

Revelation 12:13-17; 13:1-10

Satan has been cast out of heaven by Rev 12:13. Until then, Satan had access to God's throne. He didn't stay there, he just popped up to tell on us and then come back to tempt us. After Satan is cast out of heaven, he no longer has access to God's throne, and now Satan is very angry, because he knows he has a short amount of time before the end.

This is the middle part of tribulation. We won't be in it – we will watch it from heaven because the church will already be lifted off the face of the Earth. 12 million people will die in the tribulation. Satan hates Israel, because they are God's chosen people.

Vs13-14: The woman (Israel) was given wings of an eagle: Turn to Exodus 19:3-4:
3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

-The wings of an eagle means bringing Israel to a place of safety. The Land of Jordan is the land that God is going to protect during the times of tribulation. It is a place reserved for the Jewish people. The middle of the tribulation, this is 3.5 years into it, the middle of the 7 years, and 7 always means completion, God's completion, in scripture.

Vs15: The cast out water as a flood after the woman out of his mouth: we won't know what this means until the time of it.

Vs16: Earth helps the woman...earthquakes all around the world. God uses earthquakes to swallow the flood to protect His people.

-Satan uses men to persecute God's chosen people.

Vs17: Satan is after all the Jewish believers now. There is a remnant that believes, and God is moving them to Jordan to protect them.

Chapter 13 is divided wrongly by men. Vs1: "and I stood upon the sand of the sea" should be in ch12. 'I' should be 'he', meaning Satan is standing upon the sand of the sea. When we see the word 'sea' in scripture, this means the Mediterranean sea. A beast means a wild crazy dangerous animal. But it is the nations surrounding the mideast area, warships. 7 heads = 7 is the number of completion. The 7 horns have 10 crowns, or power, and it hates God. It has the name of Blasphemy upon its head - all the leaders hate God now. Daniel saw the leaders of the world as crazy beasts.

Vs2: The last empire is a composite of all the great empires that have ruled before in the history of mankind.

Vs3: one head was wounded fatally, but then healed, and the entire world wondered about this. From vs3 on, we can't separate the antichrist from his empire, and you can't separate his empire from Satan. They are one and the same. One is a person,

one is an empire. They are one and the same. It is Satan and his empire. So the antichrist is totally assassinated, and he gets up out of the casket and starts walking around. This flabbergasts the world, of course. (Sounds like a movie with Arnold Swarchenegger... End of Days was the name of the movie.) The antichrist returning to life amazed the world (not the church) so much that they started worshipping him. Remember the church is up in heaven now, watching from above. Satan is given 42 months...in the middle of the tribulation period, which is 3.5 years...he is worshipped now and he goes after the Jews and God's people with a vengeance. The people of the world will accept him as Christ, but Christians know Christ will come out of the sky with a loud noise. There will be no mistake about it. Jesus already said the world would accept him, and reject Christ. The world has already rejected Christ, and the time is close for the antichrist to come. II Thessalonians, ch2...those who think they are Christians but really aren't will accept the lie. If you've been told the truth, and you reject the truth, you will believe the lie that the antichrist will tell them. The people that are saved during the tribulation will be hunted down by the antichrist and his government and killed. But they will have a special place by the throne of God.

Vs6-8: Satan will rule the world and all those who are not written in the book of life of the Lamb. Those whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb will be slain.

Vs9-10: Let God do things His way. Whatever you beget in your life, will come back to you likewise. Live by the sword, die by the sword. Life a life of selfishness, and no charity will be shown you.

