

## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Vision 3, Part I (12:1-12) - The Dragon, the Woman, and the Child

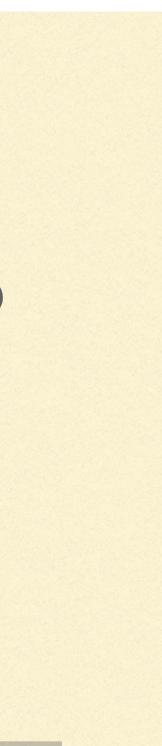
"Christian"	Tumper 5	9.1-12	"Golden Age"	012-702
Rome	Trumpet 6	9:13-21	Judgment against Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman Empire); successive bids to conquer Constantinople by Muslim powers; Byzantine Empire falls in 1453 to the Ottoman Empire	1056-1453
		10	More prophecy to come – this is not the end	N/A
		11:1-14	Word of God testifies for a period of 1,260 years; French Age of Reason and attempt to "kill" the Bible	536-1796
	Trumpet 7	11:15-19	Final Judgment, Conclusion of Vision #2	?

the Reformation."

~ Mid 3rd Century - Early 16th century

### Change to "Word of God testifies for a period of 1,260 years; the suppression of the Bible by the church of Rome which led to

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## SUMMARY OF 11:7-18

- For a millennium, Latin was the only language permitted for Bible translations
- The Roman church used the secular powers of Europe to suppress minority sects who appealed to the Bible as their authority
- With the invention of the printing press and the growth of translations into other languages, God freed and preserved the Bible
- The widespread availability of the Bible led to the Reformation which shook the apostate church and broke its hegemony in Europe





### A NEW VISION

- Vision I, Revelation I:12, "Then I turned to see the voice that
- like a trumpet speaking with me..."

spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

Vision 2, Revelation 4:1, "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was

Vision 3, Revelation 12:1, "Now a great sign appeared in heaven..."



## VISION 3 IS SET UP BY TRUMPET #6

- Revelation 10
- Revelation II introduces

  - The period of 1,260 years.

John sees an angel with an open book, seven thunders respond,

Iohn eats the book and is told to "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings." (Revelation 10:11)

The beast who oppresses and attempts to eliminate the two witnesses



## MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE BEAST

- Chapter 12
  - Depicts Satan as a seven-headed, ten-horned dragon
  - Satan manifests his power in the beast (seven heads, ten horns)
- Chapter 13
  - A more detailed description of the beast and his objectives
  - Introduced to a second beast who works together with the first beast.
- Chapter 14 judgment day, assurances to those who resist the beast

12:1-2: THE WOMAN

### A WOMAN WITH CHILD

In the OT, a woman is used to represent either Israel's Faithful relationship with God (Isaiah 54:5) Or her unfaithfulness (Jeremiah 3:20) Contrasted with the harlot in chapter 17 — a symbol of apostasy Two cities and two women

## SHE IS ARRAYED WITH HEAVENLY GLORY

"...clothed with the sun" - superior light

"...moon under her feet" - inferior light

"...garland of twelve stars" - 12 tribes, 12 apostles

- Sun, moon, and stars a nation, a people (recall Genesis 37:9-10)

## THE FAITHFUL OF GOD FROM ALL TIME

- feet")
- ("clothed with the sun")
  - Ephesians 2:13-15, Hebrews 12:22-23, Romans 11:17

Prior to birth, she represents faithful Israel ("the moon under her

After the glorification of the male child, she represents the church

### 12:3-6 - THE DRAGON AND THE MALE CHILD

### THE DRAGON

- "...fiery red dragon" Satan, the Devil according to verse 9
- "seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads" more in chapter 13
- "a third of the stars of heaven"
  - Individuals either human or angelic Job 38:7, Revelation 1:20
  - Represent fallen angels 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6
- " "dragon stood before the woman...to devour her Child as soon as it was born"

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## THE MALE CHILD = CHRIST

- He will "rule all nations with a r Isaiah 11:4, Revelation 19:15
- Jesus was the seed of woman7:14
- Jesus is the seed of Abraham the II:I, Revelation 5:5

