

“The Christmas War” Revelation 11:19-12:17

This passage is in the context of a war: the war behind all wars.

Background:

- A. Chapters 8-11 reveal the _____ Judgments.
- B. It ends with what George Fredrick Handel wrote about in his majestic musical composition entitled “The Messiah.” **Rev. 11:15** states, “The Kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our _____ and of HIS CHRIST; and HE will _____ forever and ever.”
- C. The question is if this is _____, and evil has been defeated, why does evil still wreck so much _____?

The Answer: “Revelation” means to _____.

“Open” is used _____ in the book. **4:1, 15:5, 19:11**

1. John saw the _____ of GOD in Heaven opened. **11:19**
2. Then the _____ appeared in the Temple. **11:19**
The Ark was the most _____ thing in Israel, for it was there between the Cherubim, that GOD chose to meet _____.
3. A great “sign” appeared in Heaven; a _____ clothed with the sun. **12:1-2** (this is the theological _____ of the Book)
 - A. A sign points to something _____ itself to a greater _____.
 - B. A _____ is under her feet, and she wore a crown of _____.

Who is the Woman? She is:

 - The Nation of _____. Gen. 37:9, Is. 26:16-18, Is. 66:7
 - _____ of JESUS. Luke 2:31-33
 - Also _____. The “other children of the Woman,” who flee and are nourished by GOD for _____. **12:6,14,17**
4. Another sign appeared, a great _____. **12:3-4**
“Behold” means to _____, and really pay attention (_____)
- A. Red describes the color of _____. (the coming violence)
- B. Seven is the number of _____. The head is the symbol of _____. This Being has been given _____ by GOD, for a short time.
- C. Horns are a symbol of _____. Ps. 75:10, 132:17
The Dragon has _____ of them.
- D. This wicked ruler is fabulously _____. Diadems are symbols of wealth. He has _____ of them.
- E. In his original rebellion before the Earth’s creation, the Dragon convinced

- _____ of the Angels to rebel against GOD, and all these rebels became _____ and were banished to Earth.
- F. The Great Dragon is the _____ of Old (Gen. 3:1), **12:9**
The Devil (the _____), Satan (_____), and the Deceiver of the Whole world. * Every person living either follows the _____ Voice, or the Voice of a _____.
5. The third character is the _____ born to the Woman.
The Woman is a _____. **12:5** The Dragon is a _____.
The Child is _____ a sign, but is the ultimate _____.
- A. HE will rule all the Nations with a rod of iron. Ps. 2 This is a _____ rod. Ps. 23:4 "Iron" shows that this Shepherd is very, _____.
- B. As soon as HE is born, the Dragon attempted _____ the Child. Mt. 2:16-18. What John saw began on _____.
- C. Furthermore, John saw that her Child was _____ to GOD and to HIS Throne. The scene jumped from CHRIST's birth to HIS _____. The War in Heaven was _____ on Earth, through the Child's death, burial, _____, and ascension to the _____. **12:10**, John 18:37
6. This explains the War, and all war. **12:7-8** John saw a mighty war among superbeings in Heaven. The archangel, _____, the protector of Israel, (Dan. 12:1) led his forces against the Devil and his fallen angels. It was not a _____.
- A. The Devil and his angels were _____ to earth. **V.9,9,9,10,12,23** The Devil was _____, dethroned, booted, and _____. He has been defeated, but he has not _____. The war rages on.
- B. Since the Dragon could not kill the Child, he went after what is dearest to the Child. He went after the _____. **12:13** He went after the Woman's _____, who "keep the commandments of GOD and hold to the _____ of JESUS." **12:17**
- C. The suffering of the church in this world is not a sign of Satan's victory. It is a sign of his _____ of his defeat.

12:12 "for this reason"

