

SERMON: REVELATION CHAPTER 12

[SLIDE 2] The title of the sermon today is “REVELATION CHAPTER 12.”

- We just finished up the first half of the Book of Revelation.
- We know that the book is cut in half by what we’ll see in Chapter 12.
- But we also know that Chapter 11 makes it clear that the 1,000 year reign of Jesus begins in that Chapter.

[SLIDE 3] Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

- That’s CRYSTAL CLEAR that the reign of Jesus Christ on this earth is beginning.
- That 1,000 year period called the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ is beginning.
- Once that reign is over, Satan is loosed, conquered, thrown into hell.
- Then we see the GREAT WHITE THRONE judgment after that happens.
- And we haven’t went over any of that yet because it’s in the second half of the Book of Revelation.

We know that Revelation Chapter 12 starts over because you’re going to see the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

- Revelation Chapter 1 through 11 are in perfect chronological order.
- It’s very clear because the book uses terms like “AFTER THIS” which gives order to the book.
- It’s not jumping back and forth in Revelation 1 through 11 like some preachers teach.
- They are very confusing. The Bible is very clear that Revelation is cut in half.
- Revelation 1 through 11 are in chronological order.
- Start over in Revelation Chapter 12 and then chapters 12 through 22 are in chronological order.
- And you’ll see how the book is cut in half because everything makes perfect sense with what we’ve learned in the first 11 chapters.

So, some preachers teach that the VIALS happen AFTER the trumpets.

- Hopefully you have your Daniel’s 70th week timelines with you so you can see this.
- The Bible is teaching that the TRUMPETS and VIALS happen at the same time.
- The vials don’t happen at a later period of time. They are happening with the trumpets.
- For example, the first trumpet occurs with the first vial. Second trumpet with second vial.
- And so on all the way through all 7 trumpets and all 7 vials.

We’ve looked at this before in Revelation sermons, but I want you to see this again.

- There’s 100% proof that the all the trumpets don’t happen and then the vials happen at some later time.
- Revelation Chapter 16 proves this over and over again.
- So remember, we just saw in Revelation 11, that verse still on the screen, that JESUS is ruling.
- When the SEVENTH TRUMPET sounds, “The kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord, and of HIS CHRIST.”
- All 7 trumpets are finished in Revelation 11:15. Jesus starts HIS REIGN on EARTH.

Now, let’s look at Revelation Chapter 16 verse 10.

- If you look on your timeline and find VIAL #5, you’ll see Revelation 16 verse 10 as a reference for that vial.

- Notice what this SCRIPTURE says.

[SLIDE 4] Revelation 16:10-11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

- What does it say there? "The fifth angel poured out HIS VIAL upon the seat of THE BEAST."
- Who is the beast? The beast is the ANTI-CHRIST. It's not JESUS CHRIST. It's the ANTI-CHRIST.
- Verse 10 says, "AND HIS KINGDOM WAS FULL OF DARKNESS."
- At Trumpet 7, the KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD belong to JESUS.
- But at the fifth vial, it's still talking about the KINGDOM OF THE ANTI-CHRIST.

So this proves 100% without a doubt that the fifth vial happens BEFORE the seventh trumpet.

- Do you see that today? And look, that's not the only proof. You'll see as you study.
- There's absolutely NO WAY that the vials happen after all the trumpets are complete.
- Jesus doesn't lose control of HIS KINGDOM and HIS KINGDOM isn't darkness.
- Let's go to verse 1 of Revelation Chapter 12.

[SLIDE 5] Revelation 12:1-2 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

- Remember, this is the APOSTLE JOHN seeing all of these things.
- He was caught up in the SPIRIT to heaven and watched all of these things.
- He sees a GREAT WONDER IN HEAVEN. It's a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet.
- She has a CROWN WITH TWELVE STARS UPON HER HEAD.
- And she's with child, which means she's pregnant.
- She cries out, she's in labor, and she's going to have the child.

