

DAY 35: MARTYR MENTALITY VS. PERSECUTION COMPLEX

I. MARTYR MENTALITY

- A. Living a cruciform life, following in the footsteps of Jesus
- B. Embracing, rejoicing in suffering ([Acts 5](#))
- C. Rejoicing in the taking away of rights
- D. Full of majesty through meekness
- E. Called to get pummeled in the End of the Age, recognizing that God is the one commanding the beating

II. REVELATION 12

- A. Hones in on the focus of Satan's rage
- B. The woman (Israel) gives birth to a child (Jesus) ([v. 4-5](#))
- C. Israel flees into the wilderness ([v. 6](#))
 - 1. This is mentioned throughout scripture
 - 2. Many will flee, some voluntarily, others by force
- D. "...devil comes down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short" ([v. 12](#))
 - 1. He pursues the woman, but she flees into the wilderness ([v. 14](#))
 - 2. He pursues her offspring for the testimony of Jesus ([v. 17](#))
- E. We are overcome because of the testimony of Jesus and we are overcoming by the testimony of Jesus
- F. Satan's fury is set against the woman's offspring, who are "those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." ([v. 17](#))
- G. Persecution does not come primarily from being a Christian
 - 1. It comes primarily from prophetic realities surrounding Jesus and His covenant faithfulness to Israel, the Jewish people, and Jerusalem