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NT377 The Revelation: 'Heavy Revy'

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## Class #9-April 17 Chapters 12 & 13

### Israel in the Tribulation Preview. Turn to Matt. 24:15-22

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains (*east*). 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 and let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Verse 1-5 Are Historical

### Seven Personalities in Revelation 12-13

#1 A Woman

#2 A Dragon

#3 A Male Child

#4 Michael

#5 The Remnant Seed of the Woman

#6 Beast Out of the Sea

#7 Beast Out of the Earth

**12:1 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.**

-To identify the woman see Gen. 37:9-10

**2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.**

-This is not one of the 12 for they are already born and are numbered 12. So who is the child? See verse 5.  
-this cannot be the bride of Christ, for she is engaged to Christ as a chaste Virgin, see 2 Cor. 11:2

### #2 A Dragon

**3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems (*ruling crowns*) on his heads.**

-red and death in Rev. see 6:4

-Ten horns: see Dan. 7:7, 20. Horns, power and authority of a Kingdom.

-Heads, the heads of those Kingdoms. See Dan. 7:24

**4** His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

-1/3 of an innumerable host of total angels fell with Lucifer. For possibly when and how **See** Ezek. 28:16,  
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And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

-**See** Matt. 2:1-3, then **see** Matt. 2:8, Matt **see** 2:11-12, Matt **see** 2:16

### **#3 A Male Child**

**5** She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

-Who will rule with a rod of iron? **See** Rev. 19:11-16

And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

-When was the child caught up to Heaven? **See** Acts 2:30-36

*Gap in time between 5 & 6: the church age.*

**6** Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (*last 3.5 years of the Tribulation*).

-So we learn from Matt. 24:16 this place is in the mountains and here in v. 6 it also is in the wilderness.

-Where is this place? **See** Exhibit A

-**See** Is. 16:4

Verses 7-13 tells us why the woman needs to flee

### **#4 Michael**

**7** And war broke out in heaven:

-Wow, in Heaven

Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, **8** but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. **9** So the great dragon was cast out,

Who is the dragon?....

that serpent of old,

Who is the 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.

-His domain is now restricted to the earth. What was domain? **See** Eph. 2:2

-Michael has a history of battles. **See** Dan. 10:13, 20-21. **See** Jude 9

**10** 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 (*pleader bringing accusation*) of our brethren, who accused (*brought charges*) them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **11** And they 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.

**12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil (*slanderer, thus adversary or 'against'*) has come down to you, having great wrath, *why?* because he knows that he has a short time." (*precisely 3.5 years*)

-The results of his casting out are rejoicing in Heaven and woe on the earth

## The Narrative of verse 6 resumes.....

**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.

## Verses 14-17 The Dragon Makes War Against the Woman and her offspring

**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 (3.5 years), from the presence of the serpent.

- Why does he persecute the Jews? Why does he seek to destroy the Jewish people again at this time?
- see Mt. 23:37-39. So when does verse 39 happen? see Hosea 5:15. Jer. 3:13 says: **13** Only acknowledge your iniquity (*singular*), That you have transgressed (*singular*) against the LORD your God,...
- Historically Satan thru his seed, 'the seed of the serpent' has tried to destroy or corrupt the seed of the woman. He sought to corrupt it with his angles marrying the daughters of men. Only Noah and his family were uncorrupted; thus preserving the seed of the woman. Haman would have destroyed all Jewish people that are in the Persian empire. Herod tried to destroy 'the seed' itself. Hitler desired and tried to kill all Jewish people. He too was the seed of the serpent.
- And here in revelation 12 Satan is trying to prevent the second coming by destroying the woman and thus preventing the woman or her remnant from asking the Messiah to come back thru acknowledgment of their singular sin of rejecting Him.

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

- flood when symbolic is a military invasion. See Is. 59:19, see Jer. 46:7 (notice the 'who' and 'flood')
- This invasion and where he fails to conquer is noted in see Dan. 11:41
- Why in Dan. 11:41 will Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon escape his hand?
- They will flee see Micah 2:12. to these areas as per see Is.16:4.

that he might cause her to be carried away by or on account of the flood. **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.

- God will miraculously intervene on behalf of the fleeing remnant from Israel, see Is. 34:1-8

## #5 The Remnant Seed of the Woman

**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.

- Those who did not or could not flee to Petra (Grk.) or Bozrah (Heb.)
- Does not include the 144,000

*The means of Satan's Destruction of the Woman's offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ is by 2 Beasts.....*

## ....Verses 1-18 How The Dragon makes War against the Offspring of the Woman

## #6 Beast Out of the Sea

**13:1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea (*see 17:15*). And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns (*diadems, ruling crowns*), and on his heads a blasphemous name.

- Dan. 2 and 7 with Rev. 17 complete the picture of this chapter.
- In Da. 2 the beast is first an image then in Daniel 7 The image becomes a beast.
- For this description in v.1 of chapter 13 of the beast see Dan. 7:7-8

- see Dan. 2:31-35. Each Kingdom as we move down from the head will be inferior and yet each succeeding kingdom will be more powerful.
- Note from Daniel 2:35 that each of the 4 kingdoms will be involved in the crushing by the Stone from Heaven.
- see Dan. 7:3, the image becomes four beasts
- see Dan. 7:4-7 the first three are described, but the 4<sup>th</sup> indescribable as an animal type.

