

Revelation 12

Woman w/ child and dragon

Ch 12 prepares us & introduces key players of Ch 13—Israel, Christ-child, Satan, Archangel Michael, Godly remnant & ch 13 two human actors Beast out of the sea and Beast out of the earth—Satan uses these two to further his agenda in final period of great tribulation.

Crucial is the correct understand of ch 12 & 13. Much misinterpretation follows when mess up id of woman, child & dragon (:1-5). Some because of careless neglect will follow false teachers into hell 22:18,19 having their names erased from book of life. **Piper Aerostar crash because wrong fuel pumped by careless employee—Jet fuel instead of hi-octane careless neglect spelled death for those in the plane. “Believe not every spirit but test whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.’ 1Jn 4:1 KJV**

Catholic will teach virgin Mary is woman--depicts her assumption into heaven as Queen of Heaven--pregnant w/ Christ child (17th C Spanish artist Bartolome Murillo picture) Yet birth, death, resurrection of Christ had already taken place when John writes. No scripture of Mary ascending-she lived w/ apostle John until her death.

Mary Baker Eddy inventor of Christian Science religion—says she is the woman & the child she’s giving birth to is her teaching of ‘Christian Science’ (**Science and health with key to the scriptures**). Dragon is the mortal minds seeking to destroy her new religion. HA Ironside ‘With theories such as these I need not take up the time of sane people’ or ‘It couldn’t be MBE because the dragon got her’.

Not the church giving birth to Christ (**backwards**) but church born of Jesus

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1 And 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. **3** And **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.

Great sign in heaven—translates to great event on earth. In the Middle of 7 yr tribulation. Woman w/ child ready to give birth. Who is woman & child? Clue in vs 1 Sun, moon, 12 stars **Gen 37:9** **9** Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” **10** And he related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”

Relates to Israel and the historic suffering of Jews to present day culminating in Antichrist pursuing in final effort to destroy.

Second sign in heaven signifies literal event on earth. Similar description 13:1; 17:3; parallels w/ **Dan 7:7** “After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. **8** “While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great boasts.,²⁴ ‘As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

World ruling power--Revived Roman Empire of which Satan is the power source--vs 9 identifies the Dragon as Satan. His presence, power & personification shows in this coming world ruling empire.

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Swept 1/3 of stars—these are angels who follow Satan in his rebellion—they now cast to earth :7,:9 Stars *Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Red Dragon—red horse 6:4 – blood, slaughter, death--*Jn 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.—*conflict woman and Satan *Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”* **Pharoah, Hamaan, Herod**, Judas (Satan thought betray of cross defeat him but **Hitler, PLO, Hamas, etc.** Demonic hatred of Jews-anti-Semitism, wave unlike any other yet God will protect for 1260 days, last ½ tribulation. *Mat 24:15-21 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 “But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! 20 “But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.*