

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE WOMAN, THE CHILD AND THE DRAGON -- 12:1-6

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<p><u>THE SIGN OF THE WOMAN - v. 15</u> <u>Revelation 12:1-6; - 12:1-2, 5-6</u></p> <p><i>Rev 12:1 Now <u>a great sign</u> appeared in heaven:</i></p> <p><i><u>a woman</u></i></p> <p><i><u>clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,</u></i></p> <p><i><u>and on her head a garland of twelve stars.</u></i></p> <p><i>Rev 12:2 Then <u>being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.</u></i></p> <p><u>THE SIGN OF THE DRAGON - 12:3-4</u> <i>Rev 12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, <u>a great, fiery red dragon</u></i></p> <p><i><u>having seven heads and ten horns,</u></i></p> <p><i><u>and seven diadems on his heads.</u></i></p>	<p><i><u>“a great sign” - cf. 12:1, 3(another of the same kind); 13:13-14; 15:1(spectacular) ; 16:14; 19:20</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“woman” - Her connection with religion - cf. Jezebel - Rev. 2:20-23</u></i> <i><u>Great Harlot - Rev. 17:1; Bride - Rev. 19:7; 21:9 - cf. Israel - Jeremiah 3:20; (church? Israel?) 1 Cor. 10:32</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet” - Her attire/clothing - cf. Genesis 37:9-11- dream of Joseph</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“and on her head a garland of twelve stars” – Her crown/garland - Rev. 7:4-8</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.</u></i> <i><u>” Her cries of labor pain - Cf. Isaiah 26:17-18; 66:7-11</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“a great fiery red dragon”</u></i> The identity of the dragon The Context leaves no doubt as to the dragon’s identity - <u>12:9</u> The <u>Color reveals his real character</u> - - <u>John 8:44; Revelation 6:4; 9:2, 11.</u> Fiery red (a very powerful color in the original language) is referred to as a sign of killing, murder</p> <p><i><u>“having seven heads and ten horns” - His Connection with the beast - cf. 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2 cf. Revelation 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9-12, 18</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“and seven diadems on his heads.” - The Crown on the seven heads Greek - diadems (not stephanos- emphasizes Satan’s control or ruling of the empires of the world – rulership like Christ!</u></i></p>	<p>Women are used as symbols of religion! Who is this woman? -- Israel!!</p> <p>Jacob and his wife –</p> <p>Twelve stars - <u>twelve tribes</u> or twelve apostles?</p> <p>From the prophet, Isaiah – labor pain-agony of Israel; the birth of the male Child; -- the whole descriptions here in this chapter point to Israel!</p> <p>We’ll see this Beast again in Revelation, Chapters 13 & 17.</p> <p>The character of this dragon is murder, death, killing, destroyer! His whole history is bloodshed of the martyrs!</p> <p>This means that behind the leaders of the empires of the world, is the devil, himself!</p>
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Rev 12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Rev 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared (possibly Petra) by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

INTERPRETATION

“His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.” - The influence of the dragon - cf. 1:20; 9: 1, 11; 12:9 with Jude 6(kept not their first estate) and 2 Peter 2:4 (tartaros) - cf. Daniel 8:9-10

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.” - The intent/plan of the dragon - Cf. Genesis 3:15; Matt. 2:16-18; 1 Peter 5:8

“She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.” - Her Child

“who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.” - The Authority which the child will possess - Cf. Psalm 2:7-10 “rod” - Psalm 23:4; Ezekiel 20:37; Revelation 19:15 (very clear reference here in Rev.)

“caught up” The Ascension of the child - (Greek - harpazo) - to seize or rescue from danger - Cf. 2 Cor. 12:2, 4; 1 Thess. 4:17

“Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.” Her care by God during the tribulation

“wilderness...prepared by God” - The Place - cf. Matthew 24:16; John 14:2-3

“feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.” - The Purpose - cf. Psalm 23:5

APPLICATION

Moral fall of Satan – remember that for ever fallen angel there are two “good” angels!

The fulfillment of this Gen. 3:15 prophecy occurred at the cross!

A very unusual child!!! Having great authority, ruling over all!
Ps. 2:12 – wonderful Messianic message & presentation of the gospel in the OT—“kiss the Son (“every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess”)...put your trust in Him”!!
Ps. 23:4 - “rod” – to be used for spanking; also used as a weapon (pictured here as judgment) - Ez. 20:37; Zec. 13:8&9

The last half of the Great Tribulation is referred to as Jacob’s trouble!

Questions:

1. Who is the “woman” discussed in Chapter 12?
2. Who is “a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron?”
3. What does the color of fiery red, as it describes the dragon, mean to you?
4. What is the devil really trying to do?
5. Who was behind the declaration of Herod that all males under 2 years, should be killed?
6. What does the PLO document state regarding their plans for Israel?