

The Third Woe

Revelation 12:6, And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

In this verse the woman refers to the faithful ones of God that is in Israel. The period is 1260 days or 3 ½ years which is the last half of the tribulation period.

Israel will oppose the antichrist as he tries to set himself up to be their god.

The antichrist will persecute the Jews and they will be forced to flee from Jerusalem.

God will protection for them during this time.

Jesus clearly told Israel to flee into the wilderness when the abomination of desolation occurs

Matthew 24

⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ⁶ And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ¹² And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. ¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Here in this next section are those in Israel fleeing for 3 ½ years to the mountains. So, let's read that beginning with Matthew 24:15.

¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoever read this, let him understand:) ¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: ¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: ¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. ¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. ²³ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. ²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great

signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you before. ²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. ²⁷ For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shine even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and put forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: ³³ So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

³⁶ But of that day and hour know no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴¹ Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.¹

Revelation 12:7, And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

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

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.

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.

12. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants 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.

In part 1 of Revelation chapter 12, vs 4, we discussed Satan being kicked out of heaven along with a third of the angels. Here in verse seven of chapter 12 we see this battle takes place in the middle of the tribulation period and this time Satan no longer has place in heaven, that is to communicate to God to accuse the brethren. I spoke about Satan having access to heaven in Revelation 12 part one and that being the second heaven but not the third heaven where God is as he was never welcomed back there.

Job 1:6-7 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. [7] And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and from in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Satan normally exists in the spirit- world (prince of power of air), but he has limited access into heaven as he communicates from the 2nd heaven. Think about this, we are communicating to God from the first heaven so it's not absurd that Satan can communicate to God from the second heaven, and the angels that are all around us now can you communicate back-and-forth to God concerning you.

Notice the announcement in heaven in verse 10: "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ!"

Although Satan accuses the saints, the victory is secured by, the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony! (v.11)

According to verse 12, Satan has only a "short time". Woe to those still living on the earth because Satan is cast to the earth and he will invoke his wrath against God's people (v.12)

This "woe" is the third woe.

1. Satan's wrath is violently unleashed on the earth

Revelation 12:13-17 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. [14] 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. [15] And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. [16] And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. [17] 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.

Satan will attack Israel, particularly the remnant who will not collaborate with the antichrist

They will be bitterly persecuted and many martyred, but a remnant will be spared (v.14)

The remnant will flee into the wilderness and be divinely spared for forty-two months (time, times, and half a time or 3 ½ years)

The flood water probably represents the attack upon the believers of Christ (v.15).

Could be that he speaks war against them. It could be Satans powers against the terrain.

The people of God are assisted by the earth, which swallowed up the flood (v.16)

"Some have taken this as a literal flood, but since Israel or this remnant of people of God could flee in every direction and fled to the mountains, may not speak to such a flood.

The 144,000, who were spared in Revelation 7 and seen on Mt. Zion in Revelation 14 are not the same as this remnant.