

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 12

Revelation 12:13

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man (child)."

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The Woman Persecuted

- Satan knows he must fight on earth.
- This **antagonism** originated with Satan's hatred for Christ!
- He turns his attention to the **children of his conqueror!**
- **Primary application** to Revelation is the Roman persecution, the **beast's** great persecution of the **church**.
- Yet, to this day Satan persecutes God's children by encouraging them to **abandon their faith!**

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Revelation 12:14

"And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Revelation 11:3;
12:6, 14; 13:5;
cf. Daniel 7:25

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Flight of the Woman

- Where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent. Three and a half years is equivalent to 1,260 days (verse 6) and forty-two months occurring elsewhere in the book.
 - The two witnesses shall prophesy 1,260 days (11:3).
 - The holy city shall be trodden under foot forty-two months (11:2; 13:5).
 - The woman is nourished for a time, times, and half a time (12:6, 14).
- The **fourth kingdom** would war against the saints for a "**time, times, and the dividing of time**" (**Daniel 7:25**). The fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy is revealed to John. The recipients are under severe persecution from the Roman Empire.
- The promise being assured throughout Revelation is that God will nourish His people through the time of testing.

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Flight of the Woman

- God told the people of Israel that He carried them on **eagles' wings**. (Exodus 19:4)
- He **delivered** them by His power. (Deuteronomy 32:11; Psalm 36:7; Isaiah 40:31)
- He gives “**similar refuge**” to the church.
- “*The woman flew into the wilderness to her place.*” **God's people flee**; under intense hardship and persecution.
- There, she will be **nourished**.

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Flight of the Woman

- **The woman now represents those who stand for and with God. (Spiritual Israel)**
- She will be **protected** by God.
- She will be able to resist evil and the devil's scheme. (James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
- She may suffer **physical persecution**, but will **ultimately** be victorious. (Romans 8:35-39)

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“And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream.”

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Revelation 12:16

“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”

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The Dragon's Attempt

- Though Satan ejected from his mouth a stream of water, as a **flood to destroy her**, the earth swallowed up the current and rescued the woman!
- At one time, God used water to destroy evil. (1 Peter 3:20-21)
- In the Old Testament, a flood signified tribulation from ungodly men who were overwhelming God's people (Isaiah 8:5-8; Psalms 18:4).
- God is able to dry up rivers so that He might protect His faithful (Isaiah 42:15; 43:2; Psalm 144:7).
- The flood sent forth by the serpent points to his effort to drown the church in a torrent of Roman persecution. Satan's “flood” is the use of ungodly men and methods. (Psalm 124:4, 58; 57:19-20; Ephesians 4:14)

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Attempt Thwarted by God

- God caused the **earth to help** the woman.
- The **world absorbs/drinks** up the flood sent by Satan. Mankind falls for and follows after Satan's lies.
- The earth came to the woman's rescue by **distracting Rome's attention** – political uprisings, local wars, and other conflicts.
- **Divine providence** protected and sustained the woman and her offspring!

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Revelation 12:17

"And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus"

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Rest of Her "Offspring"

Revelation 12:17 – "the remnant of her seed," KJV

- Following the persecution depicted in Revelation, the woman now represents the **faithful children of God** in the church.
- Satan will **attack** her children because God loves them.
- He attacks them **one by one**, but to no avail.
- God's armor protects them – **Ephesians 6:10-18**.

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Summary...

Key to this chapter – **Genesis 3:15**

- Word to remember – **"victory"**
- Satan **defeated** in heaven
- Satan **limited to final defeat** on earth
 - **Verses 1-6:** struggle between the seed (*woman and dragon*) God's people protected
 - **Verses 7-12:** Christ's birth, atonement, and ascension and its effects. Satan cannot destroy the woman or her offspring!
 - **Verses 13-17:** persecution of the woman – God's divine protection!

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Summary...

- Those who trust the Lamb will be victorious, although many will forfeit their physical lives. Matthew 16:25
- The faithful are those who look *"not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen."* 2 Corinthians 4:18; cf. Colossians 3:1-3
- **The Christ has been lifted up. The Accuser has been cast down. The victory belongs to God!**

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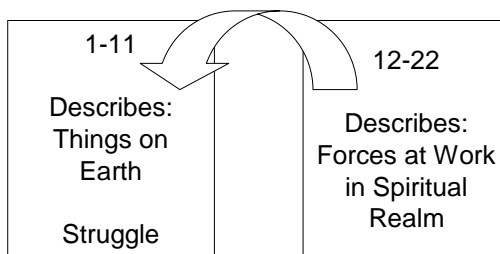
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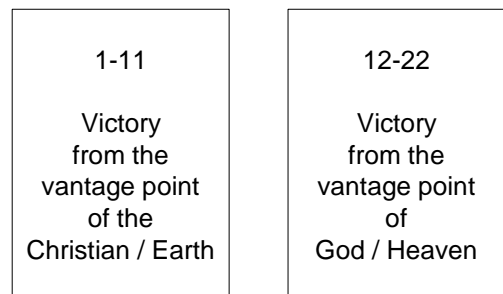
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Causes / Drives



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II. Christ And The Dragon In Conflict (12-22)

(Deeper Spiritual Meaning)

- A. *War (12-14)*
- B. *Bowls of Wrath (15-16)*
- C. *Fall of Babylon the Harlot (17-18)*
- D. *Victory of God's people (19-21)*
- E. *Warnings about the Book (22)*

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"The Two Beasts"

- I. The Beast of the Sea (verses 1-10)
- II. The Beast of the Earth (verses 11-18)

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What Is The Point?

Rome
(*which is an ally of Satan*)
will fail

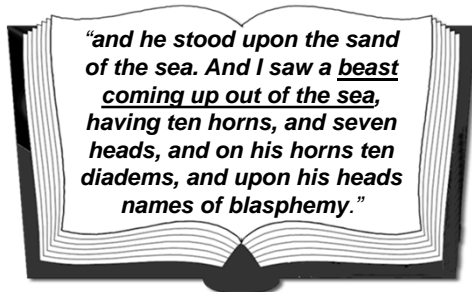
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Book of Revelation: Chapter 13



**The Battle: Forces of the Conflict
Satan's Agents – The Two Beasts**

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Satan and His Evil Forces

- **Beast out of the sea – political power from the mass of humanity.**
 - “Sea” – cf. Revelation 8:8; 10:2, 8; 12:12; 13:1; 20:13; 21:1
- Its origin and **appearance** – *indescribable horror*
 - “He stood on the sand,” dragon awaiting his henchmen (cf. Translations: “He stood ...” “I stood ...”)
 - “Coming up out of the sea,” the sea of humanity (Isaiah 17:12) Note similar characteristics of the dragon (12:3)
 - Having: **Ten horns** (*great power*); **complete strength**, which was given by Satan!

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Satan and His Evil Forces

- **Beast out of the sea – political power**
- Its origin and **appearance** – *indescribable horror*
 - “**Seven heads**,” perfect authority as it was given to him by Satan
 - “**Ten diadems**” on his horns. (*Satan has them on his head* – 12:3) Satan is the true power behind the beast's royalty.
 - In either case, the crowns (*diademata*) portray the idea of royalty and great authority. Not the victory crown (*stéphanos*).
 - “**Blasphemous names**” on his heads instead of crowns; to blaspheme God and His saints. (cf. Daniel 7:7-8, 11, 17-27, esp. verse 25).