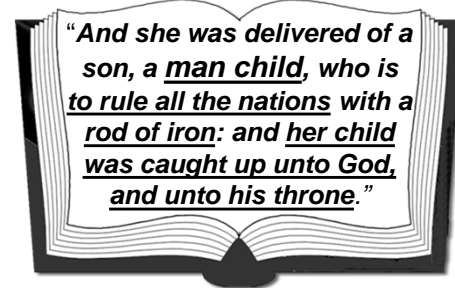


A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 12

Revelation 12:5



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Birth of the Child

- **Who is the Man-Child?**
- **His birth:** Jesus the Christ – **His status:** *"to rule the nations"*
- **His ascension:** caught up to God and His throne. (cf. Daniel 7:13-14; Acts 1-2; Ephesians 1:19-23)
- **"Rod of iron" cf. 19:15-16; 1:5** – He would rule with firmness; absolute authority (*"All authority"* – Matthew 28:18)
Psalms 2:1-12 Messianic (quoted in Acts 4:25-28);
Psalms 45:1ff; Psalms 110; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1ff, 4-5; Zechariah 6:12-13
- **"Destiny of the nations"** is in His hands!

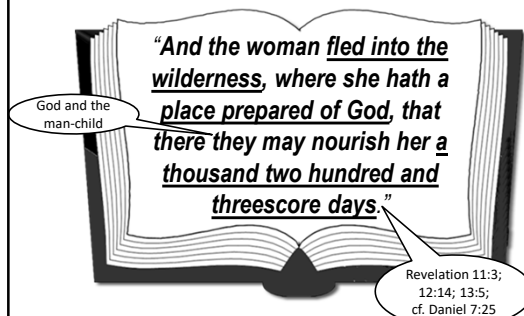
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- **His death:** at first, it brought sorrow to His disciples. It seemed like Satan had been the victor.
- **Sorrow turned to joy** when Satan was defeated by His death/ Resurrection! (cf. Luke 24:1-6, 13ff)
- **Death, Burial, and Resurrection;** redemption for mankind! (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
- **Ascended to God** to rule, on His spiritual throne, over all nations (Revelation 1:18; Daniel 7:13-14; Ephesians 1:19-23; cf. Zechariah 6:12-14; Hebrews 9:23-28)

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Flight of the Woman

- This statement is elaborated upon in verses 13-17.
 - The wilderness does not imply a desert waste, but rather a spiritual refuge specially prepared by God and uninhabited by enemies.
 - God would not allow the devil to destroy the woman or her seed, thus she would remain in the wilderness 1,260 days during the time of the persecution waged by the beast and false prophet (11:2-3; 13:5).
 - These things are amplified in 12:14-17.

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Flight of the Woman

- To a **prepared place**:
 - Church protected for an **indefinite period of time** as God's enemies wage war against her
 - **1,260 Days** – Witness to prophesy (11:3). Woman fled into the wilderness (12:6)
 - **42 months** – Beast given power (13:5). Holy city trodden underfoot (11:2)
 - **3½ years** – Time, times, and half a time. Saints are persecuted (Daniel 7:25). Woman is nourished (12:6, 14).
 - All these times show an **incomplete**, temporal period during which persecution will have to be endured! God will not permit it to continue indefinitely!
 - War waged by the *beast and the false prophet*
 - Church existed in a world of sin and persecution, but was **protected by God's promise!**

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Flight of the Woman

- **What Promise?**
- “Daniel ... also foretold how God's kingdom would be opposed by this fourth empire (Daniel 7:15-28).
- “The Roman Empire, led by wicked rulers both in Rome and the chief provinces, would make war with the saints, but it would not prevail.
- “Instead, ‘the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.’ (Daniel 7:18; cf. Daniel 7:22-27).”

(Robert Harkrider, *Revelation*, Truth Commentaries, Page 190)

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- **Compare the figures pictured in Daniel 7 and those found in John's Revelation.**

“(1) *Much of the same symbolism is employed to describe both empires. The term “beast” is used for the empire and its leader in both works (cf. Daniel 7:7, 11, 19, 23; Revelation 13:1-2, etc.; 17:3, etc.).*

“(2) *Both kingdoms are opposed to God, and their leader blasphemes his name. This applies in both Daniel and in the Revelation equally (cf. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:1, 5-6).*

“(3) *Both beasts are said to have ten horns. Again, these exact characterizations of the beasts appear in almost the identical words in Daniel's vision and in the visions of John (cf. Daniel 7:7, 20, 24; Revelation 13:1; 17:3, 12, 16).*

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- **Compare the figures pictured in Daniel 7 and those found in John's Revelation.**

“(4) *Both empires persecute the saints. While persecution of the saints is a minor feature in Daniel, it is the major emphasis and a continuous theme of the book of Revelation. (cf. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:7).*

“(5) *Both empires are extended great power over the saints for a period of three and one-half years. This selfsame numerical symbol, is a common figure employed in both. (cf. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6; 13:5).*

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- **Compare the figures pictured in Daniel 7 and those found in John's Revelation.**

“(6) *Both empires are brought down by the power of God and God's kingdom is set forth as an alternative to this worldly dominion. Just as Daniel is comforted with the knowledge that God will finally bring down this wretched instrument of wickedness and his violent worldly kingdom, John also promises the eventual downfall of the cruel and despotic enemy of the church (cf. Daniel 7:26-27; Revelation 19:19-20).” (Daniel H. King, Sr., *Daniel*, Truth Commentaries, Pages 497-498)*

- The two mysterious figures from Daniel and the Revelation are the same.

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- **Compare the figures pictured in Daniel 7 and those found in John's Revelation.**
- The period representing the fall of Jerusalem under Vespasian and Titus does not fit in well with the language of Daniel.
 - The fall of Jerusalem represented a **time of punishment of sinners**, “*For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled*” (Luke 21:22) for their iniquity. (cf. Matthew 24; Mark 13; cf. Jeremiah 18:9-11; Daniel 9:27; Zechariah 11:6; Malachi 3:1-2).
 - The vision of Daniel 7 and John's Revelation represented a **time of persecution of righteous saints**.

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<h3 style="text-align: center;"><u>Flight of the Woman</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan makes war with the remnant of the woman's "seed" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Not a literal war, but a spiritual conflict • To the wilderness, a place of hardship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statement further explained in verses 13-17 • Satan failed in His attempt to destroy the Child – now turns his attention to an attempt to destroy God's people! • God's people flee; under intense hardship and persecution. Revelation 11:3; 12:14; 13:5; cf. Daniel 7:25

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<h3 style="text-align: center;"><u>Flight of the Woman</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To a prepared place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A place prepared by God, a spiritual refuge – God's providential protection and care – Church becomes the type of the "spiritual Israel" of God. Galatians 6:16; Romans 2:28-29 – Church existed in a world of sin, but was protected by God's promise! <p><i>"But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."</i> (Daniel 7:18; cf. Daniel 7:22-27).</p>