

THE STORY FROM SATAN'S SIDE Studies in the Revelation

A BIT OF ANCIENT HISTORY:

The War in Heaven

The Five "I Wills" of Satan:

"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart,

- 1) I will ascend to heaven;
- 2) I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and
- 3) I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.
- 4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
- 5) I will make myself like the Most High."

Isaiah 14:12-15

The Position of Satan Before the Rebellion:

"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. 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."

Ezekiel 28:12-17

One Third of the Angels Followed Satan in Rebellion:

And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them (where) to the earth.

Revelation 12:4a

The End of the Story:

Satan's Final Assault Against God's People:

Revelation 9:1-11

Satan is Easily Crushed by Christ:

Revelation 19:11-21

Satan is Banished to the Abyss:

Revelation 20:1-2

Satan is Condemned to Final Destruction:

Revelation 20:3, 7-10

LET'S MEET THE CAST:

First, a woman (Israel):

A (what) great sign appeared (where) in heaven: (which was) a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown (stephanos) of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Revelation 12:1-2

Women in the Revelation:

Woman One: Jezebel (Rev. 2:20): False teaching and paganism

Woman Two: Woman with Child (Rev. 12:1-2): Israel

Woman Three: The Harlot (Rev. 17:1-6): the *apostate* church

Woman Four: Bride of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-8): the *true* church

The Sun, Moon, Stars and Crowns:

Now he (Joseph) had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father (Jacob) rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Genesis 37:9-11

Questions:

- Why can't the woman represent the Church?
- Didn't the church give birth to Jesus, to the Messiah?
- How did Israel feel the pain of the child's birth?
- What do the twelve crowns represent?

Next, the Dragon (Satan):

Then (what) another sign appeared (where) in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having (1) seven heads and (2) ten horns, and on his heads were (3) seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who (what) was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

Revelation 12:3-4

The Dragon Identified as the Serpent, the Devil and Satan:

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:9

The Seven Heads and the Seven Diadems:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. The final 10-Nation Confederacy of the Anti-Christ (10 horns)

The Power Transfer from Satan to the Anti-Christ:

And the dragon (Satan) stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast (the anti-Christ) coming up out of the sea, having (1) ten horns and (2) seven heads, and on his horns were (3) ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

Revelation 13:1

The Attacks of Satan Against Israel:

1. Cain
1. The “sons of God” and the “daughters of men”
2. Pharaoh
3. Saul trying to kill David
4. Haman and Jewish genocide
5. Herod and the murder of the innocent
6. Hitler
7. Islam
8. Many, many more!

Finally, the Son, the Male Child (Christ):

And she (Israel) was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Revelation 12:2

And she (Israel) gave birth to a son, a male child (Jesus), who is to (what) rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for (how long) one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:5-6

Christ’s Rule of all the Nations:

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

Revelation 11:15

“I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give (what) the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, you shall shatter them like earthenware.’”

Psalms 2:7-9

Christ’s Exaltation and Glory:

And her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Revelation 12:5b

The Protection of God’s Elect, the Apple of His Eye:

Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for (how long) one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:6

And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into (where) the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for (how long) a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who (1) keep the commandments of God and (2) hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 12:13-17

“Therefore when you see (what) the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”

Matthew 24:15-22