

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 12:7-12

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Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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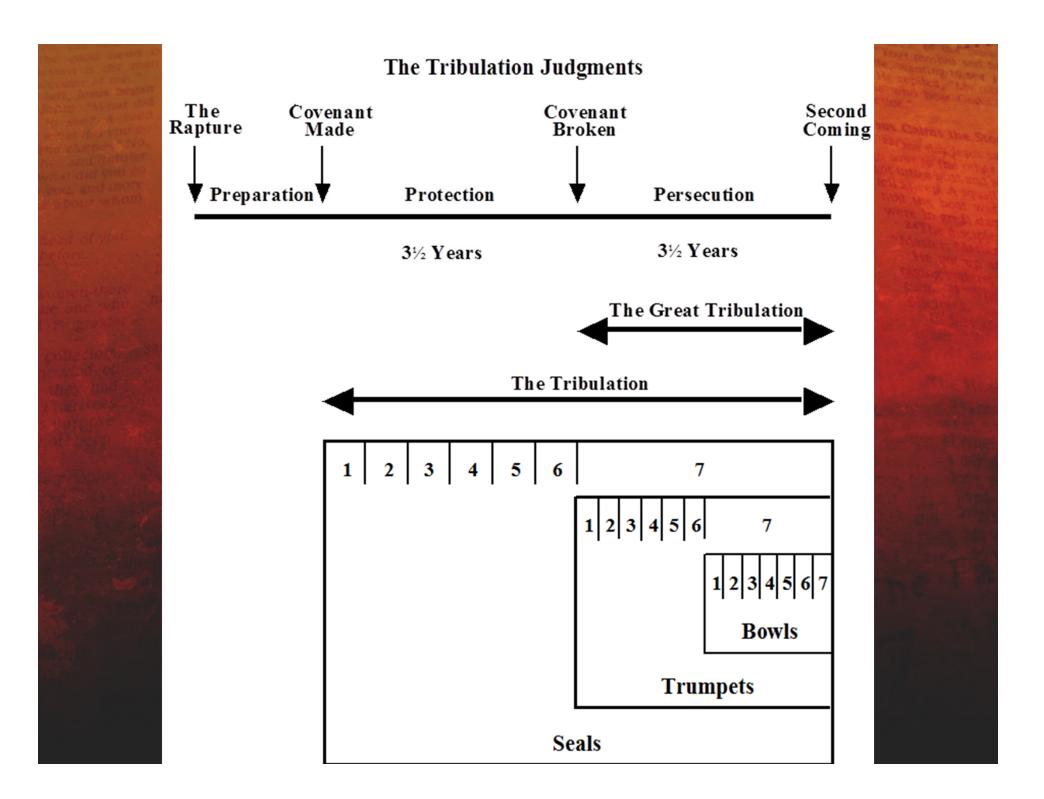
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In Rev. 11-14, we see a "bird's-eye view" of the Great Tribulation, the last 3½ years of "Jacob's Trouble."

- Chapter 11 = the role of the two witnesses:
- Chapter 12 = the role of Israel in the Tribulation:
- Chapter 13 = the role of the Anti-christ.
 - b. The Purposes of Hell Revealed, 12:1-13:18
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- The "woman" represents ISRAEL.
- The "great red dragon" represents Satan.
- The "man child" represents the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tonight, we continue in Chapter 12. God now gave John knowledge of the forces and persons behind the climax of anti-God hostility, so he could understand the vial/bowl judgments, which the seventh trumpet judgment contained.

(b) The War, 12:7-12

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Michael is particularly Jewish, verifying that "the woman" represents Israel.

<u>Dan. 10:13</u> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ...

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

- From Gen. 3 to Rev. 20, a war "between good and evil" has been raging.
- > We are continually involved in "spiritual warfare."

- 2 Cor. 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- <u>5</u> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The "Captain of our Salvation" is available to lead us to spiritual victory.

Ex. 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

> The victory is assured, but we must still fight the battle.

1 Sam. 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

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Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

<u>Job 1:6</u> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Eph. 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ 12:10 Greek NT: Scrivener's Textus Receptus 1894

καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν μεγάλην λέγουσαν, ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, Ἄρτι ἐγένετο ἡ σωτηρία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἡ ἐξουσία τοῦ Χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ· ὅτι κατἐβλήθη ὁ κατήγορος τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, ὁ κατηγορῶν αυτῶν ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός.

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Original Word: δύναμις

Transliteration: dunamis

Definition: (miraculous) power, might, strength

Usage: (a) physical power, force, might, ability, efficacy, energy, meaning (b) plur: powerful deeds, deeds showing (physical) power, marvelous works.

dýnamis (from dýnamai, "able, having ability") – properly, "ability to perform"; for the believer, power to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities. "Power through God's ability" (dýnamis) is needed in every scene of life to really grow in sanctification and prepare for heaven (glorification). (dýnamis) is a very important term, used 120 times in the NT. https://biblehub.com/greek/1411.htm

Original Word: έξουσία **Transliteration:** exousia

Definition: power to act, authority

In the NT, eksousía ("delegated power") refers to the authority God gives to His saints – authorizing them to act to the extent they are guided by faith (His revealed word).

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Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Rev 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. ...

<u>9</u> I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

- 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
- 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and **so much the more, as ye see the day approaching**.

Conclusion

- 1 Tim. 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
- 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
- 2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- <u>3</u> Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.