

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 11

Revelation 11:15

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become (the kingdom) of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever."

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Seventh Trumpet – Third Woe

- **The seventh trumpet** sounded, and there were "*loud voices in heaven*" (NASV)
- "*The kingdom of the world is become (the kingdom) of our Lord.*" (verse 15)
- This section **anticipates** the fall of Rome – fourth kingdom in Daniel's prophesy (**Daniel 2:37-45; 7:14, 27**).
- **The kingdom of God cannot be destroyed!**
cf. Hebrews 12:28
- God's kingdom has **won!**
- He will reign **forever!**

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"And the four and twenty elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God."

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"saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign."

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Revelation 11:18

"And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and (the time) to give their reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth."

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Defeat of Wicked Powers

- The **24 elders** (cf. Chapters 4-5)
 - **Prostrate** themselves in worship to God
 - Offer thanksgiving to God in terms of His **eternity** and **power**
 - Take note of his **royal authority** ...
 - *"Because thou hast taken"* – perfect tense
 - *"and didst thou"*
 - God has been **reigning**
 - He has now **decisively dethroned evil**
 - His kingdom has **won!**

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Defeat of Wicked Powers

- Nations enraged – **persecution**
- God's wrath – **vindication**
- Wrath of the nations, **versus** the wrath of God
- **War** between God and Satan
- Reflected in the rebellious world's **great assault** on His **church**
- Heathen's anger rose – God's wrath answered ...
- **Divine vengeance** on those who oppose Him ...

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Defeat of Wicked Powers

- Simple message of the 24 elders. (verses 16-18)
 - **God is in control!** Verse 17
 - **The time for God's wrath is come.** Verse 18
 - **God will reward His people.** Verse 18

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Defeat of Wicked Powers

- The conflict is described in greater detail in **future visions**.
- The church is assured what will be the **final outcome**.
- The saints **rewarded** – those who sought to destroy the kingdom – **crushed** and **destroyed!**
- Do we understand who is **REALLY** in control?

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Revelation 11:19

"And there was opened the temple of God that is in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail."

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The Temple in Heaven

- Whatever might come, God promises He is present and will keep His covenant with them.
- **Door of the temple** opened in heaven (also see 4:1).
 - During the Mosaic period, the ark of the covenant was seen only by the High Priest on the day of atonement. (Leviticus 16)
- **Ark of the covenant** – promises will be kept
- **Presence of God** depicted by **lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.** (Exodus 19:16, 18)

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The Temple in Heaven

- **The seventh trumpet** announced **final defeat** and **final victory**.
- Announces the **outcome** of the conflict before the conflict begins!
- Provides an **introduction** to the last half of the Book of Revelation.



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- The Book of Revelation by Foy E. Wallace
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I. Struggle on Earth (1-11)

- A. *John's Vision* (1)
- B. *Letters to seven churches* (2-3)
- C. *God in control* (4-5)
- D. *Opening of seven seals* (6-11)

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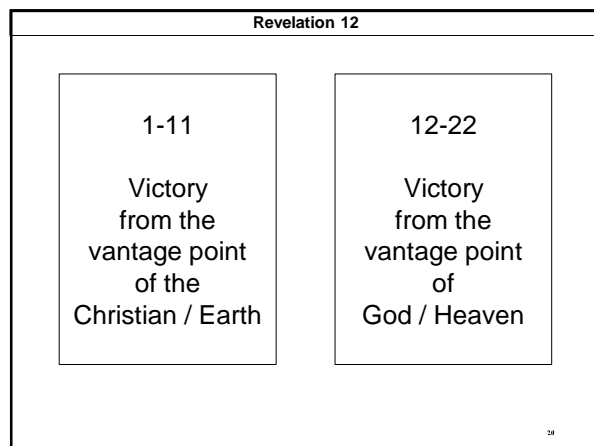
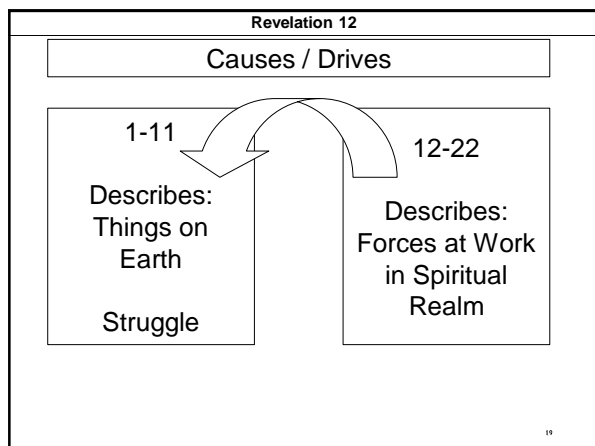
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II. Christ And The Dragon In Conflict (12-22)

