

ISRAEL—THE WOMAN BRINGS A CHILD

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Text: Revelation 12:1–6

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” (Revelation 12:1–6)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: “While we need always to be a friend of Israel and defend Israel against her enemies and persecutors, we must not forget that God has a serious case against Israel for their rejection of Jesus Christ. Once Israel turns to Jesus Christ, Israel’s troubles are over.”—John Butler

TRUTHS ABOUT THE REVELATION

1. It is prophetic in nature.
2. It is the summation to all of the events in the Scriptures.
3. Revelation will make or draw reference to previous events, people, and begins to tie the whole picture together.
4. Revelation uses symbols that are obvious or are explained elsewhere in Scripture to reveal future happenings.

1. THE _____ OF THE CHILD (v. 1-6)

A. The _____ Identified (v. 1)

“And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.”
(Genesis 37:9)

Quote: “The description of the woman as clothed with the sun and the moon is an allusion to Genesis 37:9-11 where these heavenly bodies represent Jacob and Rachel, thereby identifying the woman with the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant. In the same context the stars represent the patriarchs, the sons of Jacob.”—**John Walvoord**

B. The _____ Appears (v. 3-4, 9)

HIS IDENTITY

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:”
(Revelation 12:9)

HIS INSTINCTS

- Cunning

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
(John 8:44)

- Strong
- Ruler

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” (Isaiah 14:12-14)

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:4)

HIS INFLUENCE

Quote: "This takes us to the beginning of things, to Satan's initial rebellion in heaven. It would seem that a third part of the angelic host followed him in his great rebellion."

—John Phillips

HIS INTENTIONS

"And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." (Matthew 2:13)

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men." (Matthew 2:16)

C. The _____ Is Born (v. 2, 4b–6)

A DELIVERY

Quote: "She brought forth" refers to Israel's begetting of her Messiah. It was the work of the nation, not of Mary alone."

—Robert L. Thomas

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Galatians 4:4–5)

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)

"Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?" (Genesis 18:18)

A DESCRIPTION

- A Man Child
- Who Was to Rule
- Jesus ascended back to Heaven seated on His throne with the Father

"But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy." (Matthew 26:63–66)

2. THE _____ IN HEAVEN (v. 7)

A. The _____ (v. 7a)

Quote: “That is about the very last place one would expect to find war. War in heaven! No wonder that at the end of the Apocalypse God makes both a new heaven and a new earth. For Satan has defiled both realms.”—**John Phillips**

B. The _____ (v. 7b)

MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS

THE DRAGON

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” (Daniel 12:1)

C. The _____ (v. 8-9a)

SATAN IS EXPELLED FROM HEAVEN

- The Great Dragon
- That Old Serpent
- Called the Devil
- Satan

HEAVEN REJOICES

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:” (1 John 2:1)

THE SAINTS ARE VICTORIOUS

- By the Blood of the Lamb

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

- By the Word of Their Testimony

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”
(2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

- Because They Loved not Their Lives unto Death

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)

3. THE _____ OF THE **WOMAN** (v. 6, 12-17)

A. The _____ of Satan’s Wrath
(v. 12b)

THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF WOE TO THE EARTH
THE WRATH AGAINST THE BELIEVERS

B. The _____ Against the Woman
(v. 6, 13)

Quote: “Here she is seen in the time of great tribulation as fleeing in the wilderness to place prepared of God where for 1,260 days she is cared for...There is obviously a tremendous time lapse between verses 5 and 6, but this is not an uncommon occurrence in prophecy; the first and second comings of Christ are frequently spoken of in the same sentence.”

—John Walvoord

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:” (Matthew 24:15-16)

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” (Matthew 24:21)

C. The _____ of the Woman
(The People of Israel) (v. 14)

SATAN IS DEFEATED

“And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.” (Zechariah 13:8-9)

SATAN FIGHTS IN ANGER

CONCLUSION

TAKEAWAYS

1. The Woman in Revelation 12 is Israel
2. The Child Is Christ
3. Christ is Hated By the Dragon
4. Satan Persecutes “The Woman”
5. Those Who Have the Testimony of Christ Overcome by the Blood of the Lamb



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