

Revelation 12: a complete study

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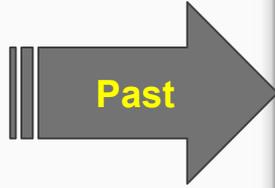
Audience

- New Students
- Advanced Students
- Church Leaders

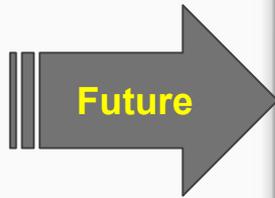
Objective

To teach chapter 12 of the book of Revelation verse by verse, pointing out the various references and timeline of this prophetic text. To show that events of the past, present and future are revealed in relation to Israel, Satan, the Church and the 2 comings of Jesus.

Outline



- The Woman, Israel – in pain to bring forth Messiah
- The Dragon, Satan – his career
- The Male Child, Messiah - ending Daniel's 69 Weeks



- First half of Daniel's 70th Week
- The Angel Michael - War in Heaven at the midpoint
- Last half of the 70th Week – the Great Tribulation

Revelation 12

1 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.

The ancient past

The Woman, Israel – in pain to bring forth
Messiah – the story of the Old Testament

Sun Moon and 12 Stars is a reference to
Genesis 37:9

The crown means she is royalty, also alluded to
in Genesis

The child she is in pain to deliver is the Messiah,
Jesus

3 Then 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.

The Red Dragon, Satan – his career

Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Matthew 4, Luke 4

7 heads: #1 Egypt through #6 Rome

1/3 of stars: Job 1,2, 38:7, Genesis 6:2-4, 2Peter 2:4, Jude 6

Isaiah 66:6-9

First the Child, then the Birth Pains, the the children, then nation born in a day

These verses cover Genesis all the way through the Gospels

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.

The Male Child, Messiah, ending Daniel's first 69 Weeks

This son is clearly Jesus: Revelation 2:27, 19:15 and Psalm 2:9

Crucifixion ends the 69th week

Daniel 9 prophecy gap between 69th and 70th weeks = the gap between this verse and the next. THIS IS WHERE WE ARE TODAY

70 Weeks are all about Jerusalem and the Temple

Final week begins when the leader of the final Satanic empire/head – makes an agreement with Israel; must involve Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, permission to rebuild Temple

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

The Future

First half of Daniel's 70th Week: Beginning of sorrows/birth pains

Timing: In context, this is what happens after the 69th week of Daniel – the 70th

People: since this is post-resurrection, is this verse referring to the people of physical Israel (the Jews) or all Christians (per Romans 9)?

Either way, it is referring to events in and around the LAND/nation-state of Israel in the middle east

The time of "Wars and rumors of wars" and "Kingdom against Kingdom" has now arrived. Daniel 11, Isaiah 19

The Kingdom to the north of Israel, Turkey/Syria will be fighting the kingdom to her south, Egypt

7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

The Archangel Michael, War in Heaven at midpoint

IMPOSSIBLE this is talking about pre-70th week,
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Michael revealed as the Restrainer: Daniel 10:21, 12:1, 2Thessalonians 2:7

The Dragon, and the Serpent, is Satan

What Dragon or Serpent mean at different times

Angel army vs angel army, this is a unique event in history

Little horn causes angels to fall to earth: Daniel 8:10

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

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

12 For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. 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."

Is Satan accusing you before God right now?
Then he's still in heaven

Overcome him by Witnessing and willing
martyrdom

The "bright side" to the last 3.5 years – the great
outpouring of the Holy Spirit to those on earth
will be unprecedented in history: Joel 2:28-32

"Short time" is 3.5 years, nothing more

No Satanic hindrance in the 2nd heaven
between God and earth = great signs and
wonders

Great Tribulation is Satan's Wrath against the
Church and Israel, it is NOT God's Wrath against
the world

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.

14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

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

16 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.

Last 3.5 years – the Great Tribulation

This is first a war against the Woman, physical Israel, the Jews

Abomination of Desolation in Jerusalem at this time: Luke 21:20, Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14, 2Thessalonians 2:3-4, Zechariah 13:8-9, 14:1-2

Time, Times, half a time: Daniel 7:25, 12:7

Dragon = power, authority, strength, king of brutality and hate. Serpent = subtle, shining, ear-tickling; the great deceiver

Water from his mouth revenge for Noah's flood?

Unable to kill all the Jews like he has always wanted to do via his 7 Kingdoms, Satan now has resurrected the final one – making it the 7th and the 8th – the Caliphate

**17 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.
[18 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore...]**

Rest of Israel's children = Christians

Romans 8:29, Matthew 12

There will be no harder time in history to be a Christian. Many thousands, maybe even millions of martyrs during these last 3.5 years

Will physical or emotional suffering cause you to lose faith? This is how the Great Apostasy happens

Who is the one standing on the seashore witnessing the Beast Kingdom rising in its final form? John or the Dragon?

Satan's Throne is in Pergamum near the Turkish coast: Revelation 2:13

Chapter 13 is a direct continuation of this story, exactly what nations comprise the Beast Kingdom and how exactly the worship of Satan is enforced during the last 3.5 years

Summary and Conclusion

Rev. 12 Summary Timeline

The Woman vs the Dragon introduced. All of BC: Genesis-Jesus.

The Woman: Israel during time of "Kingdom against Kingdom". Future 3.5 years.

Jews and Christians killed by the millions. Final 3.5 years.



The Child: Jesus the Messiah. His birth, death, resurrection. ~0-33AD

The Dragon: Satan cast from heaven. Great Tribulation and Great Apostasy begin.

