

HELL ON EARTH
REV. 12:12-17

Introduction:

- A. The Bible has taught us there will be war in heaven.
 - 1. v7, "there was war in heaven."
 - 2. Michael and his angels, Satan and his angels.

- B. The outcome of the war.
 - 1. Satan "prevailed not." v8.
 - 2. Satan was "cast out." v9.
 - 3. The accuser is silenced.

- C. These incidents bring rejoicing in heaven. v12a
 - 1. "Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them."
 - 2. Because of the above facts there is to be rejoicing in heaven.

I. SATAN AND THE EARTH. V12b

- A. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!"
 - 1. Woe = alas - grief, sorrow, 3rd woe, 7th seal v8:13.
 - 2. inhabitants = katoikeo - to dwell in, to be settled.

- B. "for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time"
 - 1. come down = katebe - he did go down.
 - 2. great wrath = thumos - anger, burning anger.
 - 3. short = holigos - little, used of number, magnitude, amounts, and time.

- C. Those who worship the devil, who long for the enthronement of evil will be bitterly and eternally sorry.
 - 1. The Devil's time is limited!
 - 2. Satan's will is one of woes, and grief!
 - 3. It will be joy in heaven, hell on earth!

II. SATAN AND THE WOMAN ON EARTH. V13-17

A. Satan persecutes Israel.

1. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child." v12:1,2,4,5.
2. persecuted = dioko - to hunt, to pursue, to cause to flee, to pursue with hatred one's enemy.

B. "and to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

1. God has prepared a place.
2. It is in the wilderness.
3. Daniels prophecy. Dan. 11:41-42. [813 B.C.]
4. This is at the "middle of the week."
5. Dan. 7:25; 12:5-7. [808, 814 B.C.]

C. "and the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away in the flesh."

1. This may be a literal flood of water. Israel has been saved by water before. Or an army.
2. Symbolically, it could be a great army.

D. "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

1. helped = boetho - to run to help, succor, aid.
2. swallowed = katapino - to swallow down, to drink down, or to swallow up, earthquake.

E. "and the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

1. wroth = onge - anger together for the desire for revenge, to desire to kill and destroy.

2. remnant = loipos - left, remaining, the rest.
3. One of the two groups.
 - a. Rev. 7:3,4.
 - b. Rev. 14:1-5.
4. Satan cannot destroy "the woman," therefore he turns on anyone and everyone who worships the true God.

III. HELL ON EARTH IS NOT THE ONLY HELL.

- A. Today our world system longs to be free from the restraining power of God, His Son, His Spirit, His Word, His Church, and His People.
 1. A few in education. Heads of:
 2. A few in medicine.
 3. A few in religion.
 4. A few in media.
 5. A few in government.
- B. Some day this will happen.
 1. The God of this world will be the God of this world.
 2. He is a Pretender to the throne.
- C. His reign will be preview of hell.
 1. Christ's 1,000 year reign is a preview of heaven.
 2. Anti-christs a preview of hell.