The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 23

Part 4: The Battle Plan - Rev 6-22

I. SEVEN PRIMARY SYMBOLS IN THE PARENTHETICAL SECTIONS

All the events and numbers in Revelation are taken in their plain meaning (literal) unless specifically indicated as symbolic as in Rev. 1:20; 5:6; 11:8; 12:1, 3, 9; 17:7, 9. Daniel used the same symbols.

A. **The dragon** (Satan): Rev. 12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4; 16:13; 20:2

B. **The first Beast** (Antichrist): Rev. 13; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4, 10

C. **The second Beast** (False Prophet): Rev. 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10

D. **The 7 heads** (Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16) are 7 empires through history that persecuted Israel (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Roman Empire).

E. **The 10 horns** (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16) speak of a future 10-nation confederation that will be under the Antichrist's authority (Dan. 11:36-45).

F. **The Harlot** (Rev. 17-18; Isa. 13-14; 21; Jer. 50-51): is the city of Babylon on the Euphrates river that functions as the center for worldwide demonic religious and economic networks.

G. **The Woman with the Male-child** (Jesus) (Rev. 12:1-5): the woman is the faithful remnant of Israel through history. Satan makes war with her offspring (Gentile believers in the Tribulation).

II. THE BATTLE PLAN – ANGELIC EXPLANATION #3

A. Confrontation

B. Symbolism

C. Woman 12:1-2

1. Who is she?
   a. Clothed with the sun
   b. Moon under her feet
   c. Crown of 12 stars
2. Gen 37:9-10 – Joseph's Dream

3. The Seed

   a. With child – in labor pain

   b. Gen 3:15

4.

D. The Red Dragon 12:1-2

1. Great Red Dragon

   a. Leviathan - Job 41; Is 27:1

   b. Rahab - Job 26:12; Ps 89:10; Is 51:9

2. V. 9 Serpent of Old – Gen 3

3. Devil – to defame, slander - Mt 4, Mt 13:39; Mt 25:41; Lk 8:12; Jn 8:44; Eph 6:11; 1 Tim 3:7; 2Tim 2:26; Jam 4:7; 1Pet 5:8;

4. Satan who deceives the whole world – 1 Chr 21:1; Job 1:6; Zec 3:1;

5. 7 heads – 7 kingdoms that persecute Israel

6. 10 horns – 10 kings yet to come – Dan 7

7. 7 diadems – authority and dominion over these kingdoms

8. Tail sweeps away 1/3 of the stars of heaven

9. Waited to devour the child

E. The Child – 12:5

1. Male Child to rule the nations
2. Rod of iron – Ps 2, Rev 19
3. Caught up to God and to His throne

F. Woman flees to wilderness – 12:6

1. A place prepared – she is nourished

G. War in Heaven 12:7-10

1. Michael and his angels
2. War with the dragon and his angels
3. No place found in heaven – 1st? 2nd? 3rd?
4. Thrown down to the earth

H. Declaration 12:10-12

1. Salvation, power, the Kingdom and the authority of Christ have come
2. The church overcomes
    a. by the blood of the Lamb
    b. and their testimony
    c. not loving their lives even unto death
3. Woe to the earth and the sea – the devil's great wrath

I. Persecuted the woman 12:13-17

1. She is given eagle's wings – Is 40:31; Ex 19:4; Jer 49:22
2. Wilderness – 'her place' of nourishment for 3.5 years
3. Flood to sweep her away – Attempt to destroy all of Israel
    a. Divine Loophole? Matt 23:37-39
4. The dragon rages against the children of the woman
    a. Matt 3:8-9; Lk 3:8-9; Rom 4:16; Rom 11:17f