

Guide & Record of your thoughts

6/13/10 Week 24 - Revelation 12:9 - 17

Following the Message:

1. (12:9) This is Satan's second and permanent expulsion from heaven.
2. (12:9) Three descriptive phrases are used to identify the dragon.
 - The serpent of old – one who is crafty
 - The devil – one who is a prosecutor in God's court of law
 - Satan – one who is an opponent, an adversary
3. (12:11) Three weapons are described that overcome Satan:
 - The blood of the Lamb which renders Satan's accusations invalid in God's court
 - The word of our testimony which is our powerful and irrefutable story
 - The refusal to love life more than to love Christ.
4. (12:12) Satan has great wrath because he knows that there is only a short time left (3 ½ years) before the Kingdom of Christ will come. He wants desperately to prevent this from being established.
5. (12:13, 14) Satan's intensified attack will focus on the woman (Israel) but they will be protected by God.
6. (12:13, 14) The phrase "the two wings of the great eagle" used to describe Israel "flying" to a safe place in the wilderness is not a phrase that describes the U.S. Air Force, but a metaphor that is often used to refer to God's deliverance of Israel.

7. (12:15, 16, 17) Satan is a three time loser. He has:

- Failed to destroy the male child (Jesus)
- Lost the war in heaven
- Been unable to destroy the woman (Israel)

Greek and Hebrew words used today:

Genesis 3:1 Hebrew, crafty: **aruwm**, aw-room'; cunning (in a bad sense):- subtle
Revelation 12:9 Greek, the devil; **diabolos**, dee-ab'-ol-os; a traducer – false accuser, slanderer

Revelation 12:9 Greek, Satan; **Satanas**, saw-tawn'; Hebrew origin; an opponent; adversary, one who withstands, accuser.

Revelation 12:9 Greek, deceives; **planao**, plan-ah'-o; to (cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue) – go astray, seduce, wander; - to mislead, delude

Revelation 12:10 Greek, thrown; **ekballo**, ek-bal'-lo; to throw (violent/intense): cast (out), throw (down)

Revelation 12:13 Greek, persecuted; **dioko**, dee-o'-ko; to pursue; by implication to persecute: - ensue, follow (after), press forward.

Reflecting on the Text

The remarkable thing about weapons is that they are no good unless they are used. Most believers leave their weapons in the holster and never use them because they forget about their power. An unused weapon is merely a show piece, good to look at but lacking all the power for which it was intended by its creator. Let's review and use the weapons that overcome Satan.

Remember, the Christian life is not a playground. It is a battleground if you live for Jesus. Identify the enemy. Overcome the enemy. He has no hesitation to deceive you.

Believers on earth during this time overcame Satan. They did not defeat him by chants, by exorcisms, by formulas or by binding him. Satan is far more powerful than any human strength and is impervious to gimmicks. He is overcome, not by our own personal power, but by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB.