

INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 12:12 Death divided heaven & earth - united by *last Adam*: res'd Jesus [Rv 5:8; Mt 6:10; Col 1:20; Rv 21:1].
2. Challenge to understand how activities of heaven affect events on earth.
3. v12 = words from *heaven* [v10] that concern us on earth: parallels 11:15-18

1st: Heaven's Joy: Satan Has Been Cast Out of Heaven - v12a

1. *for this reason* - b/c of what has happened in heaven: v5; v7-9; v10; v12a
2. We cannot contemplate heaven apart from earth, Jn has referred to earth
 - i. The child born of the wmn; v6 the wmn in wilderness of this age.
 - ii. Satan thrown dwn to earth [v9,10] & continues accusations on earth.
 - iii. v11 describes us, overcoming thru this earthly life _
 - iv. v12 implications of Christ's enthronement for heaven & earth
3. b/c of Satan's expulsion, *rejoice*. Be gripped w/ joy b/c of God's enablement
4. *O [!!]* - the place [*heavens*] & its population [*you who dwell*]: joyfully worship
5. Key: *dwell* - to live in a tabernacle/temple
 - i. Rv 7:15 *spread tab* = same verb: dwells in a temple/tabernacle [tent]
 - ii. Rv 13:6 *tabernacle* [noun] & *dwell* [verb]
 - iii. Rv 21:3 *tabernacle* [noun] & *dwell* [verb]
 - iv. Heaven: place & population = God's temple sanctuary dwelling where worship transpires. God's being is not contained in heaven.
 - v. An aside: the incarnation: Jn 1:14 *dwelt* = tabernacled.
6. Plural *heavens*: [singular *heaven* 48x in Rv]: in OT, plural *heavens* = cosmos
 - i. Gn 1:1; 1Chr 16:31; Ps 96:11 - Isa 49:13
 - a. v8 - cited in 2C6 - re: day of salvation
 - b. v9-12 description of elect entering glorified cosmos [v10 in Rv 7:16]
 - c. v13 = new cosmos filled w/ God's comfort & compassion
7. W/ enthronement of Jesus, the realignment of fallen cosmos begins.

2nd: Earth's Woe: Satan Has Come Down to Earth - v12b

1. Separation tw/ heaven & earth: *rejoice* & *woe* due to present location of Satan
2. *Woe* - cry of damned [ouai] onomatopoeia; last 3 trmpts; Hab 2; Mt 24.
3. *earth & sea* - vocab of IVth - creation wh/ is to be brought into God's Sab Rest is being violated by a *wrathful* devil. How is this Satan's attack of *the wmn*?
 - i. 1T 4:1-5 attack goodness of creation ordinances: family, work ethic, promote pagan worship of creation & false hopes for false "Sab Rest."
 - a. Such attacks demand church's response but can distract from stewardship of gospel witness & church as worshiping temple: liable to apostasy, failure to overcome - 7 churches warned in Rv 2-3.
 - ii. *great wrath* - NIV *fury*; NET *terrible anger*; "thermos" heat: intense rage
4. Satan *knows* he lost battle in heaven: has *only a short time* - Mt 8:29.

Applic #1: Let Us Participate in Heaven's Joy

1. We are NCov royal priestly sons [Hb 12:22]: heaven's joy [1Pt1:8].
2. We are a NCov temple; worship transpires in heaven. Engage & overcome!

Applic #2: Let Us Have a Cosmic Hope

1. Our Lord Jesus is risen - we have hope not only for ourselves but for cosmos.
2. Creation groans [Rm8] - in hope of our coming bodily resurrection.
3. Tho we do not join in on Earth Day & environmentalism, we have cosmic hope for the coming new heavens & new earth.

Applic #3: Let Us Respond With Gospel Compassion to Moral Confusion

1. Assault on goodness of creation order [Noah; Sodom] - Gal 6:10. Do good.
2. Gospel compassion - testify to Jesus as triumphant over sin, death & Satan.

Applic #4: Let Us Outlast the Devil's Rage

1. Devil rages b/c he knows he loses - A Mighty Fortress is our God.
2. Rm 8:18; 2C 4:17-18 - a short time