

## ENDGAME

### A Study On Revelation (Week #55)

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**Revelation 12:1** Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. **2** She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth. **3** Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. **4** His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born. **5** She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. *(NLT)*

**Recap** \_\_\_\_\_

- Woman - \_\_\_\_\_
- Twelve stars - \_\_\_\_\_
- Red Dragon - \_\_\_\_\_
- 1/3 stars - \_\_\_\_\_
- Son - \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 12:6** Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she \*had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days. **7** And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, **8** and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. *(NASB)*

**Revelation 12:6** 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. **7** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, **8** but they [were not strong enough] did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. *(NKJV)*

**Revelation 12:6** And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days. **7** Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. **8** And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. *(NLT)*

**Revelation 12:5** She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. (NLT)

The \_\_\_\_\_?

- Are Son and Child the same or different?
  - G.H. Pember was among the first to suggest that this verse may actually refer to the "Body of Christ" rather than the Ascension. [One of 24 similar "gaps" occur between verse 5 & 6...]
  - Caught Up: ἀρπάζω; (Greek - harpazó [har-pad'-zo]); to seize, catch up, snatch away; properly, seize by force; snatch up, suddenly and decisively - like someone seizing bounty (spoil, a prize); to take by an open display of force.
- Could be ascension? Could be rapture?
- Verse 6 then speaks of the Tribulation..
  - Same gap is found in Daniel 9 (verse 26 is the "interruption" between 69th week and the 70th week)
  - There are a total of 24 in the Bible.

What Do We Know About \_\_\_\_\_?

- The Bible says very little about angels.
  - Yet we think we know a lot about them
    - ▶ Cute baby faces -or- Sword wielding warriors
    - ▶ Wings
- What does the Bible say about angels?

**Hebrews 1:14** Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation. (NLT)

- Spirits
- Sent (Messengers)
  - ▶ If they are sent, that means they are not always present
  - ▶ Every person does not have a guardian angel
  - ▶ What about Matthew 18?

**Matthew 18:10** "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. (NLT)

- ▶ See! "THEIR ANGELS!" Read it again. Where are "their angels?"
- ▶ Their (in the greek) collective pronoun. All angels.

- ▶ They aren't guarding - they are interceding, ready to attend, and serve when called on by God.
- ▶ Does God need an angel to protect us?
- ▶ Do we need an angel to protect us?
- ▶ Angels have been \_\_\_\_\_ to protect (people and cities), but this is not something that is always in occurrence
- 3 Types of angels in the Bible

**Isaiah 6:2** Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" **4** Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.  
(NLT)

- Seraphim
  - ▶ 6 wings (2 cover feet, 2 cover face, 2 they flew)
  - ▶ Voice shook the temple (to the foundation)

**Ezekiel 10:12** Both the cherubim and the wheels were covered with eyes. The cherubim had eyes all over their bodies, including their hands, their backs, and their wings. **13** I heard someone refer to the wheels as "the whirling wheels." **14** Each of the four cherubim had four faces: the first was the face of an ox, the second was a human face, the third was the face of a lion, and the fourth was the face of an eagle.  
(NLT)

**Ezekiel 1:5** From the center of the cloud came four living beings that looked human, **6** except that each had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, and their feet had hooves like those of a calf and shone like burnished bronze. **8** Under each of their four wings I could see human hands. So each of the four beings had four faces and four wings. **9** The wings of each living being touched the wings of the beings beside it. Each one moved straight forward in any direction without turning around. **10** Each had a human face in the front, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle at the back. **11** Each had two pairs of outstretched wings—one pair stretched out to touch the wings of the living beings on either side of it, and the other pair covered its body. **12** They went in whatever direction the spirit chose, and they moved straight forward in any direction without turning around. (NLT)

**Revelation 4:6** In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. **7** The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. **8** Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come." (NLT)

- Cherubim
  - ▶ Covered with eyes (even their wings)
  - ▶ Four faces (ox, human, lion, eagle)
  - ▶ Four wings
  - ▶ Hoofed feet
  - ▶ Shined like bronze

**Daniel 10:5** I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. **6** His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. (NLT)

**Daniel 10:13** But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. (NLT)

**Daniel 12:1** "At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. (NLT)

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. (NLT)

**Jude 1:8** In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings. **9** But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, [Michael, the archangel] did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses' body.) **10** But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. (NLT)

- Archangel (Michael)
  - ▶ Looks like a man
  - ▶ Body looks like a precious gem
  - ▶ Face like lightning
  - ▶ Eyes like flamed torches
  - ▶ Feet shone like polished bronze
  - ▶ Voice roared
  - ▶ (Jesus seems to appear this way sometimes in the Old Testament)
- This is not an exhaustive list, there are probably more.
  - ▶ Michael is "one" of the archangels
  - ▶ Archangel is a rank, which means there are other ranks we don't know of

**Daniel 8:15** As I, Daniel, was trying to understand the meaning of this vision, someone who looked like a man stood in front of me. **16** And I heard a human voice calling out from the Ulai River, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of his vision." **17** As Gabriel approached the place where I was standing, I became so terrified that I fell with my face to the ground. "Son of man," he said, "you must understand that the events you have seen in your vision relate to the time of the end." (NLT)

- Gabriel
  - ▶ Gabriel is only named in 3 chapters of the Bible
  - ▶ Daniel 8 and 9, Luke 1
  - ▶ All of his appearance have to deal with the coming Messiah (both times)

