

THE CONFLICT IN HEAVEN AND EARTH, Part 2 (Revelation 12:10-17)

- I. The Victory of the SAINTS (Rev. 12:10-12*a*)
 - A. The PROCLAMATION of victory
 - 1. Shouted from HEAVEN
 - a. Might be the voice of GOD
 - b. Might be the choir of ANGELS
 - c. Might be the shout of the 24 ELDERS
 - d. Might be the cry of the MARTYRS
 - 1) Said to “cry with a LOUD VOICE” (6:10)
 - 2) Denouncing “the accuser of OUR BRETHREN”
 - 2. Pronounced “the DELIVERANCE”
 - a. Not FORGIVENESS of SIN
 - b. But COMPLETION of God’s PROGRAM
 - 3. Announced “the POWER”
 - a. God will DEMONSTRATE His POWER
 - b. God will STRENGTHEN His PEOPLE
 - 4. Announced “the COMING KINGDOM”
 - 5. Announced “the AUTHORITY of His CHRIST”
 - B. The MEANS of victory
 - 1. Overcame Satan “because of the BLOOD of the LAMB”
 - 2. Overcame Satan “because of the WORD of their TESTIMONY”
 - 3. Overcame Satan because of their WILLINGNESS to DIE

- C. The OUTCOME of victory
 - 1. The “accuser of our brethren” is CAST DOWN
 - 2. Heaven and its inhabitants REJOICE
- II. The Wrath of SATAN (Rev. 12:12*b*)
 - A. Pronouncing WOE upon the EARTH and SEA
 - B. Announcing WARNING of Satan’s FURY
 - 1. Angry for being RESTRICTED to EARTH
 - 2. Angry for having only LIMITED TIME
- III. The Persecution of JEWS (Rev. 12:13-16)
 - A. Marks the BEGINNING of the GREAT Tribulation
 - 1. Has always been a part of SATAN’S PROGRAM
 - 2. Becomes especially INTENSE at this time
 - B. Hindered by the intervention of GOD
 - 1. Possibly a special refuge in PETRA
 - 2. Possibly a general DIVINE protection EVERYWHERE
 - 3. Still, TWO-THIRDS of the Jews in PALESTINE will perish (Zech. 13:8)
 - C. Endures for 3 ½ YEARS (cf. Dan. 7:25; 12:7)
 - D. Described as a FLOOD out of Satan’s MOUTH
 - 1. Satan doing all he CAN to EXTERMINATE Israel
 - 2. God using natural and supernatural means to PROTECT a REMNANT of Israel (cf. Is. 43:2; 59:19; Ps. 124:1-6)
- IV. The Persecution of BELIEVING ISRAEL (Rev. 12:17)
 - A. Satan’s ANGER directed at ISRAEL
 - B. Satan’s WAR launched against the BELIEVING remnant
 - 1. Because they OBEYED GOD
 - 2. Because they BELIEVED in JESUS CHRIST