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## EP101 Revelation 12 verses 10-12

In our last podcast, we studied the adversary, the dragon, the Leviathan, the serpent of old, the twisted serpent, the devil, and Satan. And with what we learned, we should be glad that he will be thrown down to the earth, and his angels with him, but then again, maybe not!

### *The Glorious Declaration (A Recapitulation)*

#### **Revelation 12:10**

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, **now** saying,

"Now has chosen to come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brethren has been caused to be thrown, he who is **now** accusing them before our God, day and night."

### **The Layering of Time**

With the blowing of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet, we previously heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.*"<sup>1</sup> The cry of this loud voice in heaven is essentially saying the same thing. "*Now has chosen to come the **salvation**, and the **power**, and the **kingdom** of our God and the **authority** of His Christ.*" It is a recapitulation of the truth that the principal owner of the estate is now moving to take back from his agents the rights He had granted to them.

It is important to never forget that God granted leasehold rights, as a landlord, to the Accuser. All of Satan's power and dominion has come from **Yahweh**, as Christ is the head over all rule and authority.<sup>2</sup> Thus, Lucifer has no natural authority, only authority that has been granted and allowed. And now his agency contract, so-to-speak, is revoked.

During this tenancy, Lucifer ruled a system of darkness, which we call the "world." This system, managed by devils, has been held back by the light of the witnesses of God, as their light has kept the darkness from entirely engulfing the world, as he, Lucifer, once did.

This prince of darkness, this covering cherub, has tried, but he has not been able, to return this world to a time where darkness was over the surface of the deep and choked out the light.<sup>3</sup> The light pierced the darkness. Yes, by His hand, **Yahweh** pierced the fleeing serpent, the dragon, and ever since that time the light of God's witness, those reeds that flow with the oil of the Spirit of God, has been a preserving factor in this world.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Revelation 11:15**

<sup>2</sup> **Colossians 2:10**

<sup>3</sup> **Genesis 1:1-3**

<sup>4</sup> **Genesis 1:3; Job 26:13; Isaiah 51:9**

In **Revelation 11**, the two witnesses were removed from this world. As such, the darkness thinks it has won, it has conquered, it has prevailed over **Yahweh**, for the days of light have come to an end, only night remains. Big mistake, huge, gigundus. For the “**salvation**” of His people has come. They have been literally snatched from this world of darkness and brought to the light. They have been saved from the next big event on the prophetic timeline, and that is the **wrath of God** that will be poured out on all those who dwell on the earth.

With His people safe and sound, hidden in their rooms, the “**power**” of God is unleashed, through His wrath that will be poured upon this world. “*Behold, **Yahweh** comes out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.*”<sup>5</sup>

After the slaughter of the two witnesses, Lucifer, the Beast, and the False Prophet think they were the victorious ones. But in the same way that they were not prepared for Jesus to be resurrected from the dead and raptured to heaven at the ascension, they are not prepared for the witnesses that they slaughtered to be raised up to their feet and resurrected in the sight of all, and then snatched away, raptured, into the heavenlies. Likewise, they are not prepared for the raw **power** that will now overcome every resistance, every pocket of strength in this world, as well as every soul that thinks it can resist and fight against the Lamb.

#### **Isaiah 24:1-6**

Behold, **Yahweh** lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants. And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for **Yahweh** has spoken this word.

The earth mourns and withers, the world fades, and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

#### **Isaiah 24:17-21**

Terror and pit and snare confront you, O inhabitant of the earth. Then it will be that he who flees the report of disaster will fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the snare; for the windows above are opened, and the foundations of the earth shake. The earth is broken asunder, the earth is split through, the earth is shaken violently. The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard and it totters like a shack, for its transgression is heavy upon it, and it will fall, never to rise again.

So, it will happen in that day, that **Yahweh** will punish the host of heaven on high, and the kings of the earth on earth.

