

# Urgency 18

**Revelation 12:1-5** <sup>1</sup> Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup> Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. <sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

A. This is one of the most revealing and fascinating chapters in all the bible. It rolls back the curtain between earth and heaven and shows what lies behind all the sin and evil and all the conflict and struggle of the world.

1. The first character in the great tribulation is a woman with a child.

**Genesis 37:9-11** <sup>9</sup> Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." <sup>10</sup> So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" <sup>11</sup> And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.

Note: Jacob understood what Joseph meant : The sun represented the father Joseph, the moon represented the mother, and the twelve stars represent the brothers. The dream was a picture of Israel. Joseph was dreaming that Israel would be saved from destruction through Him.

Revelation 12:5 <sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

This clearly is referring to Jesus Christ: He was born to rule all nations.

2. **satan The dragon:** There is the second character in the great tribulation- the great dragon, that is the devil. Note that the dragon is also said to be a wonder or a sign in heaven. There is the description and authority of the dragon or devil. The description is entirely different from what most people think. When people think of the devil they picture a red serpent with a pitchfork and horns, but this is a total miss conception, a far cry from the truth. When the scripture talks about satan as the red dragon it is talking about the evil work that he will do. Not his looks. Scripture says that Satan is the highest and most glorious being ever created by God.

a. **satan has seven heads:** seven is the number of completeness and fullness, satan is complete in intelligence, he has full knowledge.

B. Satan has seven crowns: This symbolizes power and dominion and authority. Satan is the ruler of his kingdom.

C. Satan has ten horns: This symbolizes great power, the power that destroys things he uses all his power to destroy things.

**2 Corinthians 4:1-4** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor [a]handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

**John 12:28-31** <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again." <sup>29</sup> Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

**Ephesians 2:1-22** <sup>1</sup> And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the [a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **Brought Near by His Blood**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



## Christ Our Peace

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

## Christ Our Cornerstone

<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Matthew 12:14-30** <sup>14</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

## Behold, My Servant

<sup>15</sup> But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And great <sup>[a]</sup>multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. <sup>16</sup> Yet He warned them not to make Him known, <sup>17</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: <sup>18</sup> “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. <sup>20</sup> A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; <sup>21</sup> And in His name Gentiles will trust.”

## A House Divided Cannot Stand

<sup>22</sup> Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the <sup>[b]</sup>blind and mute man both spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” <sup>24</sup> Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said, “This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by <sup>[c]</sup>Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

## 1 John 5:1-21

<sup>1</sup> Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—<sup>[a]</sup>our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### The Certainty of God's Witness

<sup>6</sup> This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear witness <sup>[b]</sup>in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of <sup>[c]</sup>God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup> He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has <sup>[d]</sup>life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, <sup>[e]</sup>and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

### Confidence and Compassion in Prayer

<sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

<sup>16</sup> If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death.

### Knowing the True—Rejecting the False

<sup>18</sup> We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps <sup>[f]</sup><sup>[g]</sup>himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one. <sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

3. The third character in the great tribulation Jesus Christ: Jesus was born and sent into this world to rule the world. He was sent by God to bring peace between God and man. He was also sent to bring judgment and to rid the world of ungodliness.

**Hebrews 2:14 Amp** <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since [these His] children share in flesh and blood [the physical nature of mankind], He Himself in a similar manner also shared in the same [physical nature, but without sin], so that through [experiencing] death He might make powerless (ineffective, impotent) him who had the power of death—that is, the devil—

**Colossians 2:15 AMP** <sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through <sup>[a]</sup>the cross.

**1 John 3:8 AMP** <sup>8</sup> The one who practices sin [separating himself from God, and offending Him by acts of disobedience, indifference, or rebellion] is of the devil [and takes his inner character and moral values from him, not God]; for the devil has sinned *and* violated God's law from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus will also use a rod of iron against the nations of the world.

**Psalms 2:9** <sup>9</sup> 'You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall shatter them [in pieces] like earthenware.'

**Revelation 2:27** <sup>27</sup> AND HE SHALL SHEPHERD *and* RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE EARTHEN POTS ARE BROKEN IN PIECES, as I also have received *authority* [and power to rule them] from My Father;

Jesus ascended and was exalted to the throne of God:

**Luke 22:69** <sup>69</sup> But from now on, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER OF GOD."

**Philippians 2:9-11** <sup>9</sup> For this reason also [because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself], God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus <sup>[a]</sup>EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess *and* openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord (sovereign God), to the glory of God the Father.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** <sup>6</sup> For to us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder, And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> There shall be no end to the increase of His government and of peace,[He shall rule] on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From that time forward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

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