1 - **Satan’s War With the saints**

Revelation Chapter 12

2 - **The History of the War with Satan**

* Began when angels *“****abandoned their proper abode****”.*(Jude 6; note Colossians 1:15-16; 1 Timothy 4:4; Psalms 5:4)
* **Introduced to Satan** in Genesis 3 when he tempted and **led Adam & Eve to sin**.
* **God cursed Satan promising to defeat him**. (Genesis 3:14-15)
* **Satan’s persistent attempts to defeat God’s plan, purpose & promises**. (Exodus 1-2; Numbers 13-14; 22-24; 2 Kings 11; Esther; Isaiah 1:9)

3 - **The War with Satan**

* **Revelation Chapter 12 speaks of this war**!
* It speaks of a ***“war in heaven”,*** of **Satan’s efforts to thwart the plans, promises and purposes of God**. (vs. 7)
* It also speaks of a ***“war with the rest of her children”*** to overcome those who are the faithful and obedient. (vs. 17)

4 - **Revelation Chapter 12, Who Is signified by…?**

**The woman** - **God’s spiritual remnant**.
(Micah 4:6-12; 5:1-6; Isaiah 66:5-10; cf., Revelation 12:17, all who “***keep the commandments*** *of God and* ***hold to the testimony*** *of Jesus*.”

* + **“*Clothes with the sun*…”** bears the light of holiness and wears the crown of victory.
	+ “***With child***…”; the promise of hope and redemption. (Matthew 11:3; Luke 2:25, 36; Hab. 2:3)

5 - **Revelation Chapter 12, Who Is signified by…?**

**The great red dragon (vs. 4)** - identified as “***the devil and Satan***” (vs. 9) who is “*a murderer from the beginning*” (John 8:44)

* ***“Swept away a third of the stars of heaven”***
(2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)
* “***Stood before the woman****…* ***so that*** *when she gave birth* ***he might devour the child***.” (Matthew 2:16;
cf., Exodus 1:15-16)

6 - **Who Is signified by…?**

**The child she gave birth to, “a son”.**

* **The Messiah** - Prophet, Priest & King
* Who would “***rule all the nations***” (Psalms 2; 45:6; 110:5-7)
* Who would be “***caught up to God and to His throne***” (3:21), victorious and with “***all authority***”. (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-23)
* The ***“rest of her offspring”*** (vs. 17; cf., Romans 8:29) are those are faithful and ***“keep the commandments of God”***.

7 - **“There was War in heaven”** (vs. 7)

**Chapter 12:1-8**

* **A war begun in the beginning. (Genesis 2; 3:15)**
* **The efforts to thwart God’s plans & purposes throughout the OT through idolatry, moral impurity, discouragement and prosperity.**
* **God would protect His remnant from extinction during this period of great tribulation as God provided refuge. (12:6; Hebrews 6:18)**

8 - **War On Earth with The Saints**

**Chapter 12:9-17**

* ***“The great dragon was thrown down… and his angels with him.”* (vs. 9)**
* ***“The accuser of our brethren… they overcame him…”* (vs. 10)**
* ***“The dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children.”* (vs. 17)**
* ***“It was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them…”* (13:7)**

9 - **What has “Come” to us?**

**Chapter 12:10**

1. ***“Salvation” -***. (Luke 1:77; 1 Peter 1:5-12; 2 Peter 3:15;
1 Thessalonians 5:8; Hebrews 2:3)
2. ***“Power”*** - (Romans 1:16; Philippians 3:9-10;
Colossians 1:10-12)
3. “***The Kingdom***” - (Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:28)
4. ***“Authority of His Christ”*** - (Hebrews 1:1-2;
Colossians 2:9-10, 15)

10 - **How To Overcome**

**Chapter 12:11 - *“They overcame him...”***

1. ***“Because of the blood of the Lamb” -*** by God’s grace and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
(1 Peter 1:18-23; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 6:3-4; Hebrews 10:19ff)

11 - **How To Overcome**

**Chapter 12:11 - *“They overcame him...”***

1. ***“Because of the word of their testimony” -*** those who testified of their faith in Jesus Christ and in Him only.
* “***Testimony***” - lit. “evidence given” (Strong) Persuasion through the gospel. (Acts 22:18)
* **Romans 1:14-16**, **indebted, eager and not ashamed**.

12 **- How To Overcome**

**Chapter 12:11 - *“They overcame him...”***

1. ***“Because they did not love their life even to death” -*** those “faithful unto death” (2:10).
* What can Satan do with one who has the mindset of Paul, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21; Hebrews 11:32ff; 1 Peter 1:6-9; )

13 - **He Who Overcomes**

We also must ***“fight the good fight of faith”*** as **faithful soldiers**. (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:2-4)

***“He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.”*** (Revelation 21:7)

***“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.”*** (Revelation 22:14)