

Revelation Chapter 12

V: 1 “Wonder” = sign (G4592) “semeion”, (say-mi'-on)supernatural, miracle, sign, token, wonder.

“Woman” (G1135) gune, a woman; spec. a wife:--wife, woman.

- The woman is the nation of Israel. (Not the church)

Galatians 4:26 “But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.”

- Twelve stars

Genesis 37:9-10 “⁹And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. ¹⁰And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?”

V: 2 Travailing in birth.

Isaiah 66:7-8 “⁷Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. ⁸Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”

Romans 9:4-5 “⁴Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; ⁵Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

- The nation of Israel gave birth to the Messiah, to Jesus.

V: 3 Another wonder or sign appeared in Heaven.

- “Red” dragon Edomites / Esau = “red” & hairy / Herod.
- We know from verse 9 that this verse describes Satan.
- “Satan” literally means “adversary”
- The Bible has a lot to say about Satan; but if we’re looking for someone in a red suit and a long pointy tail and horns, with a pitch fork – we’ll be deceived when he appears in some other more attractive form.
- Sometimes he wears a blue dress.

- We need to have a right perspective on Satan. He is not a co-equal with God. God is the creator, He is high and lifted up – Satan is a perversion of God's creation, a created being – limited in power by God.

Isaiah 14:12-16 “¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;”

Ezekiel 28:11-19 (turn to)

John 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.”

Genesis 4:7 “... sin lieth at the door...”

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Revelation 17:3 “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

V: 4 3rd part of the stars / angels of Heaven.

- Scriptures often refer to the angels as the stars of Heaven.
- Satan had such an influence in Heaven as to draw a 1/3 part of the angels into his rebellion.

Jude 6 “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

- “Her child”, a reference to the “seed of the woman”.

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, ad thou shalt bruise his heel.”

- Satan has attempted to kill or devour the child Jesus several times, all to keep Him from going to the cross.
- The story of Esther, how Satan used Haman to plot to kill all of the Jews at one time in all the lands – an attempt to keep Jesus from the cross.
- Remember how the wise men came to Herod looking for the real king of the Jews. Herod consulted with the scholars and learned that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. Herod was a ruthless tyrant who had his favorite wife and several of his sons killed because he was paranoid. Satan worked through Herod who ordered that all the little boys in Bethlehem be killed – an attempt to keep Jesus from the cross.
- When Satan tempted Jesus, it wasn't about food, or glory – it was about dominion, it was an attempt to thwart God's purposes and perfect will. You don't need to suffer, you can have the kingdoms now, you don't need to do the will of the father.
- It had gone past attempting to kill Jesus physically, it was about sin – spiritual death.

V: 5 *“She brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:”*

Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

Psalms 2:7-9 ⁷“I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten thee. ⁸Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. ⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Revelation 19:15 “And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”

- Caught up to God.

Acts 1:9 “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17 “Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

- To His throne.

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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

Isaiah 16: 1-4 “¹Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela (Petra) to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. ³Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not him that wandereth. ⁴Let Mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioners is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.”

Psalms 17:8 “Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.”

Matthew 24:15-22 “¹⁵When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) ¹⁶Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: ¹⁷Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁸Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. ¹⁹And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: ²¹For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

Daniel 9:27 “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

- 69 weeks, break / time of the Gentiles, 70th week, split in ½ - abomination of desolation occurs, Jews flee to the rock city of Petra.

V: 7 War in Heaven – future.

Jude 6 “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

Daniel 10:12-13 “¹²Then said he unto me, fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”

V: 8-9 Satan loses and is cast out along with the angels that sided with him.

1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

- Kicked out of Heaven for good.

Isaiah 14:12-16 “¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;”

- Jesus speaking to His disciples who had just returned from their time ministering to the nation of Israel testified of how that even the demons were subject to them.

Luke 10:18 “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

V: 9 No mistaking who we’re talking about here.

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;”

- That Old Serpent

Genesis 3:1 “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.”

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- Satan = adversary
- *“Which deceiveth the whole world...”*.

2 Corinthians 4:4 “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 ⁹“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

- Cast into the earth

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V: 10 “I heard” – personal testimony

Matthew 6:9-10 ⁹“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

“The accuser of our brethren is cast down...”

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Romans 8:31-34 ³¹“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us? ³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. ³⁴Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”

John 3:17-18 ¹⁷“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

V: 11 Overcame

Romans 8:37 “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

- By the blood of the Lamb

Hebrews 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”

1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

- Their testimony

Matthew 10:32-33 ³²Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. ³³But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”

Romans 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

- Loved not their lives

Luke 14:26-33 ²⁶If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? ²⁹Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. ³¹Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? ³²Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace. ³³So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”

- “The” death – more interested in living for God than in living for ourselves – dying to ourselves.

Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.”

V: 12 3rd woe is complete.

Revelation 8:13 “And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

Revelation 9:12 **Woe #1:** Star fell from heaven, key to bottomless pit, locusts come out power like scorpions to torment men for 5 months, wishing they could die but don't.

Revelation 9:7-10 Fearsome creatures!

Revelation 11:14 **Woe #2** 2 witnesses, drought, water to blood, fire from their mouths, torment upon the earth.

Woe #3 Satan & all his demons turned loose on the earth, and their ticked off knowing that time is short.

- Earth = Israel
- Sea = Gentile nations.

V: 13 Woman = Israel Man Child = Jesus

- Anti-Semitism in any form is Satanic.
- It is the only form of racial prejudice that is openly practiced without fear of retribution and is socially acceptable in large parts of the world.
- If Iranian President Ahmadinejad called for the extermination of all black people, or Hispanics, or if he openly called for the extermination of all Christians – which is one of his goals, how would the world respond?

V: 14 Great wings of an eagle.

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.”

- Wilderness, her place – a refuge in Moab, modern day Jordan.

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V: 15 Flood = army

Isaiah 59:19 “So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”

V: 16 Like the Red Sea with Pharaoh’s army, and Korah’s rebellion – the earth obeys the will of God.

1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Romans 8:31 “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

Genesis 15:1 “After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”

V: 17 The dragon was wroth / upset / a poor loser.

- Woman = Israel / Jews.
- Her seed which keep the commandments = Christians
- Commandments of God = Old