



# **VISION OF VICTORY**

## **A STUDY OF REVELATION**

### **#22: WHY IS THE DEVIL SO MAD?—12:1-18 (PART 2)**

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So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NLT)

## **I. SATAN’S IDENTITY**

- 1. He is a fallen angel who led a rebellion against God (v.7-9; Ezekiel 28; Isaiah 14)**
- 2. He and his demons were defeated, thrown out of heaven, and down to the earth**

“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world

Isaiah 14:12 (NLT)

- 3. He is identified in Revelation 12:7-9 as:**

- **The devil = Accuser**
- **Satan = Adversary**
- **Deceiver = Father of Lies**
- **Serpent = Crafty**
- **Dragon = Powerful**
  - ⇒ Enormous
  - ⇒ Red
  - ⇒ Seven heads
  - ⇒ Ten horns
  - ⇒ Seven crowns
  - ⇒ Tail sweeps away a third of the stars
  - ⇒ Waits to devour the woman’s child
  - ⇒ Pursues the woman
  - ⇒ Tries to drown the woman with a flood from his mouth
  - ⇒ Becomes enraged and makes war against the woman

## **II. SATAN’S WAR**

- 1. The Woman (v.1,2,5,6a,14,16)**
  - **Clothed with the sun**
  - **The moon under her feet**
  - **Wearing a crown with twelve stars**
  - **Expecting a child**

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

- **Cries out in pain as she's about to give birth**
- **Gives birth to a Son**
- **Given wings like an eagle to escape the dragon's reach for 1260 days**

He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NLT)

## **2. The Son (v.5)**

- **Will rule the nations with an iron scepter**

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

- **Ascended to heaven before He was devoured by the dragon**

## **III. SATAN'S FURY**

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.

Revelation 12:17 (ESV)

### **Why is Satan so mad?**

- 1. He cannot defeat God's people = The Woman**
- 2. He cannot destroy God's Messiah = The Son**
- 3. He cannot condemn God's saved = The Church (Me)**

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus... What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us...overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:1,31-37 (NLT)