who are alive and remain will be “caught up”

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- What is our lesson to be learned today?
 - Our God reigns.....and...
 - I John 4: 4...You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
 - Luke 21: 28.... “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”