

Final Call
Sermon study
Revelation 12

Problem:

Are we living in the end times? video

zech 12:1-10; 14:1-5 Israel will exist and be surrounded in the end

thousands of years ago the Bible foretold a of a future time when He would come again-
the props are set and the actors are on the stage now

the last act is about to begin and Rev 12 introduces the cast

Main Idea:

Enter Israel

Enter Satan

Enter Christ

The cast is revealed

The curtain will be lifted

The closing act is about to begin

Implication: the stage has been set

we have witnessed a nation be reconstituted in our lifetime that was predicted to be a player in
the final day - this is not a regathering for a final resting place but a gathering for a final
persecution

From the brickyards of Pharaoh's Egypt, Haman's gallows, Herod's cruel edict, through Hitler's
purge, and to the world of the Great Tribulation, Satan has led the attack against these people
because of the man child—Jesus Christ

Application: wake up

salvation is nearer than ever before

urgency is a hallmark of true Christian faith - lets get to work - the day is near

dont wait to believe, to serve, sacrifice, to speak the truth

Text

Enter Israel

Rev. 12:1 ¶ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her
head a crown of twelve stars.

Rev. 12:2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

A Woman clothed with the sun

- Gen 37:9 (Israel)

12 stars

- (Rev 7:5-8 (12 tribes sealed)

birth pains

- Matt 24:3-8 (first half of tribulation)

Enter Satan

Rev. 12:3 And **another sign appeared** in heaven: behold, **a great red dragon**, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

Rev. 12:4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might **devour it**.

A great red dragon

- rev 12:9 (serpent from garden)

ten horns

- rev 13:1 (learn more next week - Dan 7)

seven diadems

- (Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11 (ruler this world)

-(Eph 2:1-3 (not bound)

swept down

- ezek 28:11-19

devour it

- Matt 2:13-16 (heavenly perspective 1st coming)

- moses, haman, herod, hitler the Trib.

Enter Christ

Rev. 12:5 She gave birth to **a male child**, one who is to rule all the nations with **a rod of iron**, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

A male Child

- Micah 5:2-3 (Mary a representative of Israel)

- Rom 1:3; 9:4-5 (Israel is the key)

- Rev 12:17 (not Mary)

a rod of iron

- (Psalm 2 (the true ruler)

The cast is revealed

Rev. 12:6 and the woman **fled** into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for **1,260 days**.

fled

- Matt 24:15-22 (Israel's flight)

1260 days

- Rev 11:1-19 (cast for the second half of Trib.)

The curtain will be lifted

Rev. 12:7 ¶ **Now war arose in heaven**, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,

Rev. 12:8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was **thrown down**, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was **thrown down to the earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brothers** has been **thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God**.

Rev. 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rev. 12:12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Michael

Dan 10:13, 21; 12:1 (protector of Israel)

Thrown down

- Job 1:6-9; 2:1-6 (cleansing of heaven)

Accuses day and night

- Zech 3:1-2 (who accuses day and night)

The closing act is about to begin

Rev. 12:13 ¶ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Rev. 12:14 But the woman was given the two **wings of the great eagle** so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Rev. 12:15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

Rev. 12:16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

Rev. 12:17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on **the rest of her offspring**, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. **And he stood on the sand of the sea.**

distinguish between immanent return of christ

- 1 Cor 15:50-54 (imminent)
- Titus 2:11-13 (blessed hope)
- 1 Thess 4:13-18 (rapture - Rev 4:1)

and second coming not imminent

- 2 Thess 2:1-17 implication - but indicative

the closing act is about to begin

- 2 Pet 3:1-15 (what sort of people should we be)

wake up - rom 13:11-14 (the day is near)

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/imminent-return-Christ.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/live-lives-Christ-return.html>