

Guide & Record of your thoughts

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Week 23 - Revelation 12:1- 8

Following the Message:

1. The Bible teaches that Satan is powerful, literal, and supernatural and must be taken seriously. It teaches that we are in a war.
2. (12:1, 2) The woman in verse 1 represents Israel.
3. (12:1, 2) The sun represents Jacob, the moon Rachel and the twelve stars represent the twelve sons (tribes) of Jacob (Israel).
4. (12:3, 4) The dragon represents Satan. The seven heads with their seven diadems represent the seven consecutive world empires running their course under Satan's dominion.
5. (12:3, 4) The ten horns represent the ten kings who rule the tenation confederacy under the Antichrist.
6. (12:3, 4) Throughout history Satan has focused his efforts toward persecuting the Jews with special hatred because they are the chosen people through whom the Messiah was to come.
7. (12:3, 4) After Satan's attempted extermination of the people of Israel by Egypt, Babylon and Rome failed, he focused his extermination attempts on the male child, Jesus Christ, who was to be birthed from the woman, Israel. It also failed.

8. (12:5, 6) During the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation, Satan, with his fallen force of angels, will intensify his attempt to destroy the Jewish people. This fury will send the Jewish people fleeing into the wilderness where God has prepared a place of protection and nourishment.

9. (12:7, 8) The battle in heaven is not a battle between God and Satan, but between Michael and Satan – two created beings battling against each other. Satan is NOT God's opposite. Satan is NOT omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent. He is a created being.

Greek words used today:

Revelation 12:1, 3 – **great** - megas, meg'as: big:- (+fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, loud, mighty

Reflecting on the Text

Though already fallen, every member of the human race faces the same choice as the angels did in eternity past: to fight on God's side or on Satan's – remaining neutral is not an option.

Remember, Satan is not only interested in devouring Israel, but also “prowls” around like a roaring lion seeking to devour believers. As believers we must be sober and on the alert, resisting and growing in our knowledge of God and His Word.

Satan is pleased when people hold any unbiblical view of him, whether they deny his existence, his significance or worship him. The devil always seeks to create confusion about his true nature and purposes.

Praise God. Satan's unending rants to God about the unworthiness of believers are unachievable because of the blood of Jesus and His victory over death. If Satan cannot be successful in his accusations against us, let us also set aside “feelings” of unworthiness and accept His love and forgiveness.

BIBLICAL NAMES FOR SATAN

Accuser - Revelation 12:10
Adversary - I Peter 5:8
Angel of Light - 2 Corinthians 11:14
Anointed Covering Cherub - Ezekiel 28:14
Beelzebub - Luke 11:15
Belial - II Corinthians 6:15
Deceiver - Revelation 12:9
Devil - Matthew 4:1; Ephesians 4:27; Revelation 12:9; 20:2 – means slanderer
Dragon - Revelation 12:9
Enemy – Matthew 13:39
Evil One – John 17:15; I John 5:18-19
Father of Lies – John 8:44
God of this world (age) – 2 Corinthians 4:4
Leviathan – Isaiah 27:1
Liar – John 8:44
Lucifer – Isaiah 14:12-14
Morning Star – Isaiah 14:12
Murderer – John 8:44
Power of Darkness – Colossians 1:13,14
Prince of the Power of the air – Ephesians 2:2
Red Dragon – Revelation 12:3, 7, 9
Roaring Lion – I Peter 5:8
Ruler of Demons – Luke 11:15
Ruler of this world – John 12:31
Satan – Zechariah 3:1; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 12:9; 20:2 – means adversary or oppose
Serpent of Old – Revelation 12:9
Spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience - Ephesians 2:2
Tempter – Matthew 4:3; I Thessalonians 3:5
Wicked One – Ephesians 6:16