

Revelation 12 continued...

Revelation 12:4 His tail swept down a (3rd) third of the Stars of Shamyim (heavens) and cast them to the Earth. And the Dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

So what we'll likely experience with the stars falling from Shamyim (Heavens) is Earth moving through its debris field, and we'll see Nibiru (Planet X) appear to stand in front of Jupiter, as if to devour it.

5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and to his throne, **6** and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. Immediately following this, **Revelation 12:7** states: Now war arose in Shamyim (heavens), Michael and his Malakym (angels) fighting against the Dragon. And the Dragon and his Malakym (angels) fought back, **8** but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in Shamyim (heavens). **9** And the great Dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and HaSatan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the Earth, and his Malakym (angels) were thrown down with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice in the Shamyim (heavens), saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our Aluah (God) and the authority of his Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our Aluah (God). **11** And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb (Oװַיָּאֵל -Yahusha) and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. **12** Therefore, rejoice, O Shamyim (heavens) and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for HaSatan (the Devil) has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” **13** And when the Dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman (Yisrael) who had given birth to the male child (Oװַיָּאֵל -Yahusha). **14** But the woman (Yisrael) was given the (2) two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. **15** The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman (Yisrael), to sweep her away with a flood. **16** But the Earth came to the help of the woman (Yisrael), and the Earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the Dragon had poured from his mouth. **17** Then the Dragon became furious with the woman (Yisrael) and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring (Gentile believers), on those who keep the Commandments of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and hold to the testimony of Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha). And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Revelation 2:1-17

אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) Expels His Enemy from the Shamyim (Heavens)

Revelation 12:7-12, Yohannan (John) writes, “And there was war in Shamyim (heavens).” The tense of the verb “was” indicates that Yohannan (John) is referring to a future war that will take place during the tribulation period (**12:12**). The war describes Mikael (Michael) "who is like El (God) and his Malakym (angels) against the Dragon and his Malakym (angels). Mikael the archangel (**Jude 9**) is the leader of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)’s angelic army. In the Tanakh (Old Testament) he also had a special role in protecting the nation of Yisrael (**Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1**). The Dragon of course is HaSatan. HaSatan’s Malakym (angels) are his fallen Malakym that were once part of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)’s Malakym (angels), but earlier fell with HaSatan. The number of these fallen Malakym as mentioned in **12:4** was (1/3rd) one-third of the total number of the angelic host. This is clearly a spiritual battle in the realm of Shamyim (heavens).

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for (21) twenty-one days; then behold, Mikael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. **14** "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future." **Daniel 10:13-14**

“At that time shall arise Mikael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. **Daniel 12:1**

Don’t miss that this is not a battle between אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) and HaSatan, but between Mikael and HaSatan. It is (2) two created Malakym (angels) and their forces battling each other. HaSatan has perpetuated the lie that he is אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)’s opposite. He is not אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)’s opposite. He is not omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent. He is only a created being. He can’t even go one round with אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah). In our times of discouragement and seeming defeat, we must remember that the powers of good will overcome the powers of evil. HaSatan and his demonic forces may win some battles along the way but they will ultimately lose the war!

Fortunately, **Revelation 12:8** informs us that HaSatan and his Malakym (angels) “were not strong enough.” While the warring was no doubt intense, the Dragon and his Malakym (angels) were not capable of defeating אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)’s Kadosh (holy) Malakym (angels). The end result is, “there was no longer a place found for them in the Shamyim (heavens). And the great Dragon was thrown down” (**12:8-9**). The later half of **12:9** makes it clear HaSatan and his demonic horde will be “thrown down to the earth.” While HaSatan and his demons, shortly after creation, fell and were cast out of the Shamyim (heavens), HaSatan still had access to the Shamyim (heavens) to

accuse the brethren **Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2, Zechariah 3:1-2.**

Still today HaSatan has access to Shamyim (heavens) where he functions as the accuser of believers. However in this future time, when HaSatan and his demons lose this heavenly battle he will no longer be permitted access to the Shamyim (heavens) to bring forth those accusations. In fact, as **12:9** says, “the great Dragon was thrown down.” The verb ekballo “thrown down” is a strong verb denoting a powerful throwing or propelling. The word emphasizes that HaSatan is cast down out of the Shamyim (heavens) once and for all. Not only HaSatan, but also his entire demonic force is permanently limited to the realm of the earth from this point on.

A common misconception is that HaSatan and his Fallen Malakym (angels) were locked away in hell after the fall of HaSatan. It is clear from many scripture passages that HaSatan was not barred from the Shamyim (heavens) or the earth after his (1st) first rebellion, which predated the creation. In **Job 1:1—2:8**, he appears before אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) to accuse Iyyob (Job means “The persecuted one”) of ulterior motives in his worship of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). In **Zechariah 3**, he again appears before אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) to accuse Yahusha (Joshua), the high priest. Indeed, the name HaSatan means “accuser.” In Genesis, he visited the Garden of Eden and tempted Eve. He tempted OUYָּאֵל (Yahusha) in the wilderness before OUYָּאֵל (Yahusha) began His ministry in **Matthew 4:1–11**. If HaSatan had already rebelled and been cast from Shamyim (heavens) before the world was created, why is he free to be in the Shamyim (heavens) and on earth?

