

Wednesday in the Word  
Digging Deeper  
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Revelation 12:6-17 KJVS

<sup>6</sup>And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

<sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

<sup>8</sup> And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

6) We join John here and follow as Jesus outlines the story of Israel, pursued by Satan, as the Child of Salvation is produced to the world. Time jumps ahead to our near future, when The Devil unleashes his final fury to destroy Israel and the followers of Christ. God miraculously transports and protects Israel to a secure wilderness location. Some commentators claim this to be the city of Petra, south of the Dead Sea. There is little evidence to support this and there is not enough room for such a great migration. Surely God will somehow succeed in protecting His people because He always faithfully has done so. Psalm 91:1-7.

-a *thousand two hundred and threescore days*. A time period of 3½ years, the first half of Daniel's 70th week. Daniel 9:24-27.

7) War in heaven has boiled since the initial fall of Satan. Ezekiel 28:13-19, Isaiah 14:12-15, Luke 10:18. The pot now boils over in a final climactic event. Besides here, Michael the

Archangel is mentioned in Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1 and Jude 1:9, always in the defense of the Jews, the people of God. Satan's angels (Demons) may number up to a third part of Spirit beings created by God in Christ. Revelation 12:4. While dragons (possibly dinosaurs) are mentioned through the Old Testament, the only mention in the New Testament is here in Revelation and is clearly defined as symbolic of Satan. Elsewhere he is referred to as a serpent. Genesis 3:1.

8-9) Satan here finds his access to God's throne has come to an end. Clearly God's plan has been finalized and will result in the sure destiny of destruction long ago planned by the Lord. Luke 21:21-22, Revelation 20:10.

10) Thank God for our Intercessor and Advocate Jesus Christ! Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:1.

11) What is our strategy against these evil accusations? The blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony and not loving our lives unto death. What does that mean? We love life but we must not put our own physical life in priority over our relationship with our Savior. Matthew 16:24-26.

12) Rejoicing above. Woe below. The Devil, incapable of repentance, though he faces his ultimate destruction, now pours out his wrath in hopes of doing the most damage possible. John 10:10. Jesus' coming brings life to all who will receive.

13) Persecution. Greek; diōkō: to pursue and cause to flee. This is bullying gone wild. Evil is only satisfied when it hurts, harms, scares and scars. The woman, Israel has brought forgiveness and salvation and eternal life to the world through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan and his ilk cannot benefit so they persecute. There is perhaps no greater frustration than when a losing fighter cannot win. Haters hate. There is no rationale.

14) The wings of the eagle are symbolic of rescue and swiftness. God saves and protects Israel as He always has. Nourishment here is the Greek; trephō: to turn to fatten. That is to bring close so as to feed. God restores and replenishes His cherished people. God has often punished His people but He always restores their remnant. She spends 3½ years under His care. The use of the word, face (prosōpon) speaks of the side of the head that sees and is able to focus upon. The dragon here cannot see or find these protected Jews.

15-16) This flood of water may speak of the overwhelming flow of the nations come to destroy Israel. This may be the gathering of Armageddon. The earth may open up in an earthquake to swallow them down. Earthquakes are mentioned 5 times in Revelation. Most powerfully in 16:18. Compare Zechariah 14:4. The Jordan Rift Valley is the deepest and greatest on earth. It's fault line is exactly along the axis of all these aforementioned quakes.

17) This wrath follows two very important factors. One. Satan hates the Righteous who keep God's commandments. Righteousness is our High Calling. Two. Satan hates those who testify to the salvation and forgiveness provided by Jesus Christ and he hates when Jesus' followers give Him glory for their changed lives. Fear not! Matthew 10:28.