(Deeper Spiritual Meaning)

- A. *War – The Woman, the Dragon, and the Man-Child* (12-14)
- B. *Bowls of Wrath* (15-16)
- C. *Fall of Babylon the Harlot* (17-18)
- D. *Victory of God's people* (19-21)
- E. *Warnings about the Book* (22)

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**“The Woman and The Dragon At War”
Outline**

I. The Woman, the Dragon, and the Male Child (verses 1-6)

II. War In Heaven (verses 7-12)

III. Persecution of the Woman (verses 13-17)

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“The Woman and The Dragon At War”

Key Verse
Revelation 12:17

“And the dragon waxed wroth (enraged NASV) with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus”

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What Is The Point?

It's all a battle with Satan

Fought Against Christ

- Birth
- Death
- Then his people

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**Book of Revelation:
Chapter 12**

**Basis of the Conflict – The Woman,
The Dragon, and The Child**

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- **Basic outline** of Revelation:
 - The church's **conflict** in and with the world
 - **Chapters 1 – 11**
 - The inner **struggle** between Christ and Satan
 - **Chapters 12 – 22**

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- Chapter 12 begins **Part 2** of the Apocalypse.
- This part focuses on the **sins of the empire** and how **complete its overthrow will be**.

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Deeper Spiritual Background

Revelation was written in a **recapitulation pattern** ...

- First, the **outcome is revealed**; then scenes are **repeated** to give **additional information** that explains why a certain result is reached.
- We should be careful not to link the chapters in **chronological order**.
- Understand that the pageantry **recapitulates** earlier visions, **deepening** our insight.

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- Part One tells about **Rome's sins against the church**.
- God offered her time and opportunity to **repent** – salvation from doom and overthrow.
- First six trumpets – **partial judgments** against the empire
- Sadly, instead of repentance, hearts hardened, and repentance became **impossible**!

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- In the first **eleven chapters**:
 - *The assured final outcome is revealed.*
 - *Characters are introduced – the beast versus God's witnesses.*
 - *Winners are announced – Christ and the saints (church).*
 - *Several questions remain unanswered ... Introduction to Chapters 12ff*
 - *Why the hostility toward the church and persecution of the saints?*
 - *From whence comes the power that motivates the persecutors?*

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- In the first **eleven chapters**:
 - *Christ controls the world's destiny.*
 - *He walks in the midst of the churches.*
 - *He is aware of the struggles and conflicts they face.*
 - *He has authority to carry out God's plans.*
 - *Book opened – it summarizes, from the gospel's first message, God's dealings with those on earth.*
 - *Men are called to repentance.*
 - *There are warnings (trumpets). Time is running out.*
 - *A brief summary of the result in chapter 11 ... stay tuned; more details will be forthcoming!*

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Deeper Spiritual Background

- The next **eleven chapters** will reveal:
 - *Does the struggle involve just the church and Rome?*
 - *Remaining visions that show the struggle “behind the scenes.”*
 - *It actually originates in heaven.*
 - *The battle between God and Satan.*
 - *Righteousness versus evil.*
 - *The magnitude of the heavenly conflict.*
 - *The intent of Satan and his agents is real – not imagery!*