

# Revelation 12

## Part II

**Rev 12:7** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

**Michael the archangel is mentioned 4 times in Scripture. He is primarily charged with the protection of Israel.**

*Dan 10:13* But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

*Dan 10:21* But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

*Dan 12:1* "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

*Jud 1:9* Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

*Rev 12:7* And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

**There are two other archangels mentioned in Scripture:**

**Gabriel, who always shows up with Messianic proclamations and Kingdom business.**

*Dan 8:16* And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

*Dan 9:21* yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

*Luk 1:19* And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

*Luk 1:26* Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

## Lucifer

**Isa 14:12** "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! **Isa 14:13** For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the

north; Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Isa 14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

*Eze 28:11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were 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 sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror and shall be no more forever." ' "*

### **Who only comes to kill, steal, and destroy?**

**Joh 10:10** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

*1Ch 21:1* Now Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

*Zec 3:1* Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

*Zec 3:2* And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

**Mark 4:15** *And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.*

*Luk 22:3* Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

*2Co 11:14* And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

*2nd 2:9* The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

### **Back to Revelation 12...**

**Rev 12:7** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon;

and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

**So, there is war in heaven between Michael and Lucifer, but as expected, Lucifer could not prevail.**

**Rev 12:9** So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

This is a future event. We know from Job chapter 1 that Satan appears at the appointed time to give an account, so he still has limited access.

We know from Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 that Satan lost his position in heaven as "the anointed cherub that covers" and was cast out of his place, but he still has access to accuse and oppose the work of God, for now!

**Rev 12:10-11** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **(midpoint of the Week?)** And they **(who? THE BRETHREN!)** overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

*Rom 8:36 As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER." (Paul is Quoting Psalms 44:22) Is our goal to remain alive at any cost?? Is this life all we have? OR Are we just passing through, abiding in Christ until our mission is complete and we get to go home??*

**Rev 12:12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! **(Salvation is threefold, 1. Saved from the penalty of sin, 2. Saved from the power of sin, 3. Saved from the very presence of sin)** Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Here are further indications that this event is in the future.

The accuser of the brethren (who accuses them day and night) must have access until this point to be able to accuse them.

I also believe this is the voice of the 24 elders (*representing the Church because the accused "overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and did not love their lives to the death)* praising God that the access of the accuser has been eliminated.

**Have you been accused?**

**Are you being accused?**

**Is there justification for the accusation?**

**What hope then do we have? *The forgiveness of our sins and the erasure of the writing that was against us!***

**Rev 12:13** Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*.

**Who is the woman?**

**Who is the male Child?**

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

### **Contrast with Zechariah Chapter 5:**

**Zec 5:5** Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth."

**Zec 5:6** So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth:

**Zec 5:7** Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket".

**Zec 5:8** then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket and threw the lead cover over its mouth.

**Zec 5:9** Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

**Zec 5:10** So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"

**Zec 5:11** And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

**In Zechariah 5, wickedness is transported to its place by two women with wings like storks' wings (storks are unclean), while here in Revelation 12 Israel is transported on the wings of a great eagle (not unclean).**

**Exo 19:3** And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

**Exo 19:4** 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

**Exo 19:5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

**Exo 19:6** And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

**Isa 40:25-31** "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The

*everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

**Just as God bore them on eagles wings out of Egypt, He will bear them on eagle's wings into the place He has prepared for her to be nourished, protected, and sheltered for 3 1/2 years.**

This is God directed, God orchestrated, God performed, and as certain as the Word itself. He promised, and He will perform!

*Eze 36:22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.*

The area where they are protected is generally accepted as Petra, which is the hereditary land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon. Interestingly, Daniel 11:41 predicts this area will be spared from the Antichrist's conquest, just as it was spared when Antiochus Epiphanies foreshadowed these events in the third century B.C.

**Dan 11:36-45** *"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his father's nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place, he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus, he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many and divide the land for gain. "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also, the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore, he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.*

**Rev 12:15** So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman,



that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

**Rev 12:16** But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Jeremiah 46:7-8 and 47:2 use the imagery of a flood to describe a massive army of men who come across the land like a flood, destroying and conquering. Here in Rev 12 it's the same imagery.

Satan sends a great army against the woman (Israel) who has been sheltered, but the earth opens up and swallows them. Possibly as a result of one of the massive earthquakes that occur during this time....

**Rev 12:17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

So, the dragon can't get to the sheltered ones, so he goes after the rest of her offspring with a vengeance and great wrath.

Who are the "rest of her offspring"? **HINT: Read Revelation 14:1-5**

### **Timeline:**

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

### **Final phase of world history begins here.**

**Dan 12:1-7** *"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time (**Time of Jacob's Trouble, The Great Tribulation**). And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.*

*And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

*Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*

*"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

*Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.*

*And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"*

*Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.*

**BIG PICTURE: Study Daniel 7 carefully for overall view and preparation for next week.**