

THE REVELATION
 OF JESUS CHRIST
THE PREGNANT WOMAN, THE CHILD & THE FALL OF SATAN
 Lesson 9 | Chapter 12

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REVELATION 12 | NLT

Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.

Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.

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REVELATION 12 | NLT

She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

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REVELATION 12 | NLT

Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,
**"It has come at last—
 salvation and power
 and the Kingdom of our God,
 and the authority of his Christ.
 For the accuser of our brothers and sisters
 has been thrown down to earth—
 the one who accuses them
 before our God day and night.
 And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb
 and by their testimony.
 And they did not love their lives so much
 that they were afraid to die.
 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens!
 And you who live in the heavens, rejoice!
 But terror will come on the earth and the sea,
 for the devil has come down to you in great anger,
 knowing that he has little time."**

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When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.

Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea.

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Relevant Questions

Is this regarding the birth of Jesus?
Is this regarding the ethnic nation of Israel?
Is this regarding the Church?
If this IS Mary & Jesus – does it line up with the rest of the text?
If this is ethnic Israel, does that contradict what we have studied & learned in Chapter 7?
If this is the WHOLE Church, does it line up with the rest of the text?

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THE KEY | IT HAS COME AT LAST

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RELEVANT PEOPLE (S) & WHAT HAPPENS

**The Woman
Her Offspring
The Dragon, the Ancient
Serpent, The Devil, Satan**

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THE VISION OF THE WOMAN | vs 1

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THE WOMAN GIVING BIRTH | vs 2

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THE WOMAN'S CHILD IN DANGER | vs 4b

He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.

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SHE GAVE BIRTH & FLED | vs 5a, 6

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THE WOMAN IS PURSUED & PROTECTED | vs 13b, 14

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THE WOMAN ESCAPES DROWNING | vs 16

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SATAN IS ANGRY AT THE WOMAN | vs 17

And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children

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HER OFFSPRING RULING & CAUGHT UP | vs 5

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& THEY (THE OFFSPRING) | vs 11

And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.

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THE REST OF HER OFFSPRING | vs 17

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THE REST OF HER OFFSPRING | vs 17

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THE DRAGON i.e. SATAN | vs 3-4

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THE DRAGON & HIS ANGELS | vs 7b-9

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HEAVEN'S CONFIRMATION OF HIS OUSTING | vs 10c

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

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HEAVEN'S CONFIRMATION OF HIS ANGER | vs 12

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time."

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THE DRAGON SAW & PURSUED | vs 13

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THE DRAGONS ANGER AT THE WOMAN | vs 17

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THE DRAGON TAKES HIS STAND | vs 17c

Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea.

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SYMBOLISM & THE MEANING OF WORDS

THERE ARE A LOT OF IMAGES & KEY WORDS WITHIN THIS CHAPTER & WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW THEY RELATE TO WHAT WE HAVE JUST STUDIED.

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A GREAT SIGN

GREAT | predicated of the external form or sensible appearance of things (or of persons); in particular, of space and its dimensions — as respects to mass and weight

SIGN | used dozens of times in the NT for what authenticates the Lord and His eternal purpose, especially by doing what mere man can not replicate or take credit for.

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APPEARED

APPEARED | properly, see, often with metaphorical meaning: "to see with the mind" (i.e. spiritually see), i.e. perceive (with inward spiritual perception)

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WOMAN

WOMAN | in Rev 2:20 we see the same Greek word applied to the "woman Jezebel" which there metaphorically or symbolically representing a prophetess leading the church astray rather than it being a specific woman.

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SUN & MOON

CLOTHED WITH THE SUN | Radiating light
MOON BENEATH HER FEET | Brightness

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CROWN OF 12 STARS

**What are the stars?
Literal or Symbolic?**

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PREGNANT, LABOR PAINS & AGONY

PREGNANT | To be with "child"
CRIED OUT BECAUSE OF LABOR PAINS | *cry out loudly with an urgent scream or shriek, using "inarticulate shouts that express deep emotion - being in travail - painfully difficult or burdensome work; toil. pain, anguish or suffering resulting from mental or physical hardship. the pain of childbirth.*
THE AGONY | To examine literally by torture

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THE LARGE RED DRAGON vs THE BEAST

SATAN has
Seven heads → Ten horns → Seven crowns on his heads

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DANIEL 7 | NLT

Earlier, during the first year of King Belshazzar’s reign in Babylon, Daniel had a dream and saw visions as he lay in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is what he saw.

In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction. Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others.

The first beast was like a lion with eagles’ wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind.

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Then I saw a second beast, and it looked like a bear. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it, “Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!”

Then the third of these strange beasts appeared, and it looked like a leopard. It had four bird’s wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast.

Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast—terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns.

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As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.

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I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer.

As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

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I, Daniel, was troubled by all I had seen, and my visions terrified me. So I approached one of those standing beside the throne and asked him what it all meant. He explained it to me like this: "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth. But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever."

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Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, the one so different from the others and so terrifying. It had devoured and crushed its victims with iron teeth and bronze claws, trampling their remains beneath its feet. I also asked about the ten horns on the fourth beast's head and the little horn that came up afterward and destroyed three of the other horns. This horn had seemed greater than the others, and it had human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's holy people and was defeating them, until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.

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Then he said to me, “This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them. He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time.

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“But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed. Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him.”

That was the end of the vision. I, Daniel, was terrified by my thoughts and my face was pale with fear, but I kept these things to myself.

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THE GREAT DRAGON

This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

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REALIZATION

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TWO WINGS OF A GREAT EAGLE

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DROWN WITH A FLOOD

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TOOK HIS STAND

the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea

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