

SATAN'S FINAL ATTACK ON ISRAEL REVELATION 12

Israel is a nation that lives with the hatred of her neighbors. This nation has been object of attack for hundreds of years. In the tribulation the people of Israel will endure their greatest attack. However, God will protect them.

I. THE KEY PLAYERS. 12:1-6.

A. Israel: The Woman Adorned with Majesty. 12:1-2.

1. Israel is pictured as a woman in the OT. Isa. 54:6; 66:7,8.
2. The symbols of the moon, sun and stars point to Israel. Gen.37:9.
3. Israel brought the male child. Rom. 9:5.
 - a. This child is destined to rule the world. Cp. Rev. 12:5; Ps. 2:9.
 - b. This child would ascend to heaven. 12:5; Rom. 8:34.
4. Israel will flee into the wilderness for 3 ½ years. 12:6.

B. The Dragon Clothed in Power. 12:3-4.

1. The dragon is Satan. 12:9.
2. The dragon was followed by 1/3 of the angels.
 - a. Angels are identified with stars in Job 38:7.
 - b. Satan and these angels fell in his rebellion. Isa. 14:12-14; Luke 10:18.
 - c. Satan tried to destroy the male child. 12:4; Matt. 2:16.

II. THE FINAL ATTACK. 12:7-17.

A. The War in Heaven. 12:7-12.

1. The participants in this war.
 - a. Michael and his angels. See Dan. 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 9.
 - b. Satan and his angels. 12:7.
2. The time of this war.
 - a. The fall of Satan. Isa. 14:12-14.
 - b. Satan's present position. Eph. 2:2.
 - *Satan is not in hell today. He has access to communicate with God. Job 1:6-9; 2:1-5. *
 - c. The future battle.
 - * This battle ends when Satan is confined to the earth during the last half of the tribulation.
 - * This battle likely begins at the rapture of the church. 1 Thess. 4:16.
3. The outcome of this battle.
 - a. Satan and his angels are defeated and Satan is cast to the earth. 12:9,12.
 - b. Heaven rejoices at Satan's defeat. 12:10.

B. The Attack on Israel. 12:13-17.

1. The time of this attack.
 - * The expulsion of Satan from heaven, the Abomination of Desolation and that attack on Israel all take place at the middle of the tribulation. 12:6,14. Cp. Dan. 9:27.
2. The protection of Israel during this attack. 12:6,14,15,16. See Matt. 24:15,16; Isa. 59:19.

- a. The wings of an eagle remind us of the Exodus. Ex. 19:4.
 - b. The ancient city of Petra has been suggested as one place people from Israel will flee for refuge during that day.
3. The motive for that attack.
- a. The ongoing hatred for Israel. See quote from Benjamin Netanyahu below.
 - b. The refusal of Israel to worship the antichrist. 12:17. Cp. 2 Thess. 2:4.

The faithfulness of God and the ability of God to protect his own are clearly demonstrated in the life of Israel. They are the object of great hatred today. That hatred will only intensify as we approach the end time and the great tribulation. However, in spite of all that Satan and the antichrist can do, God will protect his chosen nation and fulfill his promises to them. They are indestructible because of God's hand upon them. You can trust a god like this.

'If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel' -Benjamin Netanyahu