**Revelation Chapter 12—The Woman, the Man Child, the Dragon**

**Let’s Review: Genesis 3:14-15, “**The LORD God said to the serpent,
         “Because you have done this.  Cursed are you more than all cattle,
         And more than every beast of the field;  On your belly you will go,
         And dust you will eat all the days of your lifeAnd 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.”

1. **This section is the parenthesis between the t6th and 7th trumpet judgments. Discuss the parenthesis and why John uses it.**
2. **Discuss the Seven Great Openings in Revelation.**
	1. **A door opened in heaven, Rev. 4:1**
	2. **The seals are opened, Rev. 6:1-8:1**
	3. **The Abyss opened, Rev. 9:2**
	4. **The Temple of God, Rev. 11:19**
	5. **Tabernacle of testimony opened, Rev. 15’5**
	6. **Heaven is opened, Rev. 19:11**
	7. **Book of Judgment opened, Rev. 20:12**
3. **Where is the Ark of the Testament in this Verse 1-2? Heaven**
4. **Describe the woman in Verse 2. What is the great wonder? The woman is Israel. The moon stars, etc.**
5. **Israel is described throughout the O. T. as “a woman in travail.” Read Isaiah 54:5, 66:7, Jeremiah 3-6, Micah 4:10, 5:2-3. Read and discuss. Allusions of Israel as a “woman in travail.”**
6. **List the O. T. references to “the woman” as a wife?**
	1. **Married woman, Isaiah 54:1**
	2. **Widow, Isaiah 47:7-9, Luke 18:1-8**
	3. **Adulterous Wife, Jeremiah 3:1-25, Hosea 2:1-23**
7. **Compare the woman to the “bride” in the N. T.**
	1. **Virgin, 2 Cor. 11:2**
	2. **Bride, Eph. 5:25-27**
8. **Read the description of Israel in the Old Testament in Genesis 37:5-9. Discuss the dream of Joseph and the description of the sun and moon and the eleven stars. The sun, moon, and 12 stars are idioms here of Joseph’s father, mother, and 11 brothers. The sun is a symbol of Israel; the moon is a symbol of Rachel; and the stars are a symbol of the twelve tribes of Israel.**
9. **Discuss Genesis 37:9-10. Compare the O.T. description of Israel’s lineage to Rev. 12:1’s description of the woman. Jacob interprets that this idiom is indeed the family. Jacob observed this and kept in his heart.**
10. **The seed of the woman was promised Israel. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. “For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given.” Here’s where we see Christmas in revelation! Celebrate!**
11. **Verse 3 says “another sign appeared in heaven.” Where else do we see Satan described as a dragon? Read Rev. 12:9.**
12. **What do the seven heads represent? The seven Gentile world governments that Satan has led since the beginning of creations. See Rev. 17:9-10. Five were past in John’s day, the sixth was in power, Rome, and the seventh is the future kingdom of the Antichrist. These associate him with the Beast out of the Sea which shows up the beginning of Chapter 13.**
	1. **Assyria**
	2. **Egypt**
	3. **Babylon**
	4. **Medes and Persia**
	5. **Greece**
	6. **Rome**
	7. **United Nations?? (it could look like this: Phase I—10 regions established with 10 leaders; Phase 2—antichrist takes over three of the ten regions; Phase 3—Antichrist takes over the whole world**
13. **What are the ten horns? They symbolize the ten kings that will reign with him during the entire Tribulation Period.**
14. **Who is the Man Child in verse 5? Read Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:27, Revelation 19:15 and Isaiah 9:6. The church does not give birth to the Messiah. The man child is the Messiah. Israel began in Genesis 3:15, when she gave birth to the seed of the woman.**
15. **Discuss the promise that was given to Mary in Luke 1:21, that Jesus would take David’s throne. How does that fit in to this picture of the Man Child in Revelation?**
16. **Who are the four women in Revelation?**
	1. **Jezebel, Revelation 2:20**
	2. **The Harlot, Revelation 17:18**
	3. **The pregnant woman in Rev. 12, Jeremiah 3:20**
	4. **The Bride, Rev. 19:7, 21:2,9, the espoused virgin, 2 Cor. 11:2**