In **2 Corinthians 12:2–3**, the apostle Paul provides a major revelation that there are (3) three “Heavens.” In this passage, he seemingly talks about himself being taken up to the “(3rd) third heaven” where אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) the Father and OUYָּאֵל (Yahusha) the Son dwell. The (2nd) second heaven is the universe or outer space, and the (1st) first is our atmosphere or air. Scripture indicates that HaSatan and some of his demons are allowed to move in this space **Ephesians 2:1–2.**

In this age, HaSatan and his highest ranking Malakym (angels) can still oppose the work of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and hinder the Malakym (angels) of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) (**Daniel 10:10–14**) within the boundaries of the middle or (2nd) second Shamyim (heavens). The battle recorded in **Revelation 12** removes HaSatan and his minions from this realm.

When HaSatan is expelled from the middle Shamyim (heavens), there will be great rejoicing in the Shamyim (heavens), since the age-old accuser will be forever banned from his mission of accusation and slander against the Chosen (elect). HaSatan’s power and freedom will be seriously curtailed. However, the inhabitants of the earth will suffer terribly after this event, because HaSatan will be enraged. This will usher in a period of intensified suffering on earth (the Great Tribulation) during which the Anti-Messiah

(Anti-Christ) violates his peace treaty with Yisrael, desecrates their temple, declares himself as Aluah (god), and begins to systematically murder all those who refuse to worship him.

In **Revelation 12:9**, John also gives (4) four descriptive phrases to identify the Dragon. (1) The Dragon is “the serpent of old.” This title stresses his crafty and venomous character (**Genesis 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:3**). The word “old” (ophis) brings to remembrance the (1st) first accusation of HaSatan as the Serpent in the garden of Eden in his temptation of Eve. (2nd) The Dragon is “the devil.” The word “devil” comes from a Greek verb (diabolos) meaning “to slander” or “to falsely accuse.” HaSatan acts as somewhat of a prosecutor in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s court of law. (3rd) The Dragon is “HaSatan.” The word “HaSatan” (The Satan) is a transliteration of a Hebrew word that means “Adversary.” This proper name depicts HaSatan as the enemy or opponent of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) and His people. (4th) The Dragon is “the one who deceives the whole world.” The word translated “deceives” (planon) means “to mislead, delude, or lead astray.” Who is said to be deceived? The whole world!

As John beholds HaSatan and his Malakym (angels) being cast from the Shamyim (heavens), he hears a loud voice in Shamyim (heavens) say, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our Aluah (God) and the authority of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our Aluah (God) day and night” **Revelation 12:10**.

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. **Matthew 24:21**

The loud voice is not identified with certainty. It does, however, seem best to identify it as the voice of the martyred tribulation believers, for they also cried out with a loud voice (**6:10**). This is further supported by the mention of HaSatan as “the accuser of our brethren.”

We learn in **Revelation 12:11** that these tribulation martyrs (“they”) “overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

This verse imparts (3) three weapons that these martyrs will use to overcome HaSatan. The (1st) first weapon is “the blood of Lamb.” The blood shed on the Tree by OWYָאֵל (Yahusha) ensures that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) will forgive us if we repent (turn away from sin) **Romans 8:31-34**.

Thus, HaSatan’s accusations, however true, are rendered null and void in אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s court of law. So how can we practically apply this truth?

(1st) First, we have to honestly admit the truth of HaSatan’s accusation: We are sinners! (2nd) Second, we should remind HaSatan that the blood of the Lamb, OWYָאֵל (Yahusha) covers us. Our sins have all been nailed to the stake/tree of Messiah and we will no longer be judged or accused by אַיָּאֵל

(Yahuah) for these sins.

The (2nd) second weapon we have is the word of our testimony. This refers to both our lives and our words. We must be salt and light to this world
Matthew 5:13-16.

The (3rd) third weapon we have is a refusal to love one's life. These tribulation martyrs were willing to give up anything for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah): reputation, status, and possessions. They were even willing to give up their lives for what they believed, even if it meant suffering the violent death of a martyr. They followed the instruction given to the believers in Smyrna (**Revelation 2:10**) of being faithful unto death as well as the example of the Savior who laid down His life for the sheep **John 10:11, 15.**

They would rather die than prove unfaithful to **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha). Rather than signaling the triumph of HaSatan, this shows instead that they have gained the victory over the Dragon by their acceptance of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha)'s sacrifice on the stake/tree and their obedient suffering with Him. This is one of John's chief themes throughout the book of **Revelation 1:9; 6:9; 14:12; 20:4.**

The victory of these believers leads to the bittersweet words of **12:12**: "For this reason, rejoice, O Shamyim (heavens) and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because HaSatan (The Devil) has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." Heaven-dwellers can rejoice in view of HaSatan's punishment (**Psalms 96:11; Isaiah 49:13**).

