

# REVELATION 12



**The Woman  
& the man  
Child**

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# Rev 12:1-2 The Woman = God's Faithful

Rev 12:1 A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman *clothed with the sun* & the *moon*  
under her feet, on her head a *crown of*  
*twelve stars*. v2 She was *with child* ...

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**God's faithful people: Israel & the Church!**

Hos 2:16 Israel will call Me "my husband."

2 Cor 11:2 Betrothed to one husband...Christ

She's glorious, clothed with the sun, crowned with stars, and the moon as her pedestal.

McGuiggan: "People of God viewed as Victorious"  
(Hailey; JFB agree). "Stephanos" = victory crown.

# Rev 12:1-2 The Woman = God's Faithful

Rev 12:2 And she **was with child**;  
& she cried out, being **in labor**  
**and in pain to give birth.**

v.2 Was with child — (Isa 7:14)

*A virgin will be with child & bear a son,  
and she will call His name Immanuel.*

**Rev 12:5 Proves this child to be the Christ.**

*"She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is  
to rule all the nations with a rod of iron & her  
child was caught up to God & to His throne."*

**( Compare Dan 7:13-14; Ps 2:7-9; Rev 19:15-16)**



# Rev 12:3-4 **The Red Dragon**

Rev 12:3 Behold, a **Great red dragon** having **7 heads** & **10 horns** & on his heads were **7 diadems**.

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**Great red dragon** — **Satan**

(Rev 12:9; 20:2) **Dragon = Serpent = Devil = Satan**

**Ten horns** — **Full of power**

**Ten** = fullness (Gen 31:7; Job 19:3; Dan 1:20)

**Horns** = power (Zech 1:18,21; 2 Chron 18:10)

**Seven diadems** — **Ruler's crown (13:1)**.

**Not a victory crown [stephenos].**



# Rev 12:3-4 **The Red Dragon**

Rev 12:4 His **tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven** & threw them to the earth.

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**Tail swept away a third of the stars :**

**Satan's power over Rome to demolish worldly leaders.**

**(Dan 8:10) Horn caused some of the stars to be cast to earth & trampled**



# Rev 12:3-4 **The Red Dragon**

Rev 12:4 And the dragon stood before the woman who was **about to give birth**, so that when she gave birth he **might devour her child**.

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***Might devour her child —  
Satan's attempt to  
destroy Christ !***

***(Mat 2:16) " Herod saw that  
he had been tricked by the magi, he became  
very enraged, & sent & slew all the male child-  
ren who were in Bethlehem & in all its environs."***

# Rev 12:5 **The Male Child, Christ**

Rev 12:5 She **GAVE BIRTH** to a son, *a male child*, who is to *rule all the nations with a rod of iron* & her child was *caught up to God* & to His throne.

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**Male child:** (Mat 1:21) “She will bear a Son..”

**Is to rule the nations:** (Rev 19:15-16) *King of Kings.*

**With rod of iron:** *Power of control* (Rev 2:7; 19:15)

**Caught up to God and His throne :** *His Ascension.*

(Mk 16:19; Dan 7:13)



# Rev 12:6 **Woman in the Wilderness**

Rev 12:6 Then the woman *fled into the wilderness* where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be *nourished for 1260 days*...

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***Fled into the wilderness:***

***Place of Refuge for Jews (Ex 16:1); David (1 Sam 23:24-25; 26:2-3); Elijah (1 Ki 19:4 -8).***

***Nourished 1260 days: Persecuted by officials of Rome, yet protected.***

***v14 But two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly. Providence***



# Rev 12:7-12 War in Heaven

Rev 12:7 There was *war in heaven*,  
*Michael and his angels* waging war with the  
dragon. The *dragon and his angels* waged war.

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*Michael and  
his angels:  
Archangel  
& defender  
of faithful.*

*War in heaven: (Eph 6:12)  
“Our battle is against the  
forces of this darkness...  
in the heavenly places.”*

*Dan 12:1 Michael stands guard over.. your people*

# Rev 12:7-12 War in Heaven

Rev 12:10 The great dragon was *thrown down*, the *serpent* of old who is called the *devil & Satan* ... And his angels were *thrown down* with him.

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Christ's Ministry : *Limited* Satan...  
"fallen like lightning" (Lk 10:18)

Crucifixion : *Beat* Satan (John 12:31-32)

His Ascension : *Looted* Satan (Eph 4:8; Lk 11:21f)

Thrown down : *Satan lost the battle !* Heb 2:14f



# Rev 12:7-12 War in Heaven

Rev 12:10 "Now the *Salvation, the Power, & the Kingdom* of our *God and the Authority of His Christ* have come

For the *accuser of our brethren* has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day & night.



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- Salvation** — 1<sup>st</sup> sermon after *ascension* Acts 2:38
  - Power** — Came with Spirit after *ascension* Acts 1:8
  - Kingdom** — Came w/ Power after *ascension* Mk 9:1
  - Authority** — Given to Jesus at *ascension* Mt 28:18

# Rev 12:7-12 War in Heaven

Rev 12:11 *And they overcame him because of **the blood** of the Lamb and because of the **word of their testimony**, & they **did not love their life** even when faced with death.*



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**Overcame him because:** 3 elements of the martyr's victory

**1. Blood of the lamb:** Ransom was totally paid. (Rev 5:9)

**2. Word of their testimony:** They maintained their confession. (Rev 6:9)

**3. Loved not their life:** Sacrificed life (Rev 2:10)

# Rev 12:7-12 War in Heaven

Rev 12:12 Woe to the earth and the sea, because the *devil has come down to you, having GREAT WRATH*, knowing that he has *only a short time.*"

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**GREAT WRATH:** As a roaring lion (1 Pet 5:8)

*Only a short time:* Time of persecution under Rome.

Martyrs told to "wait" (6:11)  
Satan would be bound" (20:1-3)



# Rev 12:3-17 Deliverance

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, *he persecuted the woman* who gave birth to the male child.

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v13 He persecuted the woman: The people of God (12:1-2)

He failed — in his attempt to destroy Christ (v.4-5)

Now Begins — His persecution of the early church  
(Rev 12:13-17; Acts 4:18; 5:28, 40; 7:58; 8:1)

# Rev 12:3-17 Deliverance

Rev 12:15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

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**Flood:** Destructive (Ps 32:6) Let the godly Pray..  
“Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not reach him.”

Ps 90:5 Thou has swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep.





# Rev 12:3-17 Deliverance

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v16 “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.”



**Earth Helped:** God's providence for believers !  
Paul Delivered: Acts 19:30-41; 2 Cor 1:8-10!

# Rev 12:3-17 Deliverance

v17 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.

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***Rest of her children***– Not just Mary and Jesus physical brothers, but all other faithful believers in the early church.

Paul's "Children" included ***Timothy*** (1 Tim 1:2), ***Titus*** (Titus 1:4) and the ***Corinthians*** (1 Cor 4:15).



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**Satan's  
attempt  
to destroy  
the Church  
WILL FAIL !**

**Woman = Faithful people  
of God.** McGuiggan; Hailey 269

*Ogden: The righteous Israel  
who were gathered to  
Jesus the first time.*