

# REVELATION CHAPTER 12 PART 1

## *THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON!*

Basic and General Study of Revelation  
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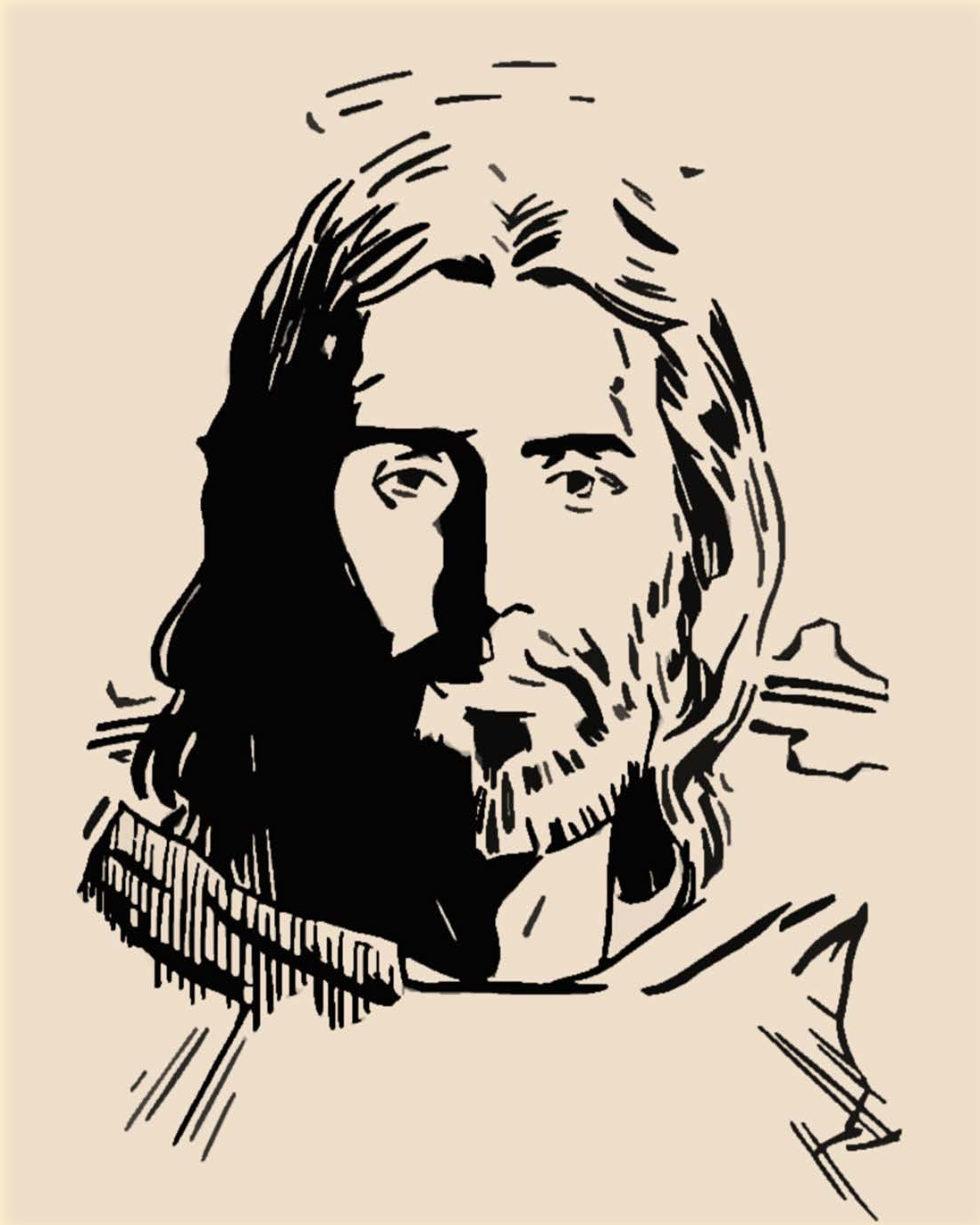
**REV.12:1** And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

**REV.12:2** And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

**REV.12:3** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. *(Dan.7:7, 24) (Rev.13:1)* We will explain the symbolism of the heads, horns and crowns later in Chapter 13.

**REV.12:4** And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.





**REV.12:5** And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Now, here's a good place to pause for a moment while we begin to understand the passage which we have just read! Likely, as you read this fifth verse, you began to catch on who this was and who this Child was. That's the key, that's the clue to who the Woman is!

*"For she brought forth a MAN Child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron."*

Now this is something which the scripture says about Jesus several times, that He is going to come someday and rule the World, rule all nations, even rule over the wicked who refused to love and obey Him voluntarily. --He's going to rule them with a rod of iron by force!

