**Revelation 12: The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon**

**Main Idea:**

**Israel and Satan: Knowing their history helps us understand our history**

**1. Satan vs. Israel: A brief history 12:1-6**

* **Woman = Israel, the Dragon = Satan, The Child = The Lord Jesus**
* **1,260 days = 3 ½ years**
* **1/3 of the stars = angels?**

**2. Angelic conflict: Michael vs. Satan 12:7-12**

* **Middle of the Trib.**
* **His defeat “seals the deal” for the Kingdom**
* **The Kingdom is not yet here (Lk. 21:31)**

**3. The pursuit and protection of Israel 12:13-17**

* **Thrown to the earth, Satan is enraged**
* **Satan now seeks to destroy Israel**
* **This section confirms it is from the middle of the Trib on**
* **After Israel is protected, Satan turns his attention to the 144,000 (and the fruit of their ministry?)**

**Applications**

 **1. 3 ½ years**

 **2. Mt. 24:22: Shortened**

 **3. On earth as it is in the heavenlies**

 **4. History revolves around Israel**

 **5. Blessing the faithful, condemning the wicked**

 **6. Obedience and a clear testimony**

 **7. What does Satan know?**

 **8. A future for Israel**

 **9. He’s after disciples (Mt. 25:31-46)**

**10. God is still in control**

**A word about interpretation**

**Normal Hermeneutics: Like all literature**

**The Author’s intention**

**Context: Literary and historical/cultural**

**Original language**

**Meditation: The lost art of thinking**