

Revelation 12:1-17

Now the Salvation of Our God and the Authority of His Christ has Come

Matthew 24:3-13 *Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And **this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.***

Vs 1-6-God always had a plan to save humans from their sin. He was going to send a Savior named Jesus. He would be a humble servant who gave His life so that we could be saved.

Satan thought that he had won when Jesus was killed. Jesus' death was sufficient to pay our sin debt.

God is infinite and all knowing. He can be everywhere at once and He can be one place at one time. He knows everything including the future. Satan is a finite angel created by God. He did not understand that three days after Jesus had died, He was going to come back to life and live forever and rule forever.

Satan wants to deceive you into thinking that you and the world or a false god is good.

Jesus wants to save you! Satan wants to kill Jesus and kill you. Jesus will rule everything forever.

We, as Christians will be protected, nourished, and cared for even when things get hard. And... Jesus will come back for us and protect and provide for us for eternity. Even in hard times, we can lean into God and we have a place prepared by Him in hard times.

In hard times, we must not give up. We must run to Jesus and wait for Jesus!

Vs 7-12 Satan was the most gifted angel but he wanted to be God, so God kicked him out of the garden along with all of the other fallen angels that followed satan.

Christ was victorious at His resurrection and He will be victorious when He comes back for us. There is a time when suffering and persecution will come and our hope must be in Jesus winning and our faith must be in Him and Him alone.

There will be a heavenly battle and Christ will win and rescue His people. It is thought that this battle will happen during the tribulation.

Jesus conquers our sin, He conquers death, and He will conquer satan and demons and we will live forever with Him as He defeats the enemy and saves us.

Satan is mad when Jesus raises from the grave and ascends into heaven and so we are now in a period where satan wants to attack us and make us miserable.

Satan has no guilt to point out to the believer because God's just wrath is satisfied by Jesus' blood that was shed on the cross.

Satan's time is limited and short. Jesus will come back. He won and He will win again and this makes satan mad and vindictive.

Where are you being deceived by satan? What lie are you buying into that is not godly?

Christ has authority over satan and He will cast the accuser out of heaven.

Satan is defeated by the perfect blood of our perfect Savior Jesus. There is victory in Jesus.

Blessed are those who know and live for Christ, and woe to those to whom Christ is not their Lord.

Vs 13-17 Jesus was born of a woman and satan wanted Jesus killed. God allowed Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to flee and hide.

Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead and showed Himself to over 500 witnesses before He ascended into heaven. Gods church has flourished ever since and Jesus will come back for us.

Satan wants to hurt Christians and persecute the Lord's church. This has happened, is happening, and will happen. God will give us some refuge sometimes, but this is a spiritual battle. When Jesus comes back to gather all of us to heaven, we will live in perfection for eternity and He will bind satan forever.

When we live for Christ and when God gives us victory, it causes satan to be angry and causes him to want revenge against God and us.

What area of your life have you struggled and been persecuted when you stand for God? Do not give up or be discouraged in times of suffering. Jesus is coming back for you.

We must teach our kids about Jesus. Satan wants them. We must let our children know that false gods will never satisfy. Money, sin nor earthly possessions (stuff) will never satisfy. We are created to worship Jesus and live for Jesus and that satisfies us now and for eternity.

Acts 4:1-21 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in

*Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**" 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. 15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, 16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." 18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." 21 And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.*