

SERMON SERIES: Revelation-The Coming King
MESSAGE: The Unholy Trinity
TEXT: Revelation 12-13
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Review

We have made it to the halfway mark in our study of the Book of revelation. We begin today's study in Revelation 12.

The last half of the Book of Revelation can be outlined by understanding...

- Satan's *rise* (Revelation 12-18)
- Satan's *surprise* (Revelation 19)
- Satan's *demise* (Revelation 20-22)

I believe it is imperative that we study chapters 12-13 as a single unit.

Just as our God is one and yet in three different manifestations (Father, Son and Holy Spirit...the Trinity...the Tri-unity of God) so does John reveal that at the end of times there will be an Unholy Trinity (Satan, the Anti-Christ, and his False Prophet).

What John is describing for us is the ultimate and final war at the ends of days between the Holy Trinity and the Unholy Trinity.

The good news - God wins therefore we win!

Who are the players of this end time conflict to come?

I. SATAN, THE DECEIVER (12:1-17)

There are several characters and images we must identify.

1-The woman (12:1)

The woman is Israel.

(Isa. 66:7-10; Gen. 37:9; Rom. 9:4-5)

2-The male child (12:2,5) - Jesus

(12:2; Isa. 26:17; 12:5; Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9)

3-The dragon (12:3-4)

The fiery red dragon is Satan!

4-The war (12:7-12)

What is the response to Satan's defeat?

1- Praise in Heaven (12:10)

2- Persecution on earth (12:12)

How do we overcome the constant criticism and accusation of Satan? 3 weapons...

(12:11) *And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

5-The result (12:13-17)

Satan's wrath will be directed against Israel specifically the Jewish believers who have believed in Jesus as Messiah.

II. THE ANTI-CHRIST - SATAN PERSONIFIED (13:1-10)

Notice 3 things about him...

1-His profile (13:1-2)

2-His personality (Daniel 7:8, 20-28)

3-His program (13:3-10)

III. THE FALSE PROPHET (13:11-18)

Note 4 things about this Holy Spirit imposter:

1-His description (13:11)

2-His deeds (13:12-13)

3-His deception (13:14-15)

4-His demands (13:16-18)

Just as there is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, so in these last days will come The Dragon-Satan, the Anti-Christ...Satan personified, and the False Prophet imitating the work of the Holy Spirit.

You cannot remain neutral in war.

“Choose you this day whom you will serve but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15).”