

Reflection for 07 May 2017

Rev. 12: 1-18

Vs. 12 "Let the heavens rejoice and all who live there; but for you, earth and sea, trouble is coming- because the devil has gone down to you in a rage, **knowing that his days are numbered.**" Heaven rejoices that Jesus has come to redeem men. The devil is attacking us with fierceness because he knows that he lost and is trying to get as many souls for his domain as possible- to rob God of his beloved souls He created. Satan can't create anything. He can only destroy souls created to have eternal life with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Vs. 17 Then the dragon was enraged with the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her children. That is, all who obey God's commandments and bear witness for Jesus.

we shouldn't be surprised that as we grow closer to God that our difficulties increase. Satan attacks all who obey God's commandments and bring his good news to others because he sees that more souls are slipping from his grip.

Satan knew he had lost our Blessed Mother. The only way he could hurt her was to deprive her of her children. From this scripture we see Mary was already designated as our mother too— Jesus did this on the Cross.

Jesus said in Mathew that his followers would do the works he did and even greater, **but with persecution.** Satan inspires hatred toward us because we belong to the Lord and have authority to do wonders through faith. We need to accept the persecution along with the great blessings. We know who the victor is.

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