

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 41 (PART 2)

WAR IN THE HEAVENLIES

REVELATION 12 | *PART 2*



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In the previous session on Revelation 12:1-6, we talked about the spiritual conflict in the heavenlies, the eight-fold call and mandate of God for Israel, and the agenda of Satan to totally destroy Israel throughout all ages. Today we will go into the specifics of the war in the heavenlies, especially regarding what will happen in the final three-and-a-half years.

Revelation 12:7-9 tells us about a spiritual war that broke out in heaven between Michael and Satan. God wants us to know that our prayers will play a vital role in the victory of Michael and his angels. They make a difference in the heavenly battle and will empower the angels in heaven to prevail over the demonic hosts, ultimately dislodging them from heaven to the earth (Rev. 12:8-9). Our prayers matter. We have to keep praying in order that the angelic hosts will prevail (Dan. 10:11-22).

Where is Satan right now? He is primarily before the throne of God, accusing the brethren day and night (Job 1–2; Rev. 12:10). That is his chief strategy.

How does God counter these accusations?





Jesus, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, is interceding for us day and night. That is a great mystery! And with Jesus interceding for us, our victory is assured.

That is why in Ephesians 6, Paul taught us that the spiritual war is against Satan and the demonic hosts **in the heavenly places** (Eph. 6:12). As a result of the war in heaven, Satan and his demons are cast down to the earth. Take note that this event has not yet happened. **It only occurs at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (Rev. 12:7-14).** It will be a significant event, because when it happens, darkness will hit a max. The entire earth will be saturated with demonic influences and activities. Sorcery, immorality, murder and theft will be prevalent.



Revelation 12:10-11 are very encouraging verses. They give us a powerful picture of how the people of God will overcome Satan at the End of the Age. They give us two reasons why we will overcome Satan:

- 1. God will release the four-fold empowerment into our lives (v.10).**
- 2. We will overcome Satan if we cultivate the three realities in verse 11.**

ONE. **SALVATION**

God will send forth His deliverance unto us. Like what David said in Psalm 27, God is our light and our salvation. He will deliver us from our enemies. The ultimate fulfilment of the Lord delivering us from evil comes through Him ushering in the Millennial Kingdom.

TWO. **STRENGTH**

God will strengthen our faith, our confidence in Him and our inner man so that we can overcome (Ps. 27).

THREE. **THE KINGDOM OF OUR GOD WILL COME**

God will give us the power of His kingdom to overcome the power of the kingdom of darkness.

FOUR. **THE POWER OF HIS CHRIST**

The End-Time Church will move in unprecedented level of God's authority in our lives and in our works.

VERSE 11 GIVES US THREE KEYS ON HOW WE CAN OVERCOME SATAN:

1. THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

— on the basis of the finished work of the cross.

THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY 2.

This is what 2 Thessalonians 2:10 is talking about — loving and taking a bold stand for the truth, as well as obeying and living it out. Authority over the evil one comes from our lives and we have no power unless we walk out the truth.



3. THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES TO THE DEATH

The saints stayed faithful and steady in loving Jesus, even unto death. One of the common emotions at the End of the Age is fear. The ultimate expression of fear is the fear of death. If we have the fear of lack or the fear of death, it will be easy for us to compromise, e.g., by putting on the Mark of the Beast.

How do we overcome the fear of death? We have to cultivate our confidence in the Lord. We want to cultivate wholehearted love for Jesus, knowing that perfect love will cast out all fear (1 Jn 4:18). We want to love Jesus more than anything else, even our own lives! At the end of the day, it's not about staying alive, but it's about staying in love with Jesus until the end!



Revelation 12:13-17 speaks of Satan's persecution of Israel and God's people during the final three-and-a-half years. Satan is now cast down to the earth and he is angry because he knows that his time is short, and he will seek to totally destroy Israel and God's people.

The woman was given two wings of a great eagle so that she might fly into the wilderness and be nourished. This speaks of **God's miraculous deliverance, protection, and provision for Israel during the Great Tribulation.**

He will take care of Israel during the final three-and-a-half years. **God giving her two wings speaks of Him manifesting His divine provision, protection, deliverance, and guidance through strength, swiftness, and attentiveness** (Exo. 19:4; Deut. 32:11-12). He will also provide places of shelter and refuge for the Jewish people who are fleeing persecution by the Antichrist.

The dragon spewing out water like a flood speaks of Satan's determination to totally exterminate Israel (Rev. 12:15). His plan will be total and massive and he will give his all to do so. The earth opening up its mouth and swallowing the flood speaks of **God's promise to send supernatural help** (Rev. 12:16). Satan will be enraged and he will make war with the Church because she stood with Israel and prayed for her.

Indeed, we can see from Revelation 12 that the key to victory for the Church at the End of the Age is intercession. The key to Israel being protected until the Second Coming of Jesus is intercession. In fact, it is through the prayer of the saints that the entire war in the heavenlies and on the earth will be won.

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**"YES LORD, TEACH US HOW TO
WAGE THE GOOD WARFARE
FROM THE PLACE OF PRAYER!"**





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