### Angelic \_\_\_\_\_

- Gabriel isn't called an archangel in the Bible
  - Did you know that every month, 12,000 people Google "archangel Gabriel"?
  - What's interesting about this is that the Bible never once calls Gabriel an archangel. The only named angel specifically called an archangel in the Bible is Michael.
  - So why does everyone think of Gabriel as an archangel?
  - Well, a long time ago someone wrote a piece of literature called the book of Enoch. This is, as far as we can tell, a work written between the Old and New Testaments. It was super influential—so influential that the book of Jude even quotes it (Jude 14-15)!
    - ▶ The book of Enoch says Gabriel and Michael were archangels.
    - ▶ Jude quotes the book of Enoch as legit prophecy, and calls Michael an archangel.
    - ▶ Therefore, Jude considered Gabriel an archangel too.
  - Archangel status isn't really a big deal in the grand scheme of Scripture

- It's probably not a big deal if people call Gabriel an archangel or not.
- But it's good to know what the Bible says.
- Gabriel is one of two named (good) angels in the Bible.
- Gabriel only speaks to three Bible characters.
  - Gabriel speaks with Daniel, the prophet and sage. God sends Gabriel to Daniel in response to Daniel's prayers (and confusion about those visions).
  - Gabriel next speaks to Zechariah the priest, to tell him about the coming birth of John the Baptist.
  - The last person Gabriel speaks with is Mary, the mother of Jesus.
    - ▶ The angel that speaks to Joseph is never named.
  - There's no record of Gabriel having wings
    - ▶ Daniel 9 just says he came "swiftly"
  - Gabriel had a spiritual "sense"
    - ▶ Gabriel sensed Zechariah disbelief (despite his question)
    - ▶ Gabriel sensed Mary's belief (despite her question)
  - Gabriel comes in response to prayers
    - ▶ The Bible preserves four conversations between Gabriel and people: two with Daniel, one with Zechariah, and one with Mary. Half of these conversations begin with God sending Gabriel in response to a prayer.
  - Gabriel names the two greatest humans to ever live
    - ▶ Jesus
    - ▶ John the Baptist

### The \_\_\_\_\_ - Michael

- Michael's accolades
  - One of chief princes
    - ▶ Dan 10:13
  - The Archangel
    - ▶ Jude 1:9; 1 Thess 4:16
  - Daniel's prince
    - ▶ Dan 10:21
  - Warrior for Israel
    - ▶ Dan 12:1
  - Fights for the body of Moses
    - ▶ Jude 9
  - Fought in "Wars of the Lord"
    - ▶ Zech 14:3; Num 21:14

"And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven":  
Lk 10:18; Jn 16:11; 12:31.

**Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole [inhabited earth] world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (NASB)

**Revelation 12:9** So the great dragon was cast out, that 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. (NKJV)

**Revelation 12:9** This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. (NLT)

**Red Dragon:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Understanding The Enemy
  - Origin
    - ▶ Ezek 28:2-15

**Ezek 28:2** "Son of man, give the prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign Lord: "In your great pride you claim, 'I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea.' But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god. **3** You regard yourself as wiser than Daniel and think no secret is hidden from you. **4** With your wisdom and understanding you have amassed great wealth—gold and silver for your treasuries. **5** Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich, and your riches have made you very proud. **6** "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because you think you are as wise as a god, **7** I will now bring against you a foreign army, the terror of the nations. They will draw their swords against your marvelous wisdom and defile your splendor! **8** They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die in the heart of the sea, pierced with many wounds. **9** Will you then boast, 'I am a god!' to those who kill you? To them you will be no god but merely a man! **10** You will die like an outcast at the hands of foreigners. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!" **11** Then this further message came to me from the Lord: **12** "Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign Lord: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. **13** You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone—red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone, blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald—all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. **14** I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. [cherub] You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire. **15** "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. (NLT)

- Rebellion in heaven
  - ▶ Isa 14:12-17

**Isaiah 14:12** "How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. **13** For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. **14** I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' **15** Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. **16** Everyone there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble? **17** Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it into a wasteland? Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities and had no mercy on his prisoners?' (NLT)

- [Gap?]
  - ▶ Gen 1:2 vs. Isa 45:18

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (NLT)

**Isaiah 45:18** For the Lord is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. "I am the Lord," he says, "and there is no other. (NLT)

- Ancient = beginning
  - ▶ Gen 3

**Genesis 3:1** The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. (NLT)

- Stars = angels
  - ▶ Jude 1:13

**Jude 1:13** They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness. (NLT)

- Deceives the whole world
  - ▶ 2 Cor 4:3-4

**2 Corinthians 4:3** If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. **4** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. *(NLT)*

- Liar from the beginning
  - ▶ Gen 3:4-5; Jn 8:44

**Genesis 3:4** "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. **5** "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." *(NLT)*

**John 8:44** For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. *(NLT)*

- Enmity with Man
  - ▶ Gen 3:14-15

**Genesis 3:14** Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. **15** And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." *(NLT)*

- Seven heads, 10 horns
  - ▶ Rev 13:1; 17:3; cf. Dan 7

**Revelation 13:1** Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. *(NLT)*

**Revelation 17:3** So the angel took me in the Spirit into the wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, and blasphemies against God were written all over it. *(NLT)*

**Daniel 7:8** As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. **9** I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, **10** and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. **11** I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. **12** The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer. **13** As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed. *(NLT)*

**Daniel 8:9** Then from one of the prominent horns came a small horn whose power grew very great. It extended toward the south and the east and toward the glorious land of Israel. **10** Its power reached to the heavens, where it attacked the heavenly army, throwing some of the heavenly beings and some of the stars to the ground and trampling them. *(NLT)*