With the final measurement of the Sanctuary having been made, a measurement which clearly

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<sup>5</sup> **Isaiah 26:20-21; John 14:2-3**

demarcates between the priests of God who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary and all others, including those who are doing priestly duties in the temple at large, the gathering of the **Called** and **Chosen** and **Faithful** ones into the presence of Jesus has come. This is the glory of the rapture, for the “**kingdom**” of God has come.

The kingdom of God is a collective of people, bonded together by faith, hope, and love, and ruled by the Lamb.<sup>6</sup> This kingdom is now assembled, it is finalized, by those who comprise the New Jerusalem, the very Bride of Christ. And in their rooms where they are hidden during the time of indignation, they are prepared, and they are readied to return with Christ when He establishes His physical rule and reign on this earth.

Finally, the “**authority of His Christ**” (literally, His Messiah or “oiled one”) has come. The prince of this world and his minions will no longer exercise global authority under the prior grant of positional rights. As Jesus once prophesied, “*Now judgment is upon this world, and the ruler of this world will be caused to be cast out.*”<sup>7</sup>

The notion that Satan and his angels were in the heavens speaks of the authority they exercised at a cosmic level. This explains why a created being, one that is not omnipresent, has been able to exercise power across the entire world. Satan is not everywhere, but his influence is because it comes down from such a high and lofty place. Therefore, when he and his demons are thrown or cast down to this world, their positional power suddenly becomes limited to the territory upon which their feet tread. That will be a huge problem for the enemy.

In addition, the contract for tenant rights to this world is revoked because it is no longer necessary. The **kingdom** of God has been assembled and the bride of Christ has been taken out of this world, she has been purified, for she has made herself ready.<sup>8</sup>

Keep in mind, the need for the bride to be purified and ready is the whole reason God created evil in the first place.<sup>9</sup> From amongst all of humanity, He wanted to draw out a faithful woman who would, on her own volition, be willing to let the Spirit of God help her choose to become the beautiful bride of Christ and follow Him—follow our **Yahweh Yasha** wherever He goes.<sup>10</sup>

Therefore, He needed to give all of humanity the opportunity to choose only Jesus when they could choose whoever and whatever else they want. Hence, the presence and necessity of evil. And He also used this evil to give all who are now believing, the very authority to choose to be **willing** to let **Yahweh** purify them from this present darkness—to give them the opportunity and means to learn **WHY** they should trust only **Yahweh** and **HOW** to trust only **Yahweh**.

## It is Done

“*Now has chosen to come the **salvation**, and the **power**, and the **kingdom** of our God and the **authority** of His Christ.*” It happens just as it was prophesied.

<sup>6</sup> **1 Corinthians 13:13**

<sup>7</sup> **John 12:31**

<sup>8</sup> **Revelation 19:7, 21:2**

<sup>9</sup> **Isaiah 45:6**

<sup>10</sup> See **Revelation 14:4**

**Psalm 110:1-6**

**Yahweh** [the Father] said to my **Adonai** [my Lord, a.k.a Jesus], "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet." **Yahweh** will extend your powerful kingdom from Jerusalem; you will rule over your enemies. When you go to war, *your people will serve you willingly*. You are arrayed in holy garments, and your strength will be renewed each day like the morning dew. **Yahweh** has taken an oath and will not break his vow: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." **Yahweh** stands at your right hand to protect you. He will strike down many kings when his anger erupts. He will punish the nations and fill their lands with corpses.

Jesus now is sitting at the Father's right hand and is waiting for the time that the Father has set for His kingdom to invade this world and be victorious over His enemies.<sup>11</sup> Yes, for now, Satan is the prince of this world, but his being cast from the heavens is just the beginning of his demise. Soon, the Father will grant permission or authority to the Son to act, and with just a word, at the time of His Second Coming, Satan will also be evicted from the earth, punished (by being interned in the Abyss), and then ultimately killed (which in the language of the Spirit means that he will spend forever in the Lake of Fire where he will endure eternal torment).

