

Revelation 12:1~18

Introduction:

John sees a battle between a woman and a dragon, symbolizing the nation of Israel and Satan.

- I. Satan's Former Hatred For God And His People (12:1-5)
 - A. His sin at the **beginning** (12:3-4): This seems to refer to his original fall.
 - B. His sin at **Bethlehem** (12:1-2, 4-5)
 1. Satan's persecution of God's **nation** (12:1-2)
 2. Satan's persecution of God's **son** (12:4b, 5b)
 - a. The birth of Jesus (12:4a, 5a)
 - b. The ascension of Jesus (12:5c)
- II. Satan's Future Hatred For God And His People (12:6-18)
 - A. A woman in the wilderness (12:6, 13-18): The woman here is the nation of Israel.
 1. Israel will be **persecuted** by Satan during the Great Tribulation (12:13, 15, 17-18)
 2. Israel will be **protected** by God during the Great Tribulation (12:6, 14, 16)
 - B. The war in the heavens (12:7-12): Some believe this will occur in the middle of the Great Tribulation.
 1. The results (12:7-9)
 - a. The **defeat** of Satan (12:7-8): Michael the Archangel will defeat him.
 - b. The **dismissal** of Satan (12:9): He will be cast down to earth.
 2. The reaction (12:10-12)
 - a. Satan will be filled with **wrath** (12:10b, 12c)
 - b. Saints will be filled with **joy** (12:10a, 11-12a)
 - c. Sinners will be filled with **fear** (12:12b)