

## REVELATION: Lesson 117

### Chapter 12:11-17, Overcomers Take Flight to Safety

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#### How to Have Victory over the Dragon and Stand for the Lord (vs 11)

- Not by the works of the Law (Rom 4:4, 11:6; Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:5; Gal 2:21, 5:4)
  - By the blood of the Lamb (Jn 6:53; Rom 3:25, 5:9; Eph 1:7, 2:13; Col 1:14, 20; Heb 9:12, 14; Rev 7:14)
  - By the word of your testimony (Rev 6:9, 11:7, 11; Luke 21:12-13)
  - By loving the Lord more than you love your own life (Luke 14:26-27; Acts 20:24; Rev 2:10)
- The tribulation saints are in a position where they must choose to either stand for Jesus Christ or deny Him. So, they choose to stand.
- Christians today, for the most part, don't have any external pressures on them forcing them to make that choice. They don't deny the Lord, but they're also not standing for Him.
- Persecution creates Christ-honoring Christians.

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#### Three Times When Heaven Rejoices During the Tribulation

- When the Devil is cast out of heavenly places (Rev 12:12)
- When the Babylonian system of commerce is destroyed (Rev 18:20)
- When the Lamb is married (Rev 19:7)

#### What can we do to cause rejoicing in Heaven today?

- Lead a sinner to Jesus Christ (Luke 15:7, 10)

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#### Wings of an Eagle (vs 14)

**Exodus 19:4** God got the nation of Israel out of Egypt “**on eagles' wings.**”

**Deut 32:9-12** The Lord found His people in the wilderness and “**as an eagle...beareth them on her wings.**”

**Isa 40:28-31** Weary young men who wait upon the Lord “**shall mount up with wings as eagles.**”

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**Biblical examples of men being miraculously transported by the Lord:**

**1 Kings 18:41-46**      Elijah ran from Carmel to Jezreel (32 km) faster than Ahab drove a chariot.

**Acts 8:27-40**      Philip ran to the Ethiopian eunuch riding in a chariot. After the man's baptism, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip (vs 39), and he was found in Azotus (vs 40).

**John 6:15-21**      The disciples rowed 25-30 furlongs (6 km) across the Sea of Galilee (almost halfway). When Jesus stepped into the ship, immediately they were at the land (vs 21).

**Rev 12:14**      When the Jewish remnant obeys God, gets out of Judaea with no provisions, and heads for the wilderness hungry and weak, God is going to miraculously transport them to their destination.

**Psalms 124:1-8**      Men rose up like a flood after Israel. God helped them to escape "as a bird" (vs 7)

**Psalms 55:6-7, 12**      One whom they thought was a friend betrayed them and wants to kill them (vs 12). They say, "I wish I could fly away (vs 6) into the wilderness (vs 7)."

**Isaiah 59:19**      When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will be there to help. This refutes any idea that the Holy Spirit is gone after the rapture of the Church.

**Exodus 15:11**      The earth swallowed them.

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