[SLIDE 6] Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

- John sees another wonder in heaven who is this great red dragon.
- He has seven heads and ten horns. He has seven crowns upon his heads.
- We learn a little later in this chapter that this GREAT RED DRAGON is SATAN.

[SLIDE 7] Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- There's a lot going on in all of these verses so far to this point. We're going to talk about all of this.
- But for now, Satan stands there waiting to devour the CHILD who is about to be born.

[SLIDE 8] Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

- So, this child of this woman is OBVIOUSLY 100% JESUS CHRIST. There is no one else this can be.
- He is to RULE all nations with a rod of iron.
- There are 4 verses in the Bible that talk about ruling with a rod of iron.
- You see one of them on the screen now, Revelation 12:5. Here's Scripture from Revelation Chapter 19.

[SLIDE 9] Revelation 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

[SLIDE 10] Revelation 19:14-16 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

- The BIBLE tells us clearly that JESUS CHRIST is the ONE who will RULE with a rod of iron.

[SLIDE 11] Psalm 2:7-9 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

- This is clearly talking about the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, Jesus Christ.
- "THOU SHALT BREAK THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON." I want to read Revelation 12:5 again.

[SLIDE 12] Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

- The last part of the verse says that this child is caught up unto God, and to HIS THRONE.
- Jesus Christ is was caught up unto God and TO HIS THRONE.
- We see this at the end of the book of Mark, end of Luke, and start of Acts.

[SLIDE 13] Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

[SLIDE 14] Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

[SLIDE 15] Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

- So, we're 100% sure that JESUS CHRIST is being born in Revelation Chapter 12.
- This means we've gone back in time from the end of the world in Revelation Chapter 11.
- We've started over chronologically. It's very obvious.
- With that said, I want to go back to verse 1 and 2 of Revelation Chapter 12.

[SLIDE 16] Revelation 12:1-2 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

- When we first read this verse, you might have been thinking: “WHO IS THIS WOMAN?”
- Well, most people would think it’s MARY because she’s the earthly mother of Jesus.
- After studying the Bible, though, and especially the Book of Revelation, I don’t think it’s Mary.

Revelation Chapter 12 is tough because the Bible is using symbology.

- For example, in verse 1, a woman can’t literally wear the SUN as clothing.
- She isn’t going to stand on the entire moon and the entire moon be under her feet.
- She isn’t literally going to have a crown with 12 stars from the sky.
- As we continue studying Chapter 12 today, I think it becomes clearer who this woman might be.
- Let’s continue in verse 3.

[SLIDE 17] Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

- Satan is the red dragon. He has 7 heads and 10 horns in this symbology.
- Satan doesn’t actually have 7 heads and 10 horns just like the woman doesn’t actually wear the sun.
- The great red dragon has seven crowns upon his 7 heads.

[SLIDE 18] Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- “AND HIS TAIL DREW THE THIRD PART OF THE STARS OF HEAVEN.”
- Stars in the Bible are often referred to as angels. Stars of heaven = angels of heaven.

[SLIDE 19] Revelation 9:1-2 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

- A star or an angel falls from heaven unto the earth and that angel is given the key to the bottomless pit.
- That angel’s name is Abaddon or Apollyon. Notice he is an angel from heaven. He’s referred to as a star.

[SLIDE 20] Psalm 148:2-3 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

- STARS are ANGELS many times in the Bible.

[SLIDE 21] Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

- The seven STARS are the ANGELS of the seven churches. And remember, angels are messengers.
- Revelation 12 is using SYMBOLOGY as you've seen. So it's not talking about actual stars from the sky.

[SLIDE 22] Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- SATAN drew a third part of the STARS of HEAVEN. Those are all of HIS ANGELS fallen from heaven.
- The devil took a third of all the angels with him when he rebelled against God.

[SLIDE 23] Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

[SLIDE 24] 2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

[SLIDE 25] Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

[SLIDE 26] Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

[SLIDE 27] Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

- Revelation 12:4 is talking about Satan and his angels being cast out of heaven to the earth.
- Satan could still go back to heaven as the BOOK OF JOB tells us.