He is no longer among them. However, everyone living on the earth, especially believers, must beware because he now moves among them more antagonistically than ever. Furthermore he knows that his time is short. Realizing his time is short, HaSatan pulls out the stops....

HaSatan persecutes אֵלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people

Once HaSatan is cast out of the Shamyim (heavens), he will give his full attention to persecuting the woman who brought forth the male child.
Revelation 12:13-17.

He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the chosen believer of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time (3.5).
Daniel 7:25

And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward Shamyim (heavens) and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time (3.5), and that when the shattering of the power of the Kadosh (holy) people comes to an end all these things would be finished. **Daniel 12:7**

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had

not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. **Matthew 24:21-22**

His intense hatred of Yisrael will reach its climax during the great tribulation, as he tries to do everything in his power to destroy them. HaSatan knows that if he can destroy Yisrael, he can thwart אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s program, keeping it from coming to ultimate fruition. But the miraculous hand of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) will be upon Yisrael in the midst of HaSatan's plot to destroy them, providing a way for them to escape. John writes, "But the (2) two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness 37 to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent."38 The Yisraelites will receive divine assistance in fleeing from the Dragon (passive: "were given"). אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) bore the Israelites "on eagles wings" when He enabled them to escape from Pharaoh **Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 32:11.**

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) often uses this metaphor to refer to His protection of Yisrael **Psalms 55:6-8; Isaiah 40:31.**

Therefore we should probably understand the eagle to be metaphorical, describing the way אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) will save them, namely with strength and safety. The comparison between an eagle that can fly overhead and an earth-bound serpent implies the superior protection of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah).

In **Revelation 12:15**, the Serpent retaliated. John records that he "poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood." The text indicates that the water is "like" a flood, making it difficult to tell if the flood should be interpreted literally or figuratively. Perhaps HaSatan will use literal water to try to drown this group of Yisraelites. Another possibility is that he will pursue them with soldiers as a river **Jeremiah 46:7-8; 47:2-3; Ezekiel 38-39.**

A flood is also a scriptural metaphor for overwhelming evil **Psalms 18:4; 32:36; 69:2; 124:2-4; Isaiah 43:2.**

Probably this is a picturesque way of describing HaSatan's attempt to destroy the Hebrews following the Anti-Messiah (Anti-christ)'s covenant with them.

Fortunately, "the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the Dragon poured out of his mouth" **Revelation 12:16.**

In the past the ground swallowed the Egyptians (**Exodus 15:12**) and later Korah, Dathan, and Abiram **Numbers 16:28-33; 26:10; Deuteronomy 11:6; Psalms 106:17.** Perhaps אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) will do similar miracles to preserve the fleeing Hebrews in the future.

After having his great wrath thwarted, "the Dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the

Commandments of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and hold to the testimony of OUYָּאָל (Yahusha).”

HaSatan is now (3) three times a loser. He has failed to destroy the man child (**Revelation 12:1-6**), he has lost the war in the Shamyim (heavens) (**Revelation 12:7-9**), he has been unable to destroy the woman (**Revelation 12:13-16**), and thus his wrath is directed toward the “rest of her [the woman’s] children.” I understand these “children” to be any true child of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), Hebrew or Gentile. Regardless, it is important to note that HaSatan wars with those “who keep the Commandments of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)” (**1 John 5:2-5**) and “hold to the testimony of OUYָּאָל (Yahusha) HaMashiach” (**1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 1 John 5:11-12**).” As Paul said in **2 Timothy 3:12**: “If you live a righteous life in OUYָּאָל (Yahusha) HaMashiach, [you] will be persecuted.” The believers life is not a playground; it’s a battleground! If you live for OUYָּאָל (Yahusha) HaMashiach in this life, there will be suffering but the rewards will be eternal.

For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. **25** But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. **26** Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. **27** They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, **29** but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— **30** so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. **31** On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. **32** Remember Lot's wife. **33** Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. **34** I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. **35** There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” **37** And they said to him, “Where, Adonai?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.” **Luke 17:24-37 24**

I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **Revelation 7:14**

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the Shamyim (heavens) will be shaken. Then will appear in Shamyim (heavens) the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of Shamyim (heavens) with power and great esteem (glory). And he will send out

his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his chosen believers (elect) from the (4) four winds, from (1) one end of Shamyim (heavens) to the other. **Matthew 24:29-31**

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) comes. **Joel 2:31**

And as he (OBYֹאֵל (Yahusha) sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And OBYֹאֵל (Yahusha) began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. **Mark 13:1-37**

As he (OBYֹאֵל (Yahusha)) sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?” And OBYֹאֵל (Yahusha) answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah (Christ),’ and they will lead many astray. **Matthew 24:1-51**

“Then the kingdom of Shamyim (heaven) will be like (10) ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 (5) Five of them were foolish, and (5) five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Adonai (Master), Adonai (Master), open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. **Matthew 25:1-13**

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” **Luke 21:34-36**