

## EIGHT WEAPONS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- I. Rev 12:7-17 READ
- A. This passage of scriptures is speaking of **Lucifer's rebellion** toward God in heaven: also found in Isa 14:12-16 READ
1. In the midst of the devil's rebellion he convinced one third of the angels to follow him (Rev 12:4)...things fallen beings are now demon spirits
  2. Note where the devil ended up: Rev 12:4 "**threw them to the earth**"
    - a. Rev 12: 8&9 "he was cast to the **earth**, and his angles were cast out with him"
- B. Rev 12:12 "**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth**"
1. **Man fell into sin in the temptation** in the Garden of Eden Gen 3:1-7
  2. Ezek 28:13-17 READ "vs 13 "You (the devil) **were in Eden, in the garden**"
    - a. Lucifer corrupted his beauty vs 13 & 17, corrupted his wisdom vs 17, corrupted music vs 13 ...his timbrels & pipes were no longer used to worship God
  3. Rev 12:12 **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth**:
    - a. we must now deal with **SPIRITUAL WARFARE** Eph 6:11-12
      - (1) Rev 12:17 "he (the devil) went to **make war** with her offspring"
      - (2) This passage is not limited to speaking of the nation of Israel & spiritual warfare
    - b. Rev 12: 17 also refers to "the rest of her **offspring**" or "SPIRITUAL ISRAEL" which is the **Born Again church**
      - (1) Gal 6:16 "**The Israel of God**" (referring to The Born Again Church)
    - c. **the dragon is the devil**: Rev 12:9 & 20:2
      - (1) The devil is waging warfare against the Israel of God / the Born Again Church: Acts 14:4 we must thru much tribulation enter the kingdom of God
- II. **God did not leave us defenseless against the devil and his demons**
- Rev 12: 10 & 11 reveal **EIGHT WEAPONS** for the believer to use in warfare
- A. Isa 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper"
1. vs 10 **SALVATION** Def soteria: saving, save / eternal life
    - a. Col 1:13 when Born Again we changed Kings & kingdoms
    - b. **SALVATION** has come /Def continued: health, rescue, safety, deliverance
  2. vs 10 **STRENGTH** has come / Def dunamis
    - a. the **power** (dunamis) we receive when Baptized in the Holy Ghost Acts 1:8
  3. vs 10 **KINGDOM OF OUR GOD** has come
    - a. Lk 17:21 "The Kingdom of God is within you"
    - b. Rom 14:17 "The Kingdom of God is":
      - (1) **RIGHTEOUSNESS** 2 Cor 5:21 (right standing with God)
      - (2) **PEACE** Phil 4:7 "guard your hearts and mind"
      - (3) **JOY** Neh 8:10 "joy of the Lord is your strength" / Phil 4:4 "Rejoice"
  4. vs 10 **POWER** has come Def exousia: authority or delegated spiritual authority
    - a. Lk 10:19 "I give unto you **power** (exousia)/ over all the **power** (dunamis) of the enemy

5. vs 10 His **CHRIST** has come:
  - a. Def #1 **CHRIST**: the anointed one / Jesus has come & spoiled / disarmed the devil Col 2:15
  - b. Def #2 **CHRIST**: the anointing / 1 Jn 2:20 “Ye have an unction / anointing
    - a. Isa 10:27 “The yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing
6. vs 11 “They **OVERCAME** him (the devil) by the **BLOOD OF THE LAMB (JESUS)**
  - a. **Def OVERCAME**: the means of success, to subdue, conquer, prevail,
 

Get the victory

    - (1) 1 Jn 4:4 “you are of God....and have **overcome**...greater is He that is in you”
    - (2) 1 Jn 2:14 “Ye have **overcome** the wicked one”
    - (3) 1 Jn 2:13 “ye have **overcome** the wicked one”
  - b. The Blood of Jesus not only **washes away our sins** upon our repentance.....
 

The Blood of Jesus is also a **spiritual covering** from the powers of darkness

    - (1) In Ex 12:7-12 Israel was instructed to take the blood of the lamb that was slain / prophetic picture of Jesus shedding His blood on the Cross
    - (2) And place that blood on the doorpost & lintels of their home...thus painting a cross on their door with the blood of the lamb
    - (3) Everyone who stayed in their homes, under the covering of the blood on their door was protected from the death angel / the plague that went Though Egypt
    - (4) Ex 12:13 “Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood**, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”
    - (5) How much more powerful is the Blood of Jesus that has been applied To our lives that not only:
      - (a) forgives our sins
      - (b) but also protects us from: plagues, sickness, disease, demon spirits and the powers of darkness
    - (6) **In the Old testament the Priests were responsible for handling two major items: #1 The Word of God #2 The Blood of the sacrifices**
    - (7) Thru the New Birth we have been made **Kings and Priests** Rev 5:10  
And we still have the responsibility of handling the **Word of God**
      - (a) to live by, meditate, confess, witness, preach & teach
    - (8) As New Testaments Priests we also have the responsibility of handling the **Blood of Jesus**:
      - (a) for the confession of sin
      - (b) and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus for protection against the attacks of the devil

© as priests we are to sprinkle the Blood of Jesus upon our: lives, mind, children, spouse, home, car we drive to the plane we fly in, etc.....
7. **VS 11 “THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES TO THE DEATH”**
  - a. Matt 16:24 “If anyone desires to come after Me (JESUS), let him deny himself, **take up his cross**, and follow Me”
    - (1) When we live the “life of the CROSS” , victory manifest in our life