[SLIDE 28] Job 1:6-7 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

- Obviously, Satan could still enter into heaven.
- Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven before Jesus Christ is born but not permanently.
- And then what do you see in Revelation 12:4?

[SLIDE 29] Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- SATAN stands there and waits for the child to be born. He wants to devour the child as soon as its born.
- Who does that sound like from the Bible? Who wanted baby Jesus dead as quickly as possible?
- It was one of Satan's minions. KING HEROD.

[SLIDE 30] Matthew 2:2-3 *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.*

- King Herod and all Jerusalem were troubled because SCRIPTURE was coming true and they didn't like it.

[SLIDE 31] Matthew 2:7-8 *Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.*

- King Herod wanted Jesus brought to him as soon as they found him.
- Satan was behind that. King Herod was Satan's little minion.

[SLIDE 32] Matthew 2:12-13 *And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*

- The story of King Herod seeking to kill baby Jesus is just like Revelation 12:4.
- Jesus is a threat to all the evil and wickedness of this world.

[SLIDE 33] Revelation 12:5 *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

- So again, this is the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. So, we're moving in chronological order of things now.

[SLIDE 34] Revelation 12:6 *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

- So, this number of 1,260 days shows up again.
- We just talked about this number in Revelation Chapter 11.
- 1,260 days divided by 30 days per month is 42 months or 3-1/2 years.

That's half of Daniel's 70th week. The woman flees into the wilderness. She has a place prepared of God.

- They will feed her there for 3-1/2 years. Are we currently in the first or second half of Daniel's 70th week?
- We started over in Revelation Chapter 12, right? So we're now in the first half of Daniel's 70th week.
- What happens in the first half of the 7-year period of time? THE TRIBULATION.
- Because of tribulation, the woman flees into the wilderness. She already had JESUS.
- So, we're moving in order. We see the tribulation lasting 3-1/2 years in verse 6 there.

[SLIDE 35] Revelation 12:7-8 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

- During the tribulation, the ARCHANGEL MICHAEL and HIS ANGELS will fight against SATAN and HIS ANGELS.

- Where are they fighting? Revelation 12:7 tells us that they fight in heaven. It's MICHAEL against SATAN.
- That's 2 angels fighting each other. It's Michael's angels versus Satan's angels.
- I want to get something straight today. MICHAEL is not JESUS. The Seventh Day Adventists teach that.

If Jesus were fighting SATAN, it wouldn't be a fight. IT WOULD HAVE NEVER STARTED.

- You MUST understand who JESUS CHRIST is and stop letting false preachers teach something different.
- Understand right now what Jesus can do.
- Jesus could look upon Satan and HE would burst into 1 trillion little pieces. It wouldn't be a fight!!!
- Jesus is not MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL. Satan doesn't get to match up against JESUS.
- It's not a match. Do you know who JESUS is? HE IS GOD ALMIGHTY. Understand that today.
- JESUS created SATAN. Jesus is THE CREATOR. He is not God the Father but HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

[SLIDE 36] Job 26:7-10 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. 9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

[SLIDE 37] Job 26:11-14 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. 13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

- "GOD HAS FORMED THE CROOKED SERPENT." Do you think Satan is a match for Jesus Christ?
- Do you think there's any contender that could go up and face JESUS CHRIST?
- Jesus doesn't have a power struggle. He's all powerful.

[SLIDE 38] Jeremiah 10:12-13 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. 13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

- Jesus isn't less than God the Father. JESUS IS GOD. He is equal with God the Father.
- But YES, HE SUBMITS TO GOD THE FATHER in all things. But understand Jesus is ALL POWERFUL.

[SLIDE 39] Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

- Jesus doesn't have anyone that's a match for HIM. So don't act like JESUS is MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.
- If that were true, there wouldn't have been a fight.

[SLIDE 40] Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

- Don't make an error like Jesus says right there?
- He says, "You err because you don't know the POWER OF GOD."
- Understand the POWER of JESUS CHRIST. He has ALL POWER AND ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and earth.

