Bible Story Rev: Chapter 12

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INTRODUCTION

- That word simply means the unveiling, the revealing.
- The Bible says, all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, 2 Timothy 3.12.
- If they would be faithful in the face of death, they would receive a crown of life.

1 The Bible Doesn't Tell the Devil's Origin

Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18

- This is not a story telling where the devil came from.
- The Bible doesn't tell us of the origin of the devil.
- He's not talking about the devil in Isaiah 14.
- I beheld the work of Satan sharply declining.

2 The Great Enemy of Our Soul

1 Peter 5:8–9; James 4:7–8; 2 Corinthians 2:11

- Actually, the Bible tells us of the destiny of the devil and does not emphasize nor does it stress his origin.
- We need to be concerned with where the devil wants us to go, not where he came from.
- Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour, whom resist ye steadfast in the faith.
- Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

3 Victory Comes Through Perseverance

2 Timothy 2:11–12; Revelation 12:11

- There is victory and triumph for the saints of God, but it comes through perseverance.
- Pearls are made through friction, tribulation, opposition, and thus children of God go home to glory through the gates of tribulation.
- If we suffer with him, we'll reign with him. But if we deny him, he'll deny us.
- The only way we can overcome him as the saints of God is with the blood of Christ and the word of his testimony.

4 The Devil Takes Out After the Church

Matthew 16:18; Hebrews 2:14–17; 1 John 3:8

- The devil, when he is unable to defeat Christ, bounces back to the earth and takes out after the church of the Lord.
- It simply means that the devil is relentless in his opposition to truth.

- Through death he destroyed the power of the devil that the devil had over death.
- If we walk with Christ through the crucible of suffering, the furnace of affliction, we shall overcome.
- I've labeled this in our outline the great battle, the constant confrontation between heaven and hell, God and Satan.

5 When the World Helps the Church

John 18:36; Galatians 4:21–31; Romans 6:17–18

- There is pleasure in sin, but it's just for a season.
- I believe the Bible teaches throughout that when the world helps the church, the church is in trouble.
- When the world helps the church, the church has too much of the world in it.
- It's all right for the boat to be in the water. But reverse that and get the water in the boat, and you're in trouble.
- There is New Testament analogy for referring to the woman here as the church.
- Men have to obey from the heart.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How can we overcome the devil? By the blood of Christ and the word of his testimony.**

MY NOTES