



# The War in the Heavens and Earth

Revelation 12:1-17

- 1) Decoding Revelation 12
  - a) The woman: Israel
  - b) The dragon: Satan
  - c) The man-child: Jesus Christ
  - d) Michael: Israel's archangel
  - e) Israel: the true remnant (elect) of the woman's seed
- 2) The devil hates all of God's people
  - a) He has attempted to thwart God's plan for eons
  - b) He accuses us before God (cf. Job)
- 3) God currently restrains Satan (2 Thess. 2)
- 4) At the Rapture, Satan is thrown down to earth
  - a) His wrath will be toward believers; God's wrath is toward unbelievers
  - b) He will intensely persecute God's people
  - c) He will kill, but the remnant will remain faithful
- 5) Application
  - a) Trust in Christ & be rescued from the coming wrath
  - b) Don't be deceived; overcome the trials & temptations of Satan
  - c) Do not love your life more than Christ