

# Sunday Bible Study, Session 2 – January 11, 2015

## “Christ First; Life a Detail” – Revelation 12:11-18

### Review Satan’s Falls

FALL I – [Ezekiel 28:15; Isaiah 14:13](#)

FALL II – [Ezekiel 28:16; Isaiah 14:12](#)

FALL III – [Ezekiel 28:18; Isaiah 14:15-17](#)

Remember Satan’s falls in Ezekiel are presented *chronologically*, while in Isaiah they are presented *logically*.

### Review Content of Revelation 12 Verses 7 & 8:

#### Verse 7 – War in Heaven

Until the middle of the Tribulation, Satan will spend a lot of time in Heaven attending angelic meetings. He will be busy and active. The Book of Job tells us this in [chapter 1:6-12](#) – When he is cast out, he seeks to destroy the Jews.

The warfare is between two angelic forces: ELECT ANGELS LED BY MICHAEL & FALLEN ANGELS LED BY SATAN.

It appears that until this time Michael did not have God’s permission to strike Satan or to handle him – At another time, Michael came into conflict with Satan over the body of Moses ([Jude 9](#)). The archangel was successful in the rescue of the body – WHAT ABOUT THE BODY AFTER DEATH?

1. The body does not mean much after death
2. The body is the house, tent, tabernacle of SOUL
3. The body of Moses was to be used again as a witness, so God allowed the angel Michael to properly care for that body – placing it somewhere in a Heavenly vault.

Continuing with [Revelation 12:6-8](#)...

Verse 7 – “*And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon...*”

Michael is an archangel (a ruling angel); “*his angels*” means he was ruling elect angels.

THIS IS AN ANGELIC BATTLE! IT RESULTS IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FALL OF SATAN, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION. Satan and millions of fallen angels are cast out by Michael and the elect angels. Apparently one elect angel throws out one demon. Then at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, the Church Age comes back with Jesus Christ, and it’s possible that each believer knocks off one demon from the earth, which makes for perfect environment (Augustine presented this idea).

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-Demons will be cast out of heaven, defeated.

-Later, fallen angels are “bumped” by resurrected believers

It appears that guardian angels make up Michael’s angelic war team:

Apparently, this is the way it will be:

1. As a saved person, you have a guardian angel now.
2. At the rapture, this simply means that the number of people who have been saved will equal the number of fallen angels (demons), also equaling the number of elect angels (for believers).
3. At the time of the Rapture, we are the recipients of: (1) a resurrection body, (2) removal of the Old Sinful Nature, and (3) the removal of all horizontal good (works of the flesh).
4. In the middle of the Tribulation, Michael along with our guardian angels, will be engaged in this warfare.
5. These angels will cast Satan and the demons out of heaven to the earth.
6. At the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> advent, Christ and His Bride return to the earth, at which time each believer knocks a demon off the earth.

Verse 8 *“and prevailed not (this refers to the lost) neither was their place found any more in Heaven”* (they are cast to the earth – never to go back to Heaven).

Now, looking at [Revelation 12:9-18](#):

Verse 9 – *“And the great dragon was cast out.”* This is Satan’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall ([Isaiah 14:12](#); [Ezekiel 28:16](#)).

*“called the devil”* (*diabolos* = slanderer); *“and Satan”* (*satanas* = Hebrew word *shatan* which means enemy, adversary, accuser).

*“which deceiveth the whole world”* – [John 8:44](#) – *“father of lies”*.

*“he went out (of heaven) into the earth, and his angels (demons) with him”*.

Verse 10 – In this verse we have the events of the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation:

*“Voice in Heaven...”*; *“Now is come salvation (Jews accepting Christ as Savior) and strength”* (Internal *dunamis* in experiential sanctification).

*“...and the kingdom of our God”* – After the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation will come the millennial Kingdom.

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“...and the authority.” – (exzousia – ἐξουσία) Jesus Christ is the Authority in the kingdom.

“...for the accuser ([Job 1:6-11](#); [Zephaniah 3:1, 2](#)) of our brethren is cast down” (Aorist Passive Indicative).

Note: the *diabolos* – devil – is described by two words: Accuser (κατήγωρ) – then accusing (κατηγορῶν), bringing charges in court.

“...before God day and night” – Satan does not let up – he works day and night.

Verse 11 – Once Satan is cast out to the earth in the middle of the Tribulation, he will get very, very tough – BUT even then believers can have victory.

“They overcame him” (Satan) – Echo Zone, advanced believers – How did they overcome? By the “αἷμα” (Blood).

We have διὰ τὸ αἷμα τοῦ ἀρνίου – “through the blood of the Lamb” (SAVED by His total work on the Cross), THEN “by the word of their testimony” – This reveals that these individuals accepted the work of Jesus Christ for salvation, and then His Word for Spiritual Advance.

“...and they loved not their lives unto death”. Jesus Christ will be more important to them than their own safety. **CHRIST FIRST – LIFE A DETAIL** – When Christ is first and everything else a detail, then the individual will have inner peace, happiness, and joy; **AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE IT!**

Verse 12 – THIRD WOE (mentioned again) – There are two parts here: Rejoicing & Baptism of Fire.

Part 1. “...ye heavens” – refers to the Elect Ones-in heaven observing the human race.

“...rejoicing” (Present Middle Imperative – commanded to rejoice) These are the believers in the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation. As these elect ones observe the believers in the last ½ of the tribulation, they are told that they will be benefited as they have joy over the believers on the earth who are occupied with Christ (Christ FIRST; Life – a Detail).

Part 2. “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!” This is the announcement of the Baptism of Fire.

“...having great anger” Satan’s very MAD. “He knows that he hath but a short time.”

### Verses 13-17 – Israel’s Great Persecution

Verse 13 – “woman” = Israel

“Man child” = Jesus Christ

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Verse 14 gives us the Mid-Tribulation flight of the Jews saved in the first 3 ½ years.

Recap:

1. Rapture
2. 3 ½ years
3. Abomination of Desolation set up in the Temple-a statue of the dictator of the revived Roman empire.
4. “flee to the Mountains” Matt.24:16

Exegete [verse 14](#): – “two wings” = angelic protection. [Exodus 19:4](#) spoken to Israel: “*I bore you on Eagles wings, and brought you unto myself.*” (Eagle: fantastic eyesight; attacks from the air; leaves no tracks, approaches suddenly and swiftly)

“Fly into the wilderness” – Read [Daniel 11:41](#)

“Time (καιρὸν)” = 1 year; “Times (καιροὺς)” = 2 years; “1/2 time (καιροῦ)” = 3 ½ years; 42 months, 1260 days.  
καιρὸν – καιροὺς – καιροῦ

Vs.15 – pressure placed on the Jews by Satan. Satan seeks to destroy Israel by armies (as a flood).

Vs.16 – Divine protection by natural disasters-at the last of the Tribulation

Vs.17 – Satan is enraged – This is the background for the Battle of Armageddon – (Read Revelation 16:12-16).

Verse 18 is only in the Greek – *καὶ ἐστάθη ἐπὶ τὴν ἄμμον τῆς θαλάσσης.* – John sees Satan’s great power to gain world control; Satan revives the Roman empire – with a demon-possessed dictator.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS PRESENTED WITH TWO WITNESSES – MOSES AND ELIJAH – SATAN ALSO IS PRESENTED WITH TWO WITNESSES – THE DICTATOR OF THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE DICTATOR OF PALESTINE!

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Next Wednesday night we will continue with Revelation 13.