

Midweek Bible Study

War in Heaven

Rev. 12:7-12

Chapter 12 falls into three parts

1-6 – The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

7-12 – Michael, the Dragon, and war in heaven

13-17 – The dragon, the woman, her children, and war against the saints

- I. And there was war in Heaven (7-8)
The big question is when was this war?
 - A. Michael and his angels warred with the dragon
The dragon and his angels waged war
 - B. And they were not strong enough, and no place was found for them in heaven.
- II. Satan and his angels cast to earth (9)
 - A. Satanology
 1. The great dragon
 2. The ancient serpent (Gen. 3:1, 14)
 3. The one called diabolos (slanderer)
34x, all in the NT
Eph. 6:11; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8
 4. And Satan (adversary) 53 uses (14 in Job 1-2)
Job 1:6; Zech 3:1; Matt. 4:10
 5. The one deceiving the whole earth (deceiver, beginning in the garden)
2 John 7
 - Excursus: Isa. 14:12-16; Ezek. 28:11-19
 - B. Was cast to earth and his angels with him were cast



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- III The Saints overcome him (10-12)
 - A. A great voice in heaven saying
 - B. Now salvation and power and the kingdom of our God has come
 - C. And the authority of His Christ
The Kingdom comes when Christ is exalted.
Matt. 28:19-20
 - D. Because the accuser of our brethren has been cast out
The one accusing them before God, day and night
 - E. How the saints overcome him (11)
 - 1. And they overcame him through the blood the lamb

Rom.8:33-34
 - 2. And through the Word of their testimony
 - 3. And they did not love their own life even unto death

Mk. 8:35

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

- F. The Implications for heaven and earth (12)
 - 1. Because of this, rejoice heavens and those dwelling in them
 - 2. Woe earth and sea because the devil has been cast down to you
 - 3. Having great wrath, knowing that he has a short time

Conclusion