Think about it. The dragon, the Leviathan, the serpent, the coiled or twisted serpent, the devil, Satan, the Accuser, the Deceiver of the whole world, the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air, Lucifer, and all the many other ways to describe this cherub, and all his armies of angels will be defeated with just a word—a word that will be like a sharp sword that that proceeds from the mouth of Jesus.<sup>12</sup> This will prove that **salvation, power, the kingdom, and the authority of Christ has come!**

**The Accuser**

"... for the **accuser of our brethren** has been caused to be thrown, he who is **now** accusing them before our God, day and night." We addressed the devil's role as the Accuser when we talked about his slandering, for he is even now accusing the brethren before our God day-and-night.<sup>13</sup> And because he examines all we do (as he prowls about like a roaring lion), we can be confident that what he brings before the Father for judgment is legitimate and true; after all, we give him plenty of ammunition against us when it comes to the choices in our lives.

**The Accuser is Just a Tool**

But what is fascinating is that though the Accuser hopes to gain permission, through his accusations, to come against the brethren to hurt, crush, devour, and break them, God has a completely different purpose in allowing the enemies accusation to come before Him. When God hears an accusation and grants the right for the enemy to come against any of the brethren, His aim is to teach and instruct (as He did with Job).

<sup>11</sup> See **Hebrews 10:13**

<sup>12</sup> **Revelation 19:11-21**

<sup>13</sup> "accuses" is rendered in the *present active participle*

Therefore, He will use the enemy as a tool to provide His people another opportunity to learn **WHY** they can trust themselves to **Yahweh** and **HOW** to trust themselves to **Yahweh**. He accomplishes this by teaching them the futility and ridiculousness of relying on their own wisdom, their own strength, their own goodness, etc., and the abject foolishness of trusting in this world and in the lies and deception of the enemy.

**WHEN OUR FATHER UTILIZES THE TOOL OF THE ACCUSER, IT IS ALWAYS ALL ABOUT  
RELATIONSHIP AND HIM TEACHING US THAT THERE IS NO SAFER PLACE TO BE FOUND  
THAN IN THE SANCTUARY NOW WORSHIPPING YAHWEH.**

Therefore, despite what the enemy thinks he has over on us, God is always working **FOR US**, even when He must choose to let the Accuser operate against us. Thus, we should never be afraid of the Accuser. Even though he is extremely busy day and night, slandering us; when it all comes down to it, he is just a tool to give us the opportunity to be **willing** to let the Spirit of God build and strengthen our faith, our hope, and our love.

### **It is Happening Now**

By the way, “*accuses*” is rendered in the *present active participle*. It should read as “*now accusing*.” This is important because it explains so much about our lives and the troubles that we **must** go through. If we can remember this when we are confronted in our soul with doubt and accusation, we can ask the Spirit of God to help us not be consumed by the ways of the enemy. After all, this will continue to happen, the devil will continue to make accusation about believers, until this time of the events of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet, until we are ascended to the heavenlies at the time of the rapture, and the devil is simultaneously cast down or caused to be thrown to the earth.

### **The Great Exchange**

Satan and his angels being cast to the earth is probably one of the most significant **exchanges** or transactions that has ever occurred or will ever occur. Those who abide in the world refuse to accept **Yahweh** and they oppose all those who call on His name. They have valued and loved the prince of this world and all that this world has to offer. Well, now they get to have him—the devil—in the raw. **Yahweh** exchanges the devil’s presence in the heavenlies with ours just as He exchanges our presence on this earth with the devil’s and his angels. This is a beautiful transaction and one that will not end up so well for those who abide in this world.

### ***Victory over the Devil***

#### ***Revelation 12:11***

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love [*agape*] their **self**, unto their death. For this reason, you are commanded to **now** be caused to rejoice, O heavens and you who are **now dwelling** in them.

We continue to see the demarcation of the measurement made in the Sanctuary play itself out in contrasts. Here we find the contrast between those who are now dwelling in the heavens and those who don't.

The “**they**” who overcame the dragon, speaks of the brethren, the two witnesses, the 144,000, the bondservants of God, those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, those who are now overcoming. They overcame “him” (the dragon/Satan), and being rendered in the *indicative*, that is a statement of fact.