- GOD THE FATHER entrusted that power to HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. Jesus is equal with God.

[SLIDE 41] John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

- I went off there for a minute on the POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.
- I get sick of hearing that Satan is some kind of match for Jesus. What a joke. HE IS NO MATCH.
- Jesus isn't a created angel. Jesus isn't a creation. HE IS THE CREATOR. HE IS GOD.
- The evil religions and false preachers in this world like to bring Jesus to some lower point.
- Wow, I would NEVER take that chance. Jesus Christ is GOD. Understand that.

[SLIDE 42] Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- I'm sick of false religions like Jehovah's Witness and Mormons changing JESUS CHRIST into something less.

[SLIDE 43] Colossians 1:15-17 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS. HE IS BEFORE ANYTHING WAS CREATED.
- He is not a creation. He is the CREATOR. "ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM."
- Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 12.

[SLIDE 44] Revelation 12:7-8 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

- Notice that it says their place was not found ANY MORE in heaven.
- When SATAN and HIS ANGELS are kicked out of heaven for good, the TRIBULATION begins.

[SLIDE 45] Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

- There's a time of trouble SUCH AS NEVER WAS the Bible says. That's tribulation.

[SLIDE 46] Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- When SATAN and all HIS angels are cast out of heaven, is that a good thing?
- Well, it's a good thing for heaven. Is it a good thing for those still on earth?
- Satan probably isn't going to be too happy. Do you see how that leads to TRIBULATION?
- It all makes perfect sense. When Tribulation arrives, the people of the earth will have trouble.

But what happens directly after the GREAT TRIBULATION?

- God shortens the time of the great tribulation and saves HIS PEOPLE from off the earth.
- How? With the LORD'S DAY. With the Rapture.
- So, you see a quick summary of the birth of Jesus Christ, tribulation, great tribulation, and now watch.

[SLIDE 47] Revelation 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- NOW IS COME SALVATION. That's a picture of the RAPTURE for those left on Earth.
- Many are killed but they overcome death by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB. They are saved.
- I haven't forgotten about the identity of the woman. We're going to learn who she is.

[SLIDE 48] Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

- There you go. When Satan is cast out of heaven, the HEAVENS REJOICE. He's gone finally!!!
- But WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea. The devil is ANGRY with great WRATH.
- Why? Because he knows that he only has a short amount of time.
- That sounds exactly like the TRIBULATION. And it all matches up perfect with the timing.
- 3-1/2 years is not a lot of time for Satan.

[SLIDE 49] Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

- When the tribulation begins, who is being persecuted? The entire earth.
- The Bible just said, WOE TO THE INHABITERS OF THE EARTH AND OF THE SEA!!!"
- Satan doesn't just persecute the Jews, Israel, the Saved People at the beginning of the tribulation.
- This is a clue to who the woman is. He's persecuting all of the people of the earth to start.
- He doesn't care if you're saved or unsaved at the beginning of the tribulation.

[SLIDE 50] Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

- This woman is representing all the inhabitants of the earth.
- She is fleeing from the tribulation. She is nourished for a TIME, and TIMES, and half a time.
- Do you remember from past sermons that a TIME is 1 year, TIMES is 2 years, and half a time is half a year?
- The inhabitants of the earth will be fleeing from the face of the serpent during the tribulation.
- Daniel 7:25 speaks about the ANTI-CHRIST. Remember, the anti-christ will be a HUMAN.

[SLIDE 51] Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

- For 3-1/2 years, the anti-christ will be given power by Satan. That is the tribulation.

[SLIDE 52] Daniel 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

- So, you see 3-1/2 years again there in Daniel 12:7.
- And we know Daniel's 70th week is a period of 7 years because of the days we're given in some of the prophecies within the Book of Daniel.

[SLIDE 53] Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

- The devil brings a FLOOD, which represents GREAT TROUBLES for all people on earth.

[SLIDE 54] Psalm 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

- Floods in the Bible are used to symbolize troubles.

