

“Revelation #16”

Revelation 11: 15 – 18 Thru 12: 1 -17 (The Woman, The Child, and the Beast)

Review: Chapter 10 and 11

- Interlude between the 6th and 7th trumpet, 2nd interlude.
- Attempt on God’s part, reaching out to mankind in grace and mercy...
- Scroll in the angels hand. **Word of God... John commanded to eat it?**
- 10:7 Declares the mystery of God, when the 7th trumpet is blown...
- Chapter 11: The two witnesses, again this is God reaching out to mankind. **(We see even in judgement, God remembers mercy.)**
- 11: 1 – 3... V7... Infuriates the beast from the bottomless pit...

Text 11: 15 – 16 Read. *To understand this, you have to see that there is no chapter break here... Chapter 12: 1 is a continuation of Chapter 11... (The third woe)*

- V15... *“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”*
- When is this going to be a reality, **Is it past, present, or future?**

Jesus Said: *“Now is the kingdom of God come.” “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* (Jesus Reigns Now... **It is already but not yet**)

- *“Our Father who art in Heaven... Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.”*

Genesis 3: 17 *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel.”*

- In the economy of Heaven... this is a done deal.

Text 11: 17 – 19 Read. *From the perspective of Heaven, this is already but not yet!*

V17... Revelation 1: 4 – 8 (**I am the Alpha and Omega**) This is hard to wrap our minds around.

Chapter 12 is a pivotal point in the book of Revelation. Chapters 1 thru 11 show the conflict the church faces from within. (False teachings...) from without. (The world...) Chapters 12 thru 14 we now see the main conflict Christians face. (**The devil/Satan, the beast from the sea, the beast from the earth and Babylon**) ...Here we see what is going on behind the scenes.

Not to worry: Chapters 15 thru 22 we see these enemies destroyed. As we will see as we study thru the book of Revelation.

Text 12: 1 – 6 Read.

J.I. Packer: *“This pivotal section of Revelation shows the Satanic opposition Christians face but also reminds readers that, through the work of Jesus, Satan has already been defeated.”*

- Here in V’s 1 – 6 we have three main characters... a woman in labor, a male child, and a great red dragon.
- **Who’s the woman?** (There is disagreement... Israel, Church, Mary/Eve) Gen 37:9, Israel...
- **Who’s the red dragon?** (Compare 12:3 with 12:9)
- **Who’s the Child?** (12:5) Psalms 2:9... **Prophecy of Christ.**
- **12: 6 argument for the woman being Mary...** (Decree from Harod went out to kill every male child under the age of two when Christ was born.) *Eve removed from paradise.*

Text 12: 7 – 9 Read.

- V7 and 8...

Luke 10: 17 – 18 *“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord even the demons are subject to us in your name. And He said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

John 12: 30 – 32 *“Jesus answered and said, this voice did not come because of me, but for your sake. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”* (Signifying by what death He would die)

Isaiah 14: 12 – 21 and Ezekiel 28: 12 – 19 For your study... (Satan’s Fate, done deal)

Text 12: 10 – 12 Read.

V10... A loud voice announces God’s victory and Satan’s defeat! Now salvation...

Bible: *Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world.*

- Accuser of the brethren... Satan is cast down.
- We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. *This is a recurring theme throughout Revelation.*
- Heaven Rejoices... and Satan’s time is short! (V12)

Text 12: 13 – 17 Read.

- These are Satan’s futile attacks on God’s plan of Salvation throughout history.
- Tries to destroy Jesus as a child... Thought he succeeded at the cross. *Literally fulfilled God’s plan.*
- Satan is so enraged; he attacks God’s people.
- V17, Satan makes war with her offspring.