

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 12-14 – The *Third* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

THE BEAST – PART ONE – REVELATION 12:1-13:2

In our previous studies of chapter 12 we identified key figures—the woman, the man child, and the great red dragon with his angels. (With that we were able to gain a clearer view of the details taking place during the last 3½ years of the 7 year tribulation period.)

- The woman – _____
- The man child – The _____
- The red dragon – That old serpent, called the Devil and _____; he is the *first* member of the satanic trinity – Rev. 16:13

Revelation 12 provides us with details concerning the final conflict between the woman and the dragon. Today we will begin with an overview of its text which will cause us to come face to face with the most _____ character the world will ever know—the antichrist (aka the _____).

1. An overview of chapter 12

a. The woman and the man child – verses 1-5

- Israel appears as a great wonder in heaven – verse 1
She is dear to the heart of God – Hosea 2:19-20
- She is ready to deliver the man child (the Messiah, Jesus Christ) – verse 2
- The Devil appears as another wonder in heaven in the form of a great red dragon – verse 3
- The scene moves down to planet earth as this red dragon draws 1/3 part of the angels (stars – Rev. 1:20; 6:13) to his side and then casts them to the earth. He stands poised to _____ the man child (Jewish Messiah) when he is born – verse 4; Mt. 2:16; Lk. 4:16-30; Jo. 8:12-59; 10:19-39; 18:1-6; 18:7-19:42
- The Messiah is delivered through Israel as prophesied in Is. 9:6-7; one day he will rule all nations. Christ, ultimately being rejected by his own people Israel, is caught up into heaven to sit at the right-hand of God. He patiently awaits his second coming to assume power over the earth – verse 5; Jo. 1:11; Acts 1:9; Rev. 19:11-16

Note: Between verses 5 & 6 there is a time gap of 2,000 years. Remember that in Revelation 12 during this time of tribulation (the time of Jacob's trouble – Jer. 30:7) God is dealing with the nation of Israel...

> TIME GAP OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 YEARS

b. The devil and his angels – verses 6-17

- Israel flees into the _____, to a place God had prepared; she is nourished there for 1,260 days – verse 6; Job 38:22-23; Jer. 50:19-20; Ezk. 20:35-36; Hos. 2:14-15; Mic. 7:14-15
- The scene moves back to heaven as we witness a _____ – the archangel Michael and his angels fight against Satan and his angels – verse 7; Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9
- Satan and his angels are permanently cast out of heaven to the earth; he is no longer the prince of the power of the air – verses 8-9; Eph. 2:2
- A loud voice in heaven proclaims that the Devil, the _____ of the saints, is cast out... the voice states that the saints overcame him (and obviously his accusations) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony because they loved not their lives unto death – verses 10-11
- The voice now shouts hope and judgment – “*Rejoice ye heavens and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea...*” Because the Devil is wroth, he plans to wreak havoc on the earth; he knows his time is _____ – verse 12
- The Devil, realizing his power is limited, _____ Israel – verse 13
- It is recounted again to us that Israel flees to the wilderness, but this time we are told she will fly on *two wings* of a great eagle; we are reminded that she will be supernaturally protected and fed for a time, times, and half a time (3½ years or 1260 days) – verse 14; Mt. 24:15-21
- A literal flood of _____ is issued from the Devil to destroy Israel, but the earth opens up just in time to save them – verses 15-16; Daniel 9:26; Jer. 12:5; 46:7-8

Just like it did with the Red Sea in Ex. 14-15 – Ecc. 1:9; 3:15
- After this the Devil, in what seems like a last ditch effort, makes _____ with the remnant of Israel (those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ) – verse 17

2. The Beast – Revelation 13:1-2

a. His location

- This _____ rises out of the _____

This must be the Mediterranean Sea

- This sea is connected to three continents:

- 1) Middle-Eastern _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

b. His identification

- This beast is *primarily* like unto a _____ with the feet of a *bear* and a mouth like a *lion*

A leopard is yellowish-brown like a middle-eastern _____

A leopard has a stomach that is white like a _____

A leopard has spots that are black like an _____

Note: This beast is a composite, he is integrated—he is like the beasts of Daniel 7; he is like another creature found in Job 40:15-24 – The *Behemoth*. By-the-way, all these animals mark _____ – Ps. 1:3; Mk. 8:24

- This beast is _____ from the dragon of chapter 12

<u>Chapter 12</u>	<u>Chapter 13</u>
Great red dragon	Like a leopard with bear's feet and a lion's mouth
7 heads and ten horns	7 heads and ten horns
7 crowns on each of his 7 heads	10 crowns on the 10 horns (no crowns on the 7 heads)
No name written on his heads	Name of blasphemy written on his heads
Comes _____ from heaven	Comes _____ from the sea

- This beast receives what he has from the _____ – Rev. 13:2

His _____
 His _____
 His _____ _____

- This beast is the _____ member of the satanic trinity, the _____ – Rev. 16:13

A beast is representative of a king and a kingdom – Daniel 7:7, 17, 23

A king and kingdom are often interchangeable terms – Ezk. 27:3; 28:12, 14, 17; Is. 14:12-14, 22

This beast, as the antichrist, is both a _____ and a _____

NEXT MESSAGE: The Beast – part two