17. **What is the second wonder in heaven in verse 3-4? Great red dragon in Daniel 7.**
18. **Discuss the tail and third part of the stars in heaven, verse 4. What was his intent? This dragon was out to get the child. Devil means “slanderer,” Satan means “adversary.”**
19. **Rev. 12:6 seems to mark the midpoint of the tribulation. How will God protect Israel? Where will they go?**
20. **In Verse 9, explain Satan’s description.**
21. **Read Isaiah 14:12, Luke 10:18, Hebrews 12:22, and Rev. 9:11. Compare these scriptures to Revelation 12:3-9.**
22. **Contrast Satan’s angels to the guardian angels mentioned in Matthew 18:10. One-third of the stars fell. Matthew 18:10—guardian angels.**
23. **In the Bible, the phrase “rod of iron” refers to Jesus Christ. Read Psalm 2:8-10, Revelation 2:27, Revelation 12:5, Revelation 19:15-16, Psalm 110:2, and Isaiah 11:4. Compare the usage.**
24. **In Revelation 12:4, the words “caught up” could refer to the ascension, and perhaps to the rapture of the “body of Christ.” Same Greek word, “harpazo.” Discuss. If this is a reference to the rapture, then there is some time between the rapture and the great tribulation. There is an implied gap between verses 5-6. This is the same gap in Daniel 9 between verses 25-27, or verse 26 is the interruption or gap. When Jesus opens His ministry, reading Isaiah 61:1-2, but He stops at a comma, what followed the comma, “the day of vengeance of our God” will be fulfilled when He comes back, the day of vengeance.**
25. **In verse 6, there is an interval of time implied. Explain this scenario of 1260 days, 42 months, time, times, and dividing of times.**
26. **In verse 7-8, who is doing the fighting here? What was the war in heaven? Michael and his angels against the dragon and his angels. Michael and his angels win and cast out Satan.**
27. **Read Job 1:6-12 and discuss what Satan does? Why is he labeled “the accuser of the brethren?”**
28. **At what point does Satan get cast out from heaven? Read Rev. 12:8-9.**
29. **Who is Michael? Read Daniel 10:13, Jude 1:9, I Thessalonians 4:16, Daniel 10:21, Daniel 12:1, Zechariah 14:3. and what are the “wars of the Lord?” in Numbers 21:14?**
30. **Who is Satan? What was his origin? Read Ezekiel 28: 2-15 and Isaiah 14:12-17.**
31. **In Revelation 1, Jesus denotes the “stars” as angels. Read also Jude 1:14.**
32. **Satan is referred to as a deceiver and a liar. See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 and Genesis 3:4, 5 and John 8:44. Comment.**
33. **Read John 8:1-44, and discuss “Christ’s legitimacy.” View the dialogue where Jesus points to the Pharisees and claiming that they are of “your father the devil.”**
34. **Re-read Daniel 8:9-10. Who is the little horn? Discuss “cast down” the angels from heaven in this reference?**
35. **Revelation 12:10 announces a celebration “of sorts” in heaven. Describe.**
36. **How do the Tribulation believers, Rev. 12:11, overcome the Antichrist and his forces?**
37. **The central theme of this chapter is summed up in the 12th verse, The Third Woe, Seventh Trumpet. Describe it. “Therefore rejoice *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters 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.”.**
38. **In the spiritual realm, we see angelic battles. Read and comment on:**
	1. **Elisha’s servant—2 Kings 6:16**
	2. **Empirical powers—Daniel 10:12-20**
39. **What is Satan’s ultimate lie? Read 2 Thessalonians 2:11.**
40. **From the beginning, Satan sought to undermine God. Discuss.**
	1. **Cain murdering Abel, Genesis 4**
	2. **The corruption of Adam’s line, Genesis 6**
	3. **Abraham’s seed, Genesis 12, 20**
	4. **Famine, Genesis 50**
	5. **Destruction of the male line by Pharaoh, Ex. 1**
	6. **Pharaoh’s pursuit, Ex. 14. Exodus 19:4, “**Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.”
	7. **The populating of Canaan, Genesis 12**
	8. **Against David’s line, 2 Sam. 7**
	9. **Herod’s attempts, Matthew 2**
	10. **At Nazareth, they attempted to throw Jesus over the cliffs, Luke 4**