[SLIDE 55] Psalm 93:3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

[SLIDE 56] Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

- The enemy will come in like a flood the BIBLE SAYS.
- Satan is trying to kill everyone and send them to hell. He doesn't care if they're saved or unsaved.
- The saved HAVE an answer to the trouble. They overcome the trouble. And how is that?

[SLIDE 57] Psalm 93:4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

- You overcome the FLOODS OF TROUBLES from Satan through the LORD ALONE.
- The Lord is high and mightier than ANY TROUBLES Satan can give you.
- Let's continue in Revelation Chapter 12 verse 16.

[SLIDE 58] Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

- The earth helps the woman who represents the people on earth. God is helping.
- So the DEVIL or the DRAGON sees that he's not killing as many as he wants.
- If you were the devil and running out of time, and it's not quite working out how you wanted:
- WHO ARE YOU GOING TO TARGET NEXT? You're going to stop going after everyone and hit the most important. He's going to go after those he hates the most.
- So, what happens next? Here's the last verse of Revelation Chapter 12.

[SLIDE 59] Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- So, during the tribulation, you'll see Satan switch his focus from all people to the SAVED people.
- The saved people HAVE the testimony of JESUS CHRIST.
- Satan re-directs his energy to THE SAVED people. Do you see that?
- He was angry with the woman. He couldn't kill her off completely. So he re-directs his energy.
- Does all of this match up with our timeline and how all of this is going to happen?

In the next chapter, we're going to see the Abomination of Desolation.

- So, in Chapter 12, we haven't yet reached the Abomination of Desolation.
- It does summarize the tribulation, great tribulation, and rapture but not in detail.

Watch this as I go back over what we just learned in Revelation Chapter 12.

- You have a woman who is pregnant with the SAVIOR and represents all the people, all humans.
- You see Satan who rebels and takes 1/3 of the angels in heaven with him.
- You see Satan waiting to devour the child as soon as HE's born.
- This woman gives birth to Jesus Christ who is the SON OF MAN. He is human.
- The woman flees into the wilderness for 3-1/2 years representing the TRIBULATION.
- There's war in heaven and Satan and his angels are cast out forever from heaven.
- Satan is ANGRY. He persecutes all the inhabitants of the earth.
- He's not getting as far as he wants and doesn't have much time left.
- So then he focuses on the SAVED people only.

Now, let's look at the TIMELINE CHARTS for Daniel's 70th week.

- We know Jesus Christ is born before any of this happens.
- We see the seals representing the tribulation.
- Seals 1 through 4 are targeting which groups of people?
- You see the Anti-Christ coming to conquer in Seal 1. Is it only a select group of people?
- No, it's all people he's coming forth to conquer.
- Then you see world war. You see famine. You see death.

[SLIDE 60] Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

- In seal 4, death is coming to a fourth part of the entire earth. It's not a specific group of people.
- The first 4 seals are ALL PEOPLE of the earth. It's not just saved people.
- But, in the FIFTH SEAL, what do you see?

[SLIDE 61] Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest

yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

- So the fifth seal is just the SAVED PEOPLE who are being persecuted now.
- This matches with Revelation Chapter 12 perfectly.

To finish out this sermon, we MUST figure out who this woman is in Revelation 12:1.

- This woman is clothed in the sun and the moon is under her feet.
- She has a crown of 12 stars upon her head and she's pregnant with OUR SAVIOR. Who is she?
- If you remember, this woman is representing all inhabitants of the earth.
- Who is she? Most people argue Mary the mother of Jesus OR they argue that she represents ISRAEL.

It's pretty clear to me that it's not Mary because she doesn't represent all inhabitants of the earth.

- It's also pretty clear to me that it's not Israel.
- FALSE PREACHERS teach that it's Israel because they believe in a PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE.
- They think we can be raptured away at any time.
- Then, only the unbelieving Israel are left. So they say only Israel will go through the tribulation.
- That means the woman MUST represent ISRAEL.
- They use this SCRIPTURE to back up their false view.

