## A Wilderness Refuge from Persecution

Rev 12:6-9

12:1-17, The Woman, The Dragon, & Michael

1-5, **Past** History: from Eden to the Ascension

6, **Future**: Anticipation of the Woman's Protection

7-9, **Ongoing**: War in Heaven → Satan Cast Out

10-17, **Future**: Satan's Final Struggle

1 Ki 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

1 Ki 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:

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### Periods of Persecution in the Revelation and Daniel

Rev.	Event	42 months	1260 days	time, times, & half
11:2	Gentiles trampling temple	X		
11:3	Two witnesses		X	
12:6	Woman in wilderness		X	
12:14	Woman nourished			X
13:5	Beast from sea	X		

Dan.	Designation	Reference	
8:14	2300 days	Period of oppression by Antiochus	
7:25	Time, times, dividing of time Fourth beast's dominion		
12:7	Time, times, half	Duration of "time of trouble," 12:1?	
12:11f	1290 days, 1335 days		

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# Rev 12:7-9, Ongoing: War in Heaven

12:7 → Daniel 10, Angelic Conflict Daniel 11, Earthly Conflict 12:8-9 → Daniel 12, Great Trouble

Dan 10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till **three whole weeks** were fulfilled.

Dan10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

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## Angelic Conflict & Human History

### **Daniel 10, Angelic Conflict**

Dan 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. ... 20 and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. 21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

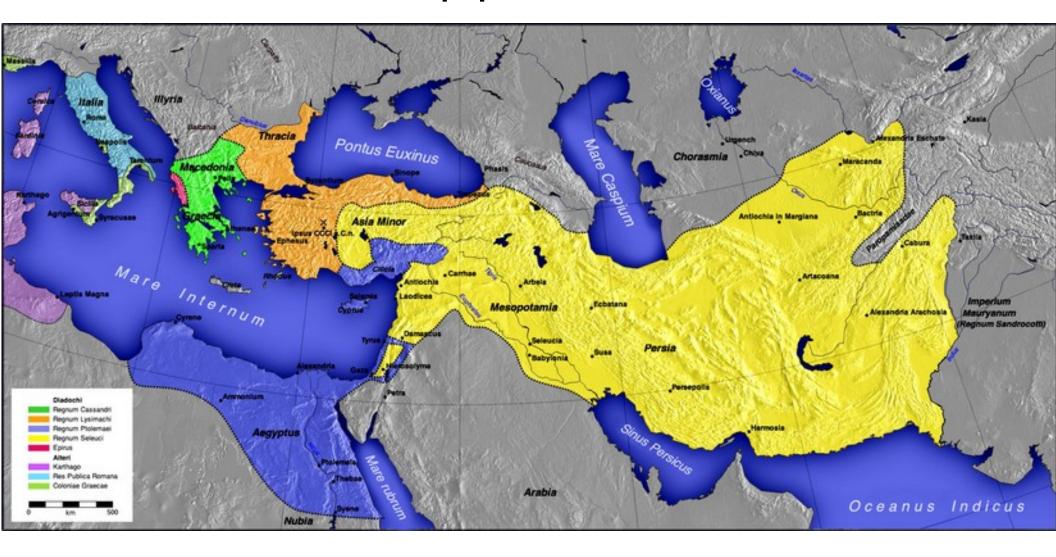
Dan 11:	Dates	Description
1-20	536- 175 BC	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of Cyrus of Persia (10:1) to Antiochus IV
21-35	175- 164 BC	Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria
36-45	?	Probably describes the Antichrist

### **Daniel 11, Earthly History**

Dan 11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. 3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. [Alexander the Great]. 4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven;

- King of North: Seleucus (Syria)
- King of South: Ptolemy (Egypt)

# The Seleucid Empire, 301 BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes, 175-164 BC



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## Some Helpful References

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up [stand back], the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

### 12:9 The Dragon's Titles

- Serpent → Genesis 3
- the Devil, Satan
  - Job 1
  - Zechariah 3
  - Rev 12:10 "accuser of our brethren"

#### which deceiveth the whole world

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Job 16:19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record (שהד H7717 advocate) is on high.

## When does Satan Fall from Heaven??

Before creation?

Is. 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will be like the most High.

At the Cross?

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.