**\*\* PSA.2:9** *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.*





**\*\* REV.2:27 And he [Christ] shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (See also Rev.19:15)**

**These passages are talking directly about Jesus! You say, "Ah, then I know who His mother is! It was Mary!" The literal fulfillment happened when Mary was used by God to bring forth Jesus, the man Child. Immediately after His birth the Dragon or Devil through King Herod tried to devour Him by ordering the slaughter of all children under two years old. (Mt.2:16) And Jesus has been caught up to God's throne to rule all nations.**

**\*\* MAR.16:19 ...then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was *received up into heaven*, and sat on the right hand of God. (Ac.1:9)**

**But things get a bit confusing with this interpretation when, in the next verse, we read**

***"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that***

***they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."* (Rev 12:6)**

The Bible refers to the second half of the Antichrist's seven-year reign as the Great Tribulation. It even tells us several times how long this Tribulation period will last, using several different terms: ***“three and a half years,” “42 months,” or “1,260 days.”***



If these 1,260 days, when ***“the woman”*** flees into the wilderness, are the Tribulation period—which it seems they are— then the identity of this woman must have also a figurative interpretation. If the woman symbolises some greater figure than just Mary herself, who could that be? Some say, ***“Well, of course, it was the nation of Israel, that's the woman! And the twelve stars in her crown, of course, are the twelve greatest Patriarchs or the twelve apostles! It was after all the great nation of Israel, typified here by a woman who brought forth Jesus!”***

We think it goes far beyond just the Jewish nation of Israel whom God rejected and replaced with the followers of the of Christ!



Since this chapter is dealing with the End Time, then the woman, in her ultimate fulfillment, must represent the ultimate body of believers, the vast company of Christ-followers who will carry on during this last period of tribulation and persecution. And not only that, she represents the entire complete Church of Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end, from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation, from the Beginning to the End, all those who are true believers, who loved God, followers of Christ, all those who are married to the Bridegroom, from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation! She is the bride of Christ Himself, wife of the King of Kings! No other woman could be so glorious, shining like the sun with the moon under her feet and twelve stars in her crown!

**\*\* ISA.54:5** *For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.*

**\*\* HOS.2:19-20** *And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.*





**\*\* EPH.5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

**\*\* REV.19:7** *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

The stars in her crown? --Well, we can only theorise because it doesn't say who they are, we don't really know. But we believe they're probably going to be the twelve most important leaders of the Church that God has ever known. Or you may say they're actual angels, they could be the twelve angels of the Church, because stars are frequently used interchangeably in the Word of God as a name for angels!

**“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand...the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches” (Rev.1:20)**

**Who is the Dragon?**

**REV.12:9** *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*



**Satan was God's own archangel, Lucifer, the light bearer! He was an Archangel of God! But apparently God gave the Angels free will. God even allowed division to come between the Angels!**



**They have choice! They were given choice, free will, and Satan rebelled against God! He wasn't satisfied with being God's right-hand man, he wasn't satisfied with being next to God. He wanted to be God! So, God had to demote him. And ever since then he's still trying to be God, run the World and rule over humanity. And if he can't rule, he'll do his best to ruin the World and human society! And how many of the angels have followed him? One third. It says so right here in verse 4. One-third of the Angels rebelled along with Satan, think of that! God gave them their choice and they fell, along with Satan!**



**REV.12:6** And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This verse proves that this woman or Church is living in the End Time. Just as specifically as it could possibly be, there is your three-and-a-half years of Tribulation again. And there in places of refuge, she will be miraculously fed and cared for during those entire 3-1/2 years! Others of His children will boldly witness and openly preach and prophesy against the Antichrist, miraculously empowered and protected by God! *(Rev.11:3-6)*







**\*\* REV.11:2-3 ...and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.**

Where in the world do you think the Lord is going to hide us when He says "*in the wilderness*"? Where is this wilderness? What forest is deep enough? What jungle is deep enough to hide us Christians and to help the Church survive during the Tribulation period? He's not just talking about jungles, forests or deserts, He's talking about the wilderness of this whole World!

There are going to be whole nations who rebel against the Antichrist and whole religions! --Catholics, Jews, Muslims and others! There will be hundreds of millions who are going to refuse to worship the Antichrist or take his Mark or fall down and worship his Idol! Whole nations who are going to fight wars against him as indicated in portions of *Daniel 11*. There will be lots of countries who don't like the Antichrist, who will sympathize with us, hide us and take care of us.



