

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

*as revealed to the Apostle John* • Lesson #67 - August 17th., 2025

Initial Verses:

**Revelation 12:7-17** “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

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## • #1 A SONG OF VICTORY - SATAN IS CAST OUT OF HEAVEN (Rev. 12:10)

**Revelation 12:10** “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

**Moderator:** In Revelation 12:10 we find a victory song for the saints because satan can no longer accuse God's children night and day of sin before Father God because of the power of Jesus Christ. He is kicked out of Heaven, never to return. This means the conversations between God and Satan are done. For the last weeks we've been talking about the war in Heaven. We don't know how long this war rages. The result of this loss? ...Satan is at his worst and the people living on the earth pay the price.

**Revelation 11:15** “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

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## • #2 ALL OF THE REDEEMED OVERCOME SATAN BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST (Rev. 12:11)

**Revelation 12:11** “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

**Moderator:** We know that we've been redeemed by Christ when we are saved, but I believe this verse is about the tribulation saints mainly because of the last part of that verse: “...and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

**Hebrews 2:14-15** “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

**Colossians 1:13-14** “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”

• **TRIBULATION SAINTS KILLED FOR THEIR TESTIMONY** (Rev. 12:11)

**Revelation 6:9-11** “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

• **A GREAT MULTITUDE FROM EVERY NATION** (Rev.12:11)

**Revelation 7:9-17** “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

**Revelation 20:4** “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

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• **#3 THE DEVIL IS CAST DOWN HAVING GREAT WRATH** (Rev. 12:12)

**Revelation 12:12** “Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

**Moderator:** From this passage we see that satan knows his time is short and we too must recognize that our time here is most likely short. We need to get busy for the Lord, reaching out to everyone we know to warn them of the wrath to come. We must use the same kind of energy that the Devil uses to OPPOSE him and become SOUL WINNERS FOR CHRIST. Let's look at what Paul says in the book of Acts 21...

## • PAUL WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR HIS TESTIMONY OF CHRIST (Rev.12:12)

**Acts 21:13** “Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

**Philippians 1:20-21** “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

**Moderator:** We must use all of our energy to do the work of the Lord. That work is to witness to as many as possible, even risking our health to achieve it. To endure suffering for the Lord is what Jesus said we'd have to experience if we're living in his will!

Actually, it's quite simple, we just tell others what Jesus has done for us, he's given us eternal life in Heaven because he bore our sins on the cross dying and then miraculously resurrected three days and nights later! Some people have never heard of a conversion to Jesus and we can be the one to explain it (and then pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will convict them of their sin). To be perfectly honest, we deserve to go through this Tribulation, but Jesus said...

**Revelation 3:10** “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

**II Corinthians 6:2** “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”

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## • THE GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS (Rev 12:12)

**Jeremiah 30:7** “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”

**Daniel 12:1** “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

## • THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Matt. 24:15-22)

**Moderator:** Jesus is speaking here in Matthew 24, something we all should consider very carefully when it comes to the unsaved in our families now...

**Matthew 24:15-22** “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

**Pastor Rains:** The Bible says this time is unlike all other bad times. Much worse than we can imagine. We can't capture in our minds to describe to others. Many people believe the Church will have to go through the Tribulation. The Bride of Christ, the Church, will be protected from the wrath of the Tribulation. Many passages from the Bible states clearly that we will not have to experience this. (Rev. 3:10) Pray that we will love others more and witness to them for their and their families sake.

• **MANY THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE DIED FOR THEIR BELIEF IN CHRIST** (Rev. 12:12)

**Hebrews 11:36-40** “And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”

**Moderator:** I'd like to address a topic regarding the “rapture” of the church. Many so-called Christians claim that this promise that the Apostle Paul wrote is null because the word “rapture” is not found in the Bible and they are correct. But the concept of the church being caught up to meet Jesus in the air and going back to Heaven is clear cut. Many references in the Bible supporting the notion of all the saints who have died before this time AND a whole generation of believing Christians will meet Jesus in the air to go to be with Jesus where he lives (Heaven). The incredible amount of people being affected makes this the largest, (by far) miracle God has done for his people. To say it's a fairy tale is to take the side of the whole unbelieving world and to mock God's Holy Word. It's hard to fathom how so many “christians” reject the great Apostle Paul's inspired words that could only come from the Holy Spirit. It's the rejection of clearly literal words spoken by Paul (and Jesus) turning them into symbolic words that have no meaning and only create confusion.

**Pastor Rains:** A question was asked about why God allowed so many Jews to be killed in the Holocaust. We can't answer that question because God hasn't told us. All we can do is trust that God is righteous and merciful and we can't allow bitterness to rise up in us because we can't get an answer to our questions. The only thing I can relate is my personal experience with having my dear son (who was serving the Lord as a Pastor) struck down by a horrific reaction to eating a small piece of fish and has been in a vegetative state for over 7 years. It's been horrible to myself and my wife and Vicki, Tim's wife and family. We can't blame God, it won't do any good. We must accept his will and move ahead doing the work of God regardless of the painful trial of faith that we are tasked to deal with.

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