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WAR IN HEAVEN

Revelation 12 - 14



Call to the Word

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Revelation 12:1-5



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His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Revelation 12:1-5



Introduction

The Divine Outline

Rev 1:19 Write the things which you have seen **(chapter 1)** and the things which are **(chapters 2-3)** and the things which will take place after this **(chapters 4-22)**.

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The Tribulation is the seven-year period in the end times in which humanity's decadence and depravity will reach its fullness, with God judging accordingly and where Israel will be brought to recognize and receive her Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:1-5



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Timeline

- Rapture
- Rise of the antichrist
- Judgements
- Abomination of Desolation
- Tribulation becomes the Great (Mega) Tribulation

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Judgements

- Seven Seal Judgements
- Seven Trumpet Judgements
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Purpose of Judgements

- To judge humanity for its decadence, depravity and pride
- To turn Israel around... to get them to repent of their rejection of Jesus and receive Him as their Messiah, setting up a great time of blessing and restoration.

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Hos 5:15 I will return again to My place **(the ascension)**
Till they acknowledge their offense **(rejection of messiah)**.
Then they will seek My face; *In their affliction (tribulation)*
they will earnestly (diligently) seek Me."

The Woman

“Great sign” (*megas semeion*)

Mega: huge in size and significance

Sign: something that points to something else; a symbol of reality

Gen 37:9-11

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The Child

The Male Child is the Messiah (Jesus)

Rev 12:5

Ps 2:6-9

Jn 4:25-26

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The Dragon

The Dragon is the Devil, a.k.a. Satan

Rev 12:9; 20:1-2; 17:9, 12-13



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The Dragon's Tail

Stars are Angels

*“...the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy...”*

Job 38:7

‘Drew’: NASB – **‘swept’**... involves the notion of violence...
like a tail whip of an alligator, or monitor lizard... **“threw
them to earth”**...

Revelation 12:4



The Dragon's Desire

“stood before the woman... to devour her Child”

Devour: to consume, destroy

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...rule all nations with a rod of iron.

Ps 2:6-12

To rule with a rod of iron means to exercise strict authority and control, with an unwavering and firm hand leaving no room for disobedience or dissent. It will be a righteous and just rule for all humanity...

Revelation 12:5



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“Rule (v5)” literally, “tend as a shepherd” in the sense of caring for the flock setting their well-being is a priority.

Revelation 12:5



Reflection

If you are a believer, you are reading someone else's mail.

The emphasis in the book of Revelation is not on what happens to the church during the present age but on what will happen to Israel and Gentile believers during the future Tribulation.

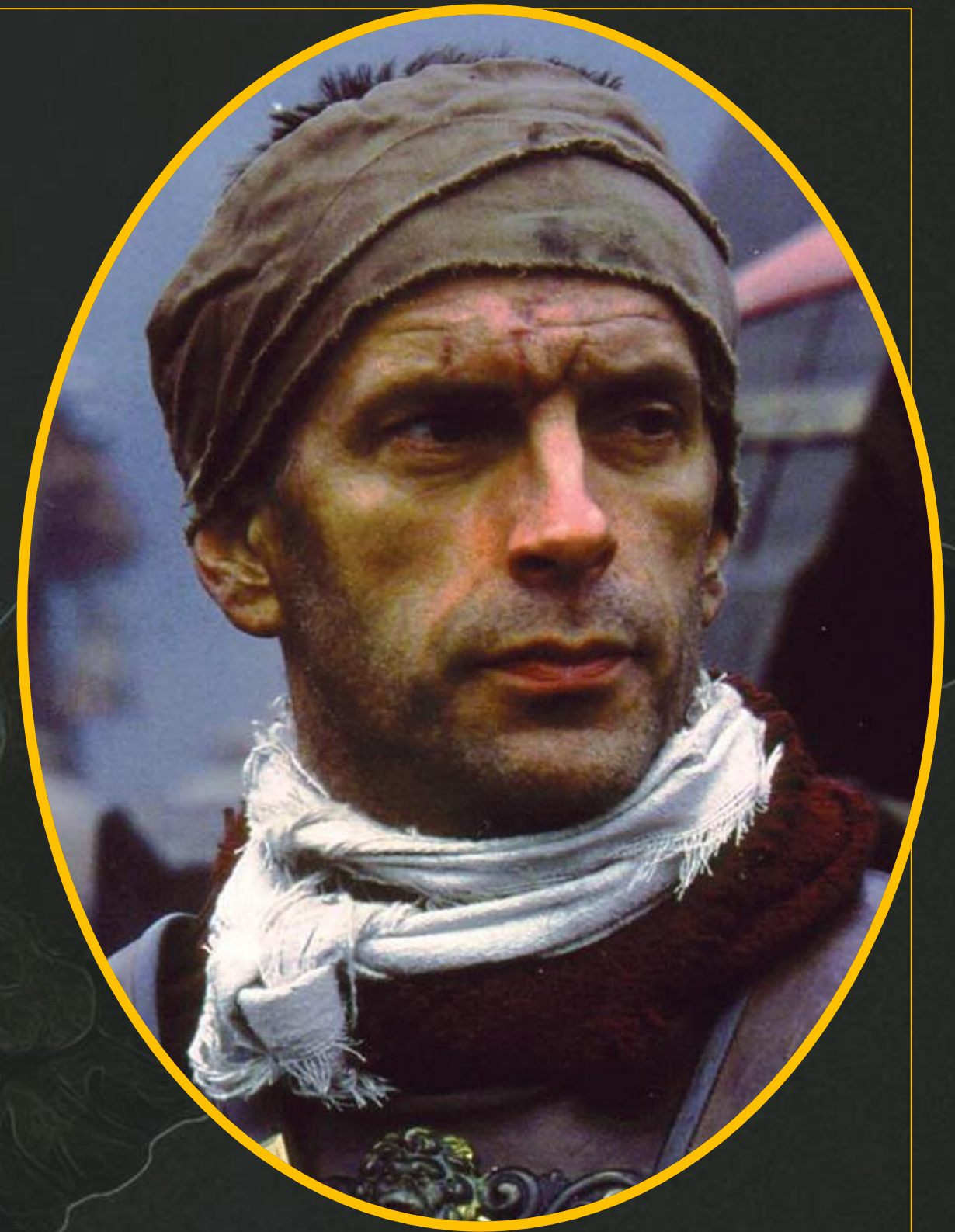
1Co 15:51-53; 1Th 4:13-18

Reflection

*“A people should know
when they are conquered.”*

Satan will pursue the Jews
to destroy them so that there's
no one left to inherit the Kingdom.
Yet, he will fail.

Rom 11



Occupy till He Comes

Do His work on earth — like one who continually looks for His return.

“Christians were never meant to be normal. We’ve always been holy troublemakers...we do not accept the world as it is, but we insist on the world becoming the way that God wants it to be. And the Kingdom of God is different from the patterns of this world.” (Jacques Ellul)

Reflection

God's angels outnumber Satan's horde by a 2 to 1 margin... and Guardian Angels are Biblical...

Mat 18:10; Heb 1:13-14

Revelation 12:7-9



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