

- Rev 12:1** 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:
- Rev 12:2** And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- Rev 12:3** 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.
- Rev 12:4** 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.
- Rev 12:5** 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.
- Rev 12:6** 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.
- Rev 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- Rev 12:8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- Rev 12:9** 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.
- Rev 12:10** 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.
- Rev 12:11** 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.
- Rev 12:12** 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.
- Rev 12:13** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.
- Rev 12:14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.
- Rev 12:15** And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.
- Rev 12:16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
- Rev 12:17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The great dragon cast out Vs 9

Looking at earth in vs 11

The war continues vs 13-17

The remnant vs 17 ... The war becomes personal...(Persons 6 & 7 are in Chapter 13; the first 5 were in this chapter...)

- The Remnant... our brethren, the accused ones still here; the blood of the lamb covers them, and how they overcame is by giving their testimony in spite of all the opposition they encountered, knowing by faith they have the power via the blood and staying true to JC
- Only His work allows for the boldness to stand firm in spite of death—we can't conquer on our own, but can thru Him
  - **Rom 8:37** *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

- **Act 22:4** *And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.*
- They did not value their lives beyond the word of God
- Satan scares those not firm in their faith...see vs 12... Satan wants to keep others from going into heaven just as he cannot go into heaven; satan knows his time is short and wants to damage any and all he can!
  - This is the beginning of the end of the great Tribulation~ Satan is now only allowed on earth, and his influence increases since he is no longer allowed in heaven. His wrath increases as well...
    - **Rev 13:6** *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*
    - blasphemy against the house of God...
    - us... we are now the tabernacle of God since His indwelling and JC's return to heaven!
  - Will be loosed a little season before the final sealing away...
  - **Rev 20:3** *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

Vs 13 Narrative of the woman, the church... vs 6... now picks up again after the explanation of what was going on in heaven and in preparation for the effort against the church and JC

- Place prepared for 3.5 years...remnant church protected and even fed by the world! Like the ravens brought Ezekial food!
- God preserves the church and the man child...JC

Satan is using direct intimidation, arrests, all fears, etc. etc....esp. the bodily persecutions and then the heresies...to do all he can to destroy the church. Finally lukewarmness and iniquities and comforts

Vs 14 Satan cannot overcome the church as the church, so now it is against the individual members of the church

- **Exo 19:4** *Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.*
- Figure of speech to tell of the deliverance from the Egyptian army, the idolatry, the heresies and divisions that arose, etc.

*2 wings=OT and NT... the days of evil will not prevail;  
eagles hate snakes...they destroy then feed them to their young!*

**Deu 32:11** *As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: Deu 32:12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.*

**Joh 17:14** *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

Vs 15 The serpent is Satan. He did what he could to flood her with every kind of destruction he could conjure—physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, via governments, bad doctrine, oppression, provocations, etc.

- **Isa 59:19** *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

A flood of righteousness shall be lifted up from the Lord to counter the evil coming against the church...

Vs 16 The earth responded and swallowed up this flood of evil, like Korah in the desert who rebelled against Moses! The earth will be a place of refuge against those who come against the church and Jerusalem... natural disasters... hail against the armies of God and Magog... today's floods and fires may be a portent...

Vs 17 every effort of the dragon to destroy the church will be thwarted, even under great and terrible battles... a remnant will remain and JC will win!!! The instrument of satan's will actually will become a tool to protect the church!

The seed of the woman is all members of the church

We are the brethren of JC! Keep and do His commandments; they hold on to whatever they have!

- **Heb 2:11** *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*
- The called and the faithful...Christian and Jew!!!

Vs 1-6 = the woman

Vs 7-12=the origin of satan's hatred

Vs13-17 sends agents to destroy the woman (the church) and JC (the manchild) , for he knows his time is short, and does not win!