[SLIDE 62] Genesis 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

- They see the sun, the moon, and the stars in the verse and say, "SEE!!! She represents Israel."
- That makes no sense. This is JOSEPH'S DREAM. The sun is Jacob or Israel. The moon is his mother.
- The eleven stars are the other 11 brothers who represent the tribes of Israel.
- No matter what, the dream doesn't match up with the woman in Revelation Chapter 12.
- It's not just ISRAEL who is going through tribulation.
- The BIBLE says over and over it's the entire EARTH.
- "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth!!!" The Bible doesn't say WOE TO ISRAEL ONLY.

If it's the entire earth that is going through tribulation to start, who is this woman?

- Let me give you a hint with some SCRIPTURE.

[SLIDE 63] Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

- All of mankind come through EVE. She is the mother of all living.
- Jesus is called the SON OF MAN many times in the Bible.

[SLIDE 64] Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

[SLIDE 65] Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

- All sons of men come from EVE who is the MOTHER OF ALL LIVING.

- Jesus is a man who is God. Do you see how the pregnant woman is EVE?
- She represents all living upon the earth. She doesn't represent ONLY the saved people.
- The saved and the unsaved come from EVE. Cain came from Eve. Abel came from Eve.
- Jesus is called the SEED OF THE WOMAN.

[SLIDE 66] Genesis 3:14-15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- Notice where it says in verse 15, I will put enmity between thee and the woman.
- That's SATAN AND EVE. We see that in Revelation Chapter 12.
- There will be enmity between SATAN'S SEED and HER SEED.
- That's enmity between Satan and Jesus Christ who is HER SEED.
- Jesus is the SEED of the WOMAN who is EVE. He is the SON OF MAN.
- Her seed will BRUISE SATAN'S HEAD. And Satan shall BRUISE HIS HEEL.

In other words, the woman in Revelation 12 is EVE the mother of all living.

- After studying the SCRIPTURE, I have no doubt that it's Eve. It can't be anyone else.
- ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH will go through tribulation.
- Then, the devil targets the SAVED and starts killing them in Seal 5.

You might ask, "SATAN HAS SEED? Satan has children?"

- Genesis 3:15 is saying SATAN has seed. Yes, the Bible says Satan has children.
- His children are the rejected people in this world. God rejected them. They are Satan's children.
- And a lot of those are the false preachers in false churches just like the PHARISEES.

[SLIDE 67] John 8:42-45 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

- Jesus calls the religious Jews at that time the children of the devil.
- He says "YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL."

[SLIDE 68] 1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

- Do you see "AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL" in that verse?

[SLIDE 69] Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

- Obviously, the devil has children. They are the ones looking to send people to hell through religion.

- They are the ones who are rejected like the homosexuals in Romans Chapter 1.
- Anyone who is rejected by God is a child of the devil who is the picture of being sent to hell.
- The SAVED people are only saved through JESUS CHRIST. We only overcome through JESUS CHRIST.

[SLIDE 70] Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

One more thing about the woman before we close out this sermon.

- In Revelation 12:1 we see that the woman has a crown of 12 stars.
- I think those 12 stars represent the tribes of Israel. That's more proof the woman herself isn't Israel.
- That's important because PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE false teachers say the woman is ISRAEL.
- They think only ISRAEL goes through the tribulation. Where does the Bible say that?

[SLIDE 71] Revelation 6:3-4 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

- The seals are obviously the tribulation. No one should argue that.
- The second seal says, "To him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth."
- Does it say to take peace from ISRAEL? If it did, I would say the woman represents ISRAEL.
- But the Bible doesn't say that. The woman represents the HUMANS on earth.

What do the 12 stars represent then? There's 12 tribes of ISRAEL.

- Why are they important? Because they were chosen to bring GOD'S WORD to this world.
- That's why ISRAEL is so important. They were chosen to bring GOD'S WORD.

I hope this helps explain Revelation Chapter 12 very clearly.

- I hope you see how Revelation 12 starts over chronologically.
- And I hope you see how the order so far matches the timeline perfectly.

Let's pray.