

The Revelation of Jesus Christ



Chapter 12

Revelation 12

¹ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ² and she was with child; and she *cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

A GREAT SIGN IN HEAVEN

- What is a sign?
- Who is this woman?
 - How do you know?
 - What does it mean...
 - ...to be clothed by the sun?
 - ...to have the moon under her feet?
 - ...to be crowned with 12 stars
 - What does this clothing to the woman say about her status with God and His care and concern for her?
- What child is this? (v. 5)
 - And she gave birth to a son, a _____ child, who is to _____ all the nations with a rod of _____; and her child was caught up to _____ and to His _____. (See Psalm 2)
 - What does the woman crying out “being in labor and in pain to give birth” represent?

³ Then another sign appeared in
 heaven: and behold, a great red dragon
 having seven heads and ten horns, and
 on his heads were seven diadems. ⁴
 And his tail *swept away a third of the
 stars of heaven and threw them to the
 earth. And the dragon stood before
 the woman who was about to give
 birth, so that when she gave birth he
 might devour her child.

⁵ And she gave birth to a son, a male
 child, who is to rule all the nations
 with a rod of iron; and her child was
 caught up to God and to His throne. ⁶
 Then the woman fled into the
 wilderness where she *had a place
 prepared by God, so that there she
 would be nourished for one thousand
 two hundred and sixty days.

THE GREAT RED DRAGON

- Red, in Revelation symbolizes _____
- Seven symbolizes _____
- Ten symbolizes _____
- These crowns are _____, meaning what?
- What's the meaning of the dragon sweeping down 1/3 of the stars?
(consider Revelation 12:7 / Job 38:7 / 2 Peter 2:4 / Jude 6 / and Dan. 8:10)
- Where do these stars land? Meaning?
- Is the Dragon by himself in his rebellion?
- What is meant by the Dragon standing before the woman to devour her child?
- Has Satan been trying to thwart God's plan? (Give examples)
- After the woman gives birth to the male child, what happens to the child?
- ...which means what?
- What did the woman do afterward?
- Why a "wilderness"? What wilderness Bible stories might John be referring to?
- God's summary of Israel in the wilderness (Deut. 8:15,16) "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery _____ and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no _____; He brought water for you out of the rock of _____. In the wilderness He fed you _____ which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might _____ you, to do good for you in the end."

- What two things did Israel find in the wilderness after leaving Egypt?
- How long is the woman in the wilderness? Meaning?
- The woman in this portion of this chapter represents what?
- Where else do we find Michael in the Bible? And what is he doing?

⁷ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸ and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. ¹² “For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you,

- In Michael’s battle with the Dragon, who wins? Meaning?
- What is the meaning of the Dragon (the _____ of old who is called the _____ and _____) being thrown down to the earth?
- According to v. 11 how was the victory obtained?
 - What was Christ’s role in this victory?
 - What does this tell us about our role in the great spiritual war that is raging?
 - Knowing all this, WHEN is the Dragon thrown down?
- Now (WHEN?), a loud voice says, “Now...
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____ of His Christ have come
 - because..._____
- But the down side to this at the moment is...

having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she *was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. ¹⁷ So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

- the devil has come down to you, having great _____...
- ...knowing that he has only a _____ time
- Namely, now that the Dragon is thrown down to the earth, what does he want to do to the woman?
- _____
- God (parallel to v.6) provides...
 - two wings of the great _____ (see Ex. 19:4 “You yourselves have seen what I did to the _____, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.”
 - wilderness to her place where she was nourished for a _____ from the presence of the serpent
 - When the Serpent pours _____ like a river to drown the woman, God makes the earth...
- What does the enraged Dragon now do?
 - Who are the woman's children?
 - What do they do?