

## Revelation 12

### **Three series of Judgment:**

- The **7 seals** of the scroll are loosed marking the beginning of God's judgments (ch. 5-6)
  - These judgments look like indirect interventions of God affecting nature's elements.
- The **7 trumpets** sound God's call to war with the earth marking an increase of the severity of God's judgment (Ch. 8-9)
  - These judgments are seen as more direct divine wrath affecting mankind.
- The **7 bowls** are poured out marking the completion of God's wrath on mankind and the earth. (ch. 15-16).
  - These last judgments are the most severe.

**Ch. 12:1- 15:4 form the third parenthesis** in the chronological order of the book of Revelation.

- Ch. 12 - Satan's purpose to destroy Israel.
- Ch. 13 - Satan's puppets, the two beasts
- Ch. 14 - Prelude to Satan's defeat and Christ's victory
- Ch. 15:1-4 - Praise of the Lamb

### **"Already, but not yet"**

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Matt. 28:18)

"But now we do not yet see all things put under Him." (Hebrews 2:8)

"...That through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil."  
(Hebrews 2:14)

"... your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."  
(1 Peter 5:8)

"... Jesus Christ, who has abolished\* death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Tim. 1:10)

"The last enemy that will be destroyed\* is death." (1 Cor. 15:26)

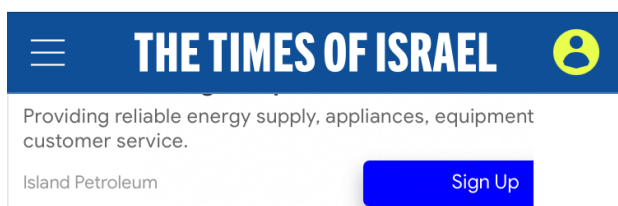
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### History of Antisemitism

- Jews were forbidden to marry Christians in 399 AD, prohibited from holding gov't positions in 439, prevented from appearing as witnesses against Christians in court in 531.
- During the Crusades (1095) Jewish communities were targeted as well through looting, raping and massacre.
- In the 14th century the Jews were accused of poisoning wells and spreading the Bubonic Plague. In Germany and Austria around 100,000 Jews were burned alive.
- Starting in the 13th century many Jews were restricted to living in ghettos and required to wear a distinctive symbol like a badge or pointed hat.
- Jews were not allowed to own land, which led to many of them becoming moneylenders, since this was one of the few things they could do.
- The Jews were expelled from England in 1290, France in 1394 and Spain in 1492.
- Martin Luther became very anti-semitic and wrote against the Jews (1543).
- The Russian Czars in the last 1800s and early 1900s blamed the Jews for the country's problems and killed many of them.
- Antisemitism was strong during the beginning of the 20th century culminating in the Holocaust which killed 6 million Jews.
- How do the nations treat the Jews and Israel today?

### PHOTO: UN's condemnation of Israel



## UN condemned Israel 17 times in 2020, versus 6 times for rest of world combined

Watchdog decries 'surreal torrent of one-sided resolutions' as General Assembly adopts 2 resolutions singling out Jewish state for censure this week

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### PHOTO: Dragon and Woman



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### **Timeline of Satan's career and downfall**

- Satan was created as a beautiful angel and was called Lucifer, meaning day star. (Isa. 14:12-15 and Ezek. 28:12-17).
- He was lifted up in pride and wanted to seize authority from God (Isa. 14 and Ezek. 28).
- He was cast out from his elevated place.
- He appeared to Eve through a medium, the serpent, and tempted both Adam and Eve to sin. (Gen. 3).
- Since the fall he goes about deceiving the nations (Rev. 12:9; 20:3), seeks to devour people spiritually (1 Pet. 5:8) and is continually at war with God and the saints (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor 10:3-6).
- His domain is the "heavenlies", the unseen realm of angels (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 11:14).
- Through the work of Christ on the cross and His resurrection the power of Satan has been broken (John 12:31; Matt. 12:29; Hebrews 2:14), but for now he is still very active till the return of Christ.
- During the middle of the 7-year-long Tribulation he shall be cast to the earth (Rev. 12:9).
- At the return of Christ after the 7 years Satan shall be bound for 1000 years (Rev. 20:1-3).
- After that he will be released for a short time and will deceive the nations to fight against God.
- Satan will then be cast into the lake of fire.

### **Three main entities are portrayed as "women" in Revelation:**

- Israel (ch. 12)
- The Harlot, that is false christendom of the end times (ch. 17)
- The Church, the bride of the Lamb (ch. 19)

### **Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7)**

- 3 1/2 years, the last part of the 70th week of Daniel 9:27
- 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5)
- A time, times and half a time (Rev. 12:14; Dan. 7:25; 12:7)
- 1260 days (Rev. 11:3, 13; 12:6)

\* The Jewish lunar calendar year consists of 360 days, so  $360 \times 3 \frac{1}{2} = 1260$