

An Overview of Biblical Prophecy

(11) Satan, the great fiery dragon

Satan's attacks on Christ and then Israel...Rev.12:1-6

What is specifically stated about what John sees in this passage? 12:1

John sees a "great sign". Sign = semeion, sign, wonder, a token or indication. Not literal.

What is the woman representing (a token or indication of)? 12:1; Gen.37:9-11

Symbolic of the nation of Israel (Jacob, Rachael, 12 sons). From Israel comes Messiah.

The woman is about to give birth. To Whom? vs.2, 5 See Rev.19:15

The male child is, of course, Christ. He will rule (not Satan) all nations with a rod of iron.

What does John record about Christ? vs.5 Col.3:1

He is caught up to God (the Father) and to His throne. Now seated at the right hand...

John now sees another 'sign' in heaven. What is the sign and what does it represent? vs.3, 9

A great red dragon, 7 heads, 10 horns/crowns. The dragon represents Satan, the devil.

What is represented by the 7 heads and 10 horns/crowns? 17:9-12; Dan.7:1-28

7 heads = 7 kingdoms / kings. 10 horns are 10 kings who will rule with antichrist.

Detail the 7 kingdoms. 17:9-10 (Past, present, future is all at AD90, writing of the Revelation)

5 past (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medio-Persian, Greece), 1 is (Rome), 1 future (Antichrist)

So what does the great red (fiery) dragon w/7 heads and 10 horns represent? vs.3

It's Satan as seen in his political rule from start to finish. 7 world ruling kingdoms...

In addition to these *visible* world kingdoms, what else does John see? vs.4, 7 (note, to the earth)

Satan 'swept away' 1/3 of the 'stars of heaven' ('his angels', vs.7, known as demons).

The unseen battle in heaven...12:7-17

And who is "Michael and his angels"? Dan.10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9

He is one of the chief princes (archangel) amongst holy angels, uniquely assigned Israel.

And when we see Michael, what is going on? vs.7-9; cp. Job 1:6; 2:1 Eph.6:10-12 Result?

There is a war in heaven! Michael + holy angels vs Satan + demons. Evil is thrown out...

When this happens, what is the response in heaven? vs.10

Now salvation and power and authority of God and Christ has come!

What insight are we given into one of the works of Satan? vs.10 Job 1-2; Lu.22:31; Jn.10:27-30

He accuses believers continuously to God the Father. Tries to have us 'rejected'.. NO WAY

How was the casting out of Satan viewed for heaven? vs.12a and for earth? vs.12b see vs.14

Rejoicing in heaven, peace at last. Woe to earth. Great wrath, short time, 1260 days.

Reminder: According to the timing (1260 days), when does this war take place?

At the midpoint of the tribulation, last 3.5 years (42 months x 30 days = 1260 days).

What does vs.6 indicate about Israel, in this great sign? vs.13-17; Mt.24:15-22 Zech.13:8-9

Israel (woman) flees from Satan (dragon). God protects remnant/last half of trib, 1260days