This does not mean they were perfect, and it does not mean they did not give the Accuser plenty of ammunition with which to accuse them. But they overcame because through it all they learned **WHY** they could trust themselves to **Yahweh** and **HOW** to trust themselves to **Yahweh**. They exercised their authority to choose to become children of God, dependent upon Him for all things all the time.<sup>14</sup>

We are given three (3) facets to their victory. And since according to the **Code**, three is the number indicating perfection, we know that that this is a perfect description of those who are now dwelling in the heavens—those who have been raised up with Christ, those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary of God.<sup>15</sup>

## Facet 1 – The Blood of the Lamb

“... *by the blood of the Lamb.*” This is another way of saying that they became convinced throughout their lives that **Only God is Good**, therefore, they learned how to be desperate for all that **Yahweh** is for them. They became convinced that the only reason they could have any standing with the Father is because of the Son, because of the sacrifice—the blood that He spilt to make atonement for their inability to be good.

They came to believe that Jesus came in the flesh and that it was His blood that paved the way for them to be in relationship with God and to know peace with God (a relationship not blemished by sin). And they took it, embraced it, and bet their lives on the blood and upon the righteousness that comes only from **Yahweh Tsidkenu**.

“*Because of the blood of the Lamb*” is also another way of expressing that the two witnesses lived their lives **by grace through faith**, where they looked to **Yahweh** to be the one who is their good, and to be the one who did all His good works in-and-through their lives, whenever He wanted to.

Sure, they were not perfect, but they were on a journey of continually discovering **WHY** they can trust **Yahweh** and **HOW** to trust Him. And over time they learned that **faith is a now thing**, and so they came to understand that they must choose to now be believing in the name of **Yahweh**, the one who is and will always be, their perfection.

## Facet 2 – The Testimony of the Word of God

“... *by the word of their testimony.*” They were not afraid to stand on the truth of the word of God and declare that Jesus is **Yahweh**, that **Yahweh** is Lord (the absolute sovereign despot), that **Only Yahweh is**

<sup>14</sup> See **John 1:12**

<sup>15</sup> See **Colossians 3:1, 2:12**

**Good**, and that they were aliens and strangers in this world, passing through, as they journeyed to their true abode in the heavens. As such, they boldly brought forth the prophetic word that flowed like fire from their mouths, announcing a terrible doom to all those who did not accept the gospel of Jesus Christ as the singular way to God.

Despite the lies and distortions that had been told for centuries, they understood the true gospel. They knew that for **Yahweh** to be free to express His goodness in-and-through a person's life, a person must take **Step-1** and become converted by God (they must be born-again). Then they must dig down deep in their soul and take **Step-2** and choose to become like a little child, dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time.<sup>16</sup>

The word of their testimony speaks simply of a **willingness** to let **Yahweh** be who He says He is, their Lord God Almighty, their source of all—their **I AM** who is a rewarder of those who are now seeking Him.<sup>17</sup> As such, they trusted that it was the job of **Yahweh Mekoddishkem**, and His alone, to transform them, in His timing, into an imager of Jesus Christ.

That is the testimony that provoked the ire of those in the temple at large (all those in the religion of Christianity)—and elicited from them hatred, violence, rejection, betrayal, and ultimately murder.

### Facet 3 – They Did Not Love Their Lives

*“... and they did not love their self, unto their death.”* Self-love seems like an epidemic in our modern world as people are obsessed with themselves. Everything seems to be about the “Me” and branded with the “I”. But these ones who overcame the dragon, did so believing that there is nothing in them, nothing in this life, and nothing in their *flesh*, that is worth holding on to, nothing that is worth trying to save. They agreed with God that all of it is dead and dying, and only in Him is life.