#### He will "rule all nations with a rod of iron" (verse 5) — see Psalm 2:9,

#### Jesus was the seed of woman — Genesis 3:15, Galatians 4:4, Isaiah

#### Jesus is the seed of Abraham through David — Galatians 3:16, Isaiah

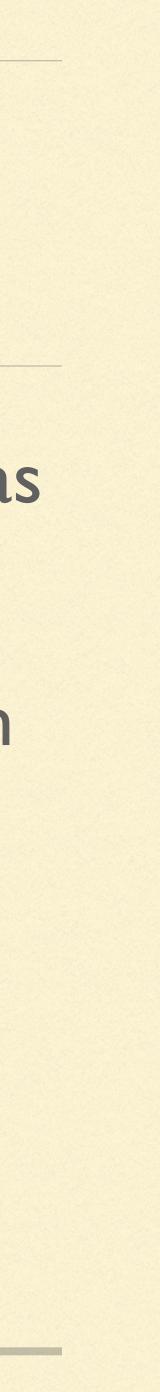


## SATAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL JESUS

- born" Matthew 2:1-19
- 14:30
- "And her Child was caught up to God and His throne" Resurrection and glorification of Christ Ephesians 1:20-21

#### "dragon stood before the woman...to devour her Child as soon as it was

#### The crucifixion was orchestrated by Satan - Luke 22:3, Luke 22:53, John



### SANCTUARY IN THE WII DERNESS

- God
- the wilderness
- She flees when the dragon persecutes her see verse 13
- She finds refuge for 1,260 days = 1,260 years

#### "where she has a place prepared by God" - a sanctuary to commune with

#### "that they should feed her there" – the church will be nourished while in

## BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY DISAPPEARS

- Changes in the eldership
- Infant baptism
- Latin becomes the language of the church
- Transubstantiation
- Monasticism

12:7-9: WAR IN HEAVEN



### WAR IN HEAVEN = CRUCIENN

12:5-6 describe how things played out on earth 12:7-9 describe how things played out in heaven Ephesians 6:11-12

### Spiritual conflicts parallel earthly conflicts — e.g. 2 Kings 6:8-23

## MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

He is an "archangel" according to Jude 9 "Arch-" comes from the Greek word arche which means prince or ruler Michael is a prince or ruler of angels Typically associated with God's people — Daniel 10:13, 21 and 12:1 Equivalent to Satan in authority and power — John 16:11, Jude 9 In both Revelation 12:7-9 and Jude 9, Michael prevails over Satan

### THE GREAT DRAGON

- Eden
- 10, 2:4-5, Zechariah 3:1, Revelation 12:10) "....Satan" - Gr. satanas, adversary



### A dragon, a serpent — how he appeared in the garden of

# "...Devil" - Gr. diabolos, false accuser, slanderer (see Job 1:9-



### HE "DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORI D"

- John 8:44 the "father of lies"
- Works through human agencies to deceive the world (Revelation) 13:14, 18:23, 20:3)
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12: "…power, signs, and lying wonders"

I John 5:19, "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one"



## EXILED FROM HEAVEN

- and I Kings 22:19-23)
- this world will be cast out.
- John 16:11, "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."



#### Satan and his demons could have an audience with God (e.g. Job

#### John 12:31, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of

12:10-12: VICTORY OVER SATAN

## FOUR RESULTS OF THE CROSS

- Salvation Revelation 7:10, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- Strength and power Revelation 5:12, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive <u>power</u> and riches and wisdom, And <u>strength</u> and honor and glory and blessing!"
- The kingdom of our God: Revelation 1:9, "I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ..."



## HE CAN ACCUSE US NO LONGER

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

~ Romans 8:31-34



## THREE KEYS TO VICTORY

- "by the blood of the Lamb" Revelation 14:1-4
- "by the word of their testimony"
  - Separate from the word of God Revelation 6:9, 12:17, 1:9
  - I Timothy 6:13
  - They did not recant when faced with death
- lesus shows us the way to this victory Revelation 1:5

"they did not love their lives to the death" - Acts 21:13, Philippians 1:21

## DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS

"Rejoice" and "Woe" "...inhabitants of the earth" - those outside the kingdom of God Revelation 8:13 and 17:2 Those who "dwell on the earth" - 3:10, 6:10, 13:8, 13:14, 14:6, 17:8 • "...earth and sea" - all of creation would be affected by Satan's exile "because he knows that he has a short time"



## SUMMARY OF 12:1-12

- world
- Satan opposed lesus and sought His life
- The resurrection conquered Satan's ultimate attempt at stopping lesus
- A heavenly battle paralleled the crucifixion; Satan lost and was cast to the earth
- Jesus gives the faithful a strategy to overcome Satan
- But Satan's exile will mean trouble for those outside God's kingdom



#### God preserved a remnant of faithful Israelites who brought His Son into the

