

WAR In Heaven

TEXT: Rev. 12:7-9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE UNTHINKABLE.
 - B. NOT WHAT PEOPLE THINK.
 - 1. Not the beginning where Satan tempts Eve.
 - 2. Not the end of time.
 - C. CONSEQUENCES FOR US – WHAT IS INVOLVED?
- ### **I. CAST OF CHARACTERS (vs. 1-6).**
- A. MANCHILD (vs. 5). CHRIST.
 - 1. Rules the nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:5; Psa. 2:6-9).
 - 2. Exalted to God's throne (Psa. 110:1-2; Eph. 1:20-23).
 - B. WOMAN (vs. 1-2).
 - 1. Not Israel – Israel gone by this writing – More to do.
 - 2. Not the Church – Did not give birth to Christ.
 - 3. The Faithful from Babylon to the end of time (Isa. 66:6-7; Micah 5:3; 4:9-10).
Taken to Babylon in travail, redeemed before she give birth.
 - C. THE DRAGON (vs. 3-4).

II. FIRST BATTLE.

- A. SATAN'S ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION OF MANCHILD (vs. 4; Matt. 2:16).
- B. THE RESCUE (vs. 5).
- C. THE NOURISHING OF THE WOMAN (vs.. 6).

III. THE GREAT WAR (vs. 7-12).

- A. FIGURATIVE – REAL SPIRITUAL BATTLE.
 - 1. Michael & his angels (Jude 9; Dan. 10:12, 21).
 - 2. Satan & his angels (John 8:44; Acts 2:22-23; 2 Cor. 11:14-15).
- B. SATAN CAST DOWN TO EARTH. NOT THE END OF TIME, BUT HIS FAILURE.
- C. WHEN DOES THIS TAKE PLACE? (vs. 10). "NOW IS COME ..."
 - 1. Power (Matt. 8:27; Mark 2:8; John 11:25-27, 43).
 - 2. Kingdom (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:6-8; Acts 2).
 - 3. Authority (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23).
- D. THINK OF THE EFFORTS TO DEFEAT JESUS.
 - 1. Temptation (Matt. 4:1-11).
 - 2. Crucifixion (Matt. 16:18).

IV. AFTERMATH OF THIS WAR – WOE!! (vs. 12).

- A. SATAN CAST DOWN TO EARTH (vs. 9).
 - 1. Accuser of the brethren (vs. 10).
 - 2. Attacks the woman, now the church (vs. 12).
 - a. Rescued into the wilderness – obscurity.
 - b. The poison river. Earth absorbs the evil. Satan fails to destroy the church.
- B. ATTACKS THE REST OF HER SEED. THAT'S US!!!
 - 1. 2 Cor. 2:11. Sneaky and vicious. (1 Pet. 5:8).
 - 2. Deceitful (vs. 9-10). Accuses God (Gen 3) and accuses us (vs. 10).

V. WHAT IS TO SAVE US? (vs. 11)

- A. THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.
 - 1. Jesus died for us (1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:14-15).
 - 2. Forgiveness (Eph. 1:7).
- B. THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY.
 - 1. God's Power (Rom. 1:16-17; James 1:21).
 - 2. Shield of faith (Eph. 6:16; Rom. 10:17).
 - 3. "It is written ..." (Matt. 4).
- C. THE LOVED NOT THEIR LIFE – Martyr's Spirit (Acts 20:24).
 - 1. Jesus (Luke 9:23).
 - 2. Paul (Gal. 2:20).
 - 3. Peter (1 Pet. 4:1-2, 19).
 - 4. Commitment (2 Tim. 1:12).

CONCLUSION:

- A. THRU THE BLOOD (Rom. 6:3).
- B. THRU HIS WORD (Titus 2:11-12).
- C. THRU COMMITMENT TO HIS CAUSE.