	11. **Two strange storms at Sea, Mark 4, Luke 8**
	12. **The cross**
41. **What is the prerequisite for the Hosea 5:15 return of Christ? Is this the second coming of Christ? Is this why Satan has focused on Israel?**
42. **In Rev. 12:10-11, what is the “overcomer” promise? Read Hebrews 8:12, Matthew 4:4, 7, 10. Ephesians 6:10-18, Isaiah 59:17.By the blood and the word of testimony. Exodus 32:32, Daniel 12:1.**
43. **Read Exodus 32:31-32. Talk about the love of Moses for his people. Compare this to Jesus’ love.**
44. **The Great Tribulation is to bring Israel back to the Messiah. Read Daniel 12:1. Discuss the salvation of Israel written here.**
45. **In verse 12, who are the earth-dwellers?**
46. **Read Romans 11:25. What does the “fullness of the Gentiles” mean? Explain how this will trigger the Rapture of the Church.**
47. **In verse 13-14, who is persecuted? Why is the devil bent on this persecution? He wants to persecute the Jewish nation so that do not repent and seek Him and ask Him to return.**
48. **What is time, times, and half a time?**
49. **The “Eagle” has often been linked to Israel. Read Exodus 19:4, Deut. 2:9-11, 32:11-12, Isaiah 40:31. Isa. 40:31, the idiom from Babylon.**
50. **Study the “wilderness” references are in: Matthew 24:16.**
	1. **Edom, Moab, and Ammon escape the Antichrist—Daniel 11:41, Isaiah 11:16, Ez. 20: 36-38.**
	2. **Door of Hope, Hosea 2:14, 15; Ex.15; Zeph. 2:3**
51. **Where are there other references to the “earth swallowing the enemies of God,” similar to Rev. 12:15-17? Read Numbers 16:31-33, the Korah instance where he and his family were swallowed up by the earth and Micah 7: 15.**
52. **Who is “the remnant of her seed?” Is this the reference of “her seed” from Genesis 3:15? What are the two seeds in Genesis 3? Compare and discuss.**
53. **Will God ever forsake Israel?**
	1. **Read Isaiah 49:14-16**
	2. **Read Jeremiah 31:31-37**
	3. **Read Romans 11:1-2**
	4. **Read Romans 11:26-29**
54. **Rev. 12:15 says “the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman.” Read Jeremiah 46:7-8 and Jeremiah46:13-47:3. Elaborate. God used the floodwaters of a river as a symbol to represent an attack by the King of Assyria on Judah. The flood represented enemy troops pouring into the tiny nation.**
55. **Describe how “the earth helped the woman” in verse 16. Could this be portraying another earthquake? Defend your answer.**
56. **When the “woman” escapes, the dragon is enraged. Verse 17 says that he made war with “the rest of her offspring.” Who are these? The folks saved in the tribulation, who had not taken the mark.**
57. **Read Isaiah 26:20-21 and compare it to “the escape of the woman.”**Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.21For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.”

**The nitty-gritty of this chapter is simply this: The Devil can “huff and puff” but he cannot blow down the house of the Lord!**

**Here are the promises!! Satan is already defeated!**

**Matthew 16:18, “**And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**1 John 3:8, “**He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” **Hebrews 2:14, “**Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

**James 4:7, “**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. “

**Ephesians 1:20-23, “**which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places,* 21far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.22And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, 23which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

**Hebrews 10:12-13, “**But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”

**Phil. 2:9, “**Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name…”

**Psalm 110:1, “**The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

**And, the ![C:\Users\Linda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ED2QES59\MP900384783[1].jpg]()of this chapter is this: Rev. 12:10, “**Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”