Thus, they were willing to purchase from Jesus the gold having been refined in the fire, walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and face death (a spiritual death) **willing** to let Jesus kill their *flesh* believing that, like the Apostle Paul, they could one day declare: *“I have been caused to be crucified with Christ. I now live, but it is no longer I who live but Christ in me.”*<sup>18</sup>

As a result, they also became willing to accept physical death when those who dwell in the temple (in the apostate religion of Christianity and Judaism, as well as the other religions of this world), literally slaughtered them because their love for the Lamb of God and because of the word of their testimony.

### Rejoice + Dwelling in the Heavens

*“For this reason, you are commanded to **now** be caused to rejoice, O heavens and you who **are now dwelling** in them.”*<sup>19</sup> The phrase *“are now dwelling”* in textual form is italicized and highlighted because that is what the Greek does. This verb is *Vocative*, thus, with heightened emotion it designates those being addressed.

<sup>16</sup> See **Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17**

<sup>17</sup> **Hebrews 11:6**

<sup>18</sup> **Galatians 2:20**

<sup>19</sup> “rejoice” is rendered in the *present passive imperative*; “dwell” is rendered in the *present active participle*

### YES! THEY ARE NOW DWELLING IN THE HEAVENS!

We have talked about this dynamic before, and how the bondservants of Jesus Christ have a dual existence. Yes, they are living in this world, but they **do not abide** in this world. Their abode is in the heavens, where they have been raised up with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly places; hence, the image of the 24-Elders sitting around the throne.<sup>20</sup>

The word translated as “ *dwell* ” is the word to tent or encamp as God did in the tabernacle. The bondservants of God encamp in the heavens. It is not their permanent home, since God will be creating a new heaven and a new earth, but it is their temporary residence in His presence, a place that is separate and distinct from where those who are now dwelling on the earth abide.

Now, not only do the two witnesses reside in the heavens, but there are also so many more who are now continually dwelling in the heavens; in fact, there is a huge cloud of witnesses surrounding the two witnesses.<sup>21</sup>

#### **Hebrews 12:22-24**

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to **myriads of angels**, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to **God**, the Judge of all, and to **the spirits of the righteous made perfect**, and to **Jesus**, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Thus, this command to now be caused to rejoice over the fact that these bondservants have overcome the dragon is for all those in the heavenly realms. God loves rejoicing. He is not a God of depression and sadness, but of rejoicing and celebration. And when His people overcome, He breaks out the joy.

By the way, He is not commanding us to suck it up in midst of all our sorrow and tragedy and be good Christian witnesses and rejoice. **NO!** He is commanding us to let His Spirit cause us to rejoice (it is rendered in the *passive* voice). This captures the essence of by grace through faith—our **willingness** to let God do what God does in-and-through our lives as we are now believing in Him. He will cause us to rejoice (if we are willing).

### ***The 3<sup>rd</sup> WOE—The Devil Unleashed on Humanity***

If you remember back in **Revelation 8:13**, John heard an eagle flying in midair call out with a loud voice, “*Woe, Woe, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels,*” that would be the woe’s brought about by the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpets.

With the first **WOE**, we saw the Beast, the angel of the Abyss, enter the world and with him an army

<sup>20</sup> **Colossians 3:1, 2:12; Ephesians 2:6; Hebrews 12:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 15:48; Revelation 4:4**

<sup>21</sup> **Hebrews 12:1**

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of locust-like demonic beings that will lie, seduce, and deceive people to follow the Beast through prophetic revelations. They will torture many to ensure that they remain loyal and will not fall back toward the grace of God.

With the second **WOE**, we saw death—the slaying of one third of mankind and the hardening of the hearts of so many others who refuse to repent.

With the third **WOE**, we see the strongest of warnings about the devil and what will ensue when he is expelled from heaven and caused to be thrown down, with his armies, to the earth.

***Revelation 12:12***

Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you, **now** having great wrath, knowing that he **now** has only a short time.

Woe to those who do not belong to **Yahweh**, for the devil is consumed by wrath, as he is now having great wrath. And since he knows he only has a short time, he is vicious.<sup>22</sup>

We will dive into this more in our next podcast. I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

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<sup>22</sup> “having” is rendered in the *present active participle*, and “has” is rendered in the *present active indicative*