**REV.12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

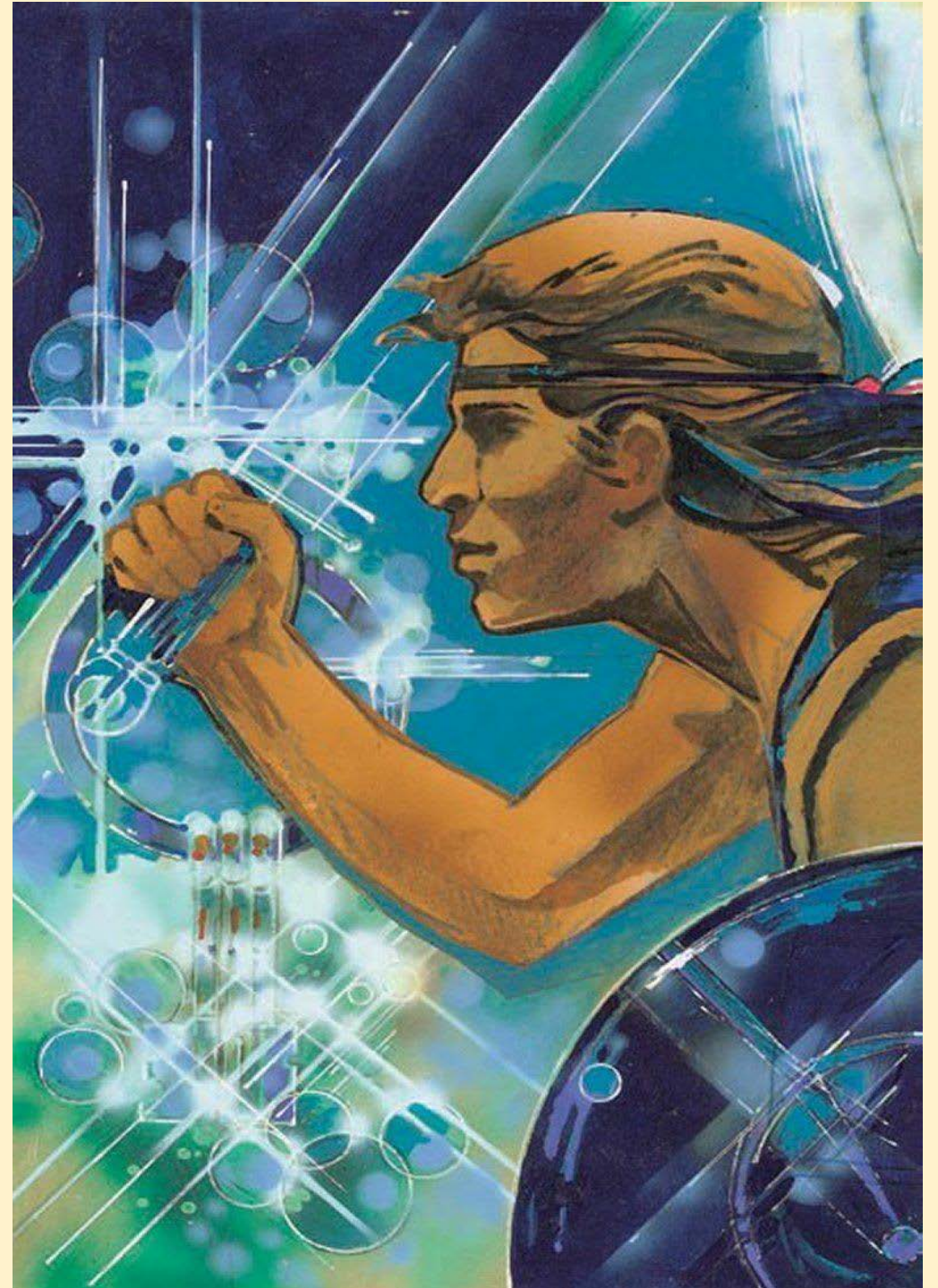
**\*\* DAN.12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

**\*\* EPH.6:12** *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places.***



What spiritual powers are there besides the one true God? Well, there are spiritual powers and principalities who dwell in spiritual realms - kings, princes and powers, spiritual powers. Who are they? --Angels! --Both good and evil. Michael is like a god. Who is the one that announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah? --Gabriel! --He is also an archangel. Even Satan himself is like a god and his archangels are like little gods. They are spiritual gods spelled with a little "g"; nothing like our God, of course, the God, the Father. There is only one God in that sense, only one supreme God, one Supreme Being, but there are many lesser spiritual powers, dominions and principalities, princes and rulers spoken of all through the Bible. There were princes of different countries, demonic princes, spiritual rulers over countries who wrestled with the angels of God and tried to prevent the work of God. It's all in the Bible. Read about it in passages like these: *Dan.8:16; 9:21; 10:12,13,21; 12:1; Lk.1:19,26; Eph.6:12; Jude 9.*

**REV.12:8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.





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Several Scriptures allude to what the Dragon is doing in the Earth and to this great event of his stunning defeat:



**\*\* JOH.12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

**\*\* LUK.10:18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

**\*\* JOH.8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**



**\*\* 2TH.2:9-10** *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

**\*\* REV.20:7-8,10** *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and **shall go out to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog... And the devil that deceived them **was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...***





**REV.12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

**A scene similar to this is described in**

**\*\* ZEC.3:1** *And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist (accuse) him.*

**The scriptures teach that Satan and his followers fell from their first estate or position at the beginning of creation. (For how the Devil fell, see *Ezekiel Chapter 28 and Isaiah Chapter 14.*)**



However, Satan still continued to have access to Heaven and the Lord's throne. In the Book of Job, written a couple of thousand years after Creation, we read *"the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them."* He then began to accuse Job to the Lord like a prosecuting attorney. (See Job 1:6-11.)



Don't worry, if you are saved, then Jesus is your defense attorney. (See Job 1:6-11.)

Although Satan is in rebellion against God, he still appears before Him in the courts of Heaven, accusing the saints day and night. But now, at the very End, he finally gets the boot and he's cast out of Heaven to the earth. He comes down and

possesses and empowers the Antichrist, who will then become the Devil in the flesh, accusing the saints face to face and making war against them.

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