**2** Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon (*Satan*) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

- we see here elements of all three animal beasts, all four aspects of the image exist in this beast
- The 'living on' of the leopard, the bear, and the lion is explained in **see** Dan. 7:12
- Daniel is given the interpretation of the four beasts and especially is Daniel concerned about the fourth.
- See** Dan. 7:15-18 which is a summary. Then **see** Dan. 7:19-22 for more on the fourth beast.
- See** Dan. 7:23-25 even more detail on the fourth beast

**3** And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

- He is assassinated and rises from the dead.

And all the world marveled and followed the beast. **4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast;

- behind every faithful beast is a dragon to worship!

and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

- Just as Jesus points to the Father, so the Beast points to his Father, the dragon, Satan

**5** And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given (*by God, according to His Word*) authority to continue for forty-two months. **6** Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle (*11:19*), and those who dwell in heaven.

**7** It was granted to him to make war with the saints (*the people of God as described in see 12:17*) and to overcome them (*those not in Petra*). And (*beyond Israel and his war there*) authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

- They are not written in the book because they have chosen to not be in there!

A Word of encouragement for the Saints on earth....

**9** If anyone has an ear, let him hear. **10** He who leads into captivity (*as a prisoner*) shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

- in that God will avenge His saints in a like manner that they were killed. He will imprison the captors.

## #7 Beast Out of the Earth

**11** Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

- A religious appearance, 'like a lamb', but spoke with the authority and like the dragon

-He is exercising the authority of 2 horns, 2 powers: The dragon and the Beast out of the Sea, the AC.

- This is the False Prophet, **see** Matt. 24:24, **see** Rev. 16:13, **see** 19:20, **see** 20:10.

**12** And he exercises all the authority of the first beast (*the A.C.*) in his presence, and causes (*either willingly or unwillingly*) the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (*The A.C. out of the Waters*), whose deadly wound was healed.

**13** He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

-see Deut. 13:1-4

-This what the Jews sought from Jesus. **See** 1 Kings 18:38-39 with Matt. 16:1

**14** And he deceives those who dwell on the earth (*earth dwellers*) by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

-Like most idolatrous systems, this one too has an idol, and image, a likeness of a man

**15** He (*the false prophet*) was granted power to give breath (*spirit, life*) to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

-But unlike idolatrous images of the past this one will speak

-contrast **see** 1Cor. 12:2

**16** He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, **17** and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

-Here we have a counterfeit sealing for economic reasons. This counters the mark on the foreheads of the  
144,000, Both sellers and buyers

-Maintaining strict control over all sellable commodities

-For Heaven's view of this Mark, **see** Rev. 14:9-10 and **see** 16:2

**18** Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

### **33 Titles of the Beast in the Old Testament:**

Adversary, Ps 74:8-10; Isa 59:19; Lam 4:11,12; Amos 3:11

Assyrian, Isa 10:5,12

Belial, Nahum 1:15

Bloody and Deceitful Man, Ps 5:6

Branch of the Terrible Ones, Isa 25:5 (cf. Isa 14:19)

Chief Prince, Ezek. 38:2

Crooked Serpent, Job 26:13; Isa 27:1

Cruel One, Jer. 30:14,23

Destroyer of the Gentiles, Jer. 4:7

Enemy, Ps 55:3; Jer. 30:14, 23

Evil Man, Ps 140:1

Head Over Many Countries, Ps 110:6

Head of Northern Army, Joel 2:20

Idol Shepherd, Zech. 11:16, 17

King of Princes, Hos 8:10

King of Babylon, Isa 14:11-20 (cf. 30:31-3)

Little Horn, Dan 7:8-11,21-26;8:9-12,23-25  
Man of the Earth, Ps 10:18  
Merchant, ...deceit, ...oppressor, Hos 12:7  
Mighty Man, Ps 52:1  
Nail (Peg), Isa 22:25  
Prince That Shall Come, Dan 9:26  
Prince of Tyre, Ezek. 28:2-10  
Profane Wicked Prince of Israel, Ezek. 21:25-27  
Proud Man, Hab. 2:5  
Rod of God's Anger, Isa 10:5  
Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15  
Son of the Morning Isa 14:12  
Spoiler, Destroyer, Isa 16:4, 5  
Vile Person, Dan 11:21  
Violent Man, Ps 140:1,10,11  
Wicked, Wicked One, Ps 9:17; 10:2,4; Isa 11:4; Jer. 30:14,23  
Willful King, Dan 11:36

**13 Titles of the Beast in the New Testament:**

Angel of the Bottomless Pit, Rev 9:11  
Antichrist, (Pseudo-Christ) 1 Jn. 2:18, 22  
Beast, Rev 11:7; 13  
False Prophet, Rev 13  
Father of the Lie, Jn. 8:44; 2 Thess. 2:11  
Lawless One, 2 Thess. 2:8  
Man of Sin, 2 Thess. 2:3  
One Come in His Own Name, Jn. 5:43  
Prince of Darkness  
Son of Perdition, 2 Thess. 2:3  
Star, Rev 8:10; 9:1  
Unclean Spirit, Mt 12:43  
Vine of the Earth, Rev. 14:18

Next Class Revelation Chapters 14 & 15. Do all of the readings and the Homework assignment

**Exhibit A Petra is the Greek Name for the Hebrew Bozrah**

