

The Revelation

(22) The Wrath of the Dragon

After the war in heaven...Rev.12:13-17

When the dragon realizes what has happened, what does he do? vs.13

He persecutes the woman (Israel) who brought forth the Child (Christ).

Why would he do this? It's too late now...? vs.12

This is vengeful, hateful wrath, totally out of control. Hurt those God loves, any way...

What does this persecution look like? Mt.24:15-27; Jer.30:4-7; Zech.13:8-9; Dan.11:21-45

Attempt to annihilate the Jews. Satan's wrath, God's rod, but 1/3 survive and are saved.

Satan's wrath erupts in (3) separate waves. What is the result of the first one? vs.14 Ex.19:4

The remnant is carried (Deut.32:9-11) to safety by God. Nourished there for 3 1/2 years.

When Satan is thwarted from direct attack on the remnant, what's attack two? vs.15

He pours out water like a flood to sweep away (drown) the remnant. The earth helps...

What is the interpretation of the flood? Ps.69:1-2, 13-15; Ps.124:2-5

May be literal (Dead Sea?). Most likely figurative of a massive military attack, like a flood.

Does all of this catch God by surprise? vs.6, 14 Comment?

Of course not. The place of safety is prepared, the time is set, the remnant is chosen...

Unable to destroy Israel, the remnant, what is Satan's third attack? vs.17 (enraged=frustrated)

Satan is enraged with the woman (Israel). His violence and hatred shift to 'her offspring'.

What is the identity of 'her offspring'? vs.17; 7:2-8; 7:9-14

Some would say 144,000. Others, Gentile believers. Perhaps both are in view here.

Summary Overview of Chapter 12

What is the distinguishing event for Israel recorded in chapter 12? vs.5 Rom.1:1-3

Israel "gave birth" to Christ, the Lord, our only hope and Savior. King of Kings...

In addition to Israel, Chapter 12 reveals a 5000+ year unseen battle. Describe it.

Satan and 1/3 of the angels, now demons, locked in battle with Michael and Holy Angels.

While this battle is unseen, on earth we do see what part of it? vs.4, 13, etc

Satan's persecution of Israel. Anti-Semitism at all times, levels. Because God loves them...

And at the end of the story, who wins? vs.6, 14-16 20:1

Satan is removed, Israel is purged and then saved. Israel is the lead nation of the world.

What fundamental truth is found in "1/3", "time, times, 1/2 time", "place prepared..."?

God is absolutely sovereign and omnipotent and wise. It's all set, from the beginning.