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Rev. 12:7-12

Brethren I would like to share with you these. And as Christians we ought to digest the word of God so that it may dwell in us richly.

“And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him. And i heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

It may happen that in the Church there are those that Satan is using to cause division among the brethren; and by doing so we find that the church split. Thus why the Spirit of the Lord so it wise and wrote to us telling us to note those who cause conflict and division in the Church of our Lord. Many may arose and mock us as they see it reasonable. We are told to imitate those who became Christians and had good example, good report for the work of the Lord, we may learn from them and do as they deed. Apostle Paul being one of these, he fought a good fight and run a good race and we are told by the Word, that Paul was waiting to receive his reward which is placed in higher places in heaven. *“Brethren, be follower together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. For many walk, of whom i have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earth things.”* Phil. 3:17-19. This instruction is not given to one congregation, but it is given to a whole Church who have followed the right procedure of being Rom. 16:16. Satan has been lingering to us even these days and as if it is not enough he still forcing people of the Lord’s church to rejects what is right and follow after what is wrong. We should not allow him to win because where he is exits jealousy and self ambition, brethren these are some of the things that causes Church not to grow. And by this we

need more teachings and studying God's word precisely. *"For where envying and strife is there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."* James 3:16-17. As Christians, mostly we have affliction which cause by the Satan and when it happens we allow him to ruin into our lives. We know that he was thrown down from heaven, when he wanted to rule the authority above God. Again mostly we think of being wise to the extent that we rejects to follow God's instructions. No one is wise than God and His son Jesus Chris. *"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."* James 3:13-15. Christians have to reject Satan and his works because they are fruitless, but God's are fruitful. Human being love the shortcut ways which cannot reach us to heaven. Things like division causes the Church not to grow because everyone is not speaking as the Word directs. Our Lord prayed for unity that we all may be one in His body and when we have unity we love one another, by doing so Satan is ashamed. There are some who really care for each member either abroad or here in East Africa.

Lastly, God defeated Satan when he lacked power, lost place and when he lost position of being in heaven. In our text we see Satan is described as dragon, serpent, devil, Satan, deceiver or accuser. And he will act with wrath on Earth, knowing he has only a short time and this is his determination. What is the context? When brethren tries to do battle with the Church failing to understand that it belongs to Christ and that we ought to follow and do His will, regardless of the situation we are in. And this includes His command to love one another. The Devil tried to do battle with the Christ and lost. He also tried to do battle with the church as a whole and lost. The same to us whoever will try to do battle with the Church will lose and be thrown out of the flock. The only victory of the Satan will be against individual Christians who leave Christ and the Church for him. As well as those who never submit to Christ.

May the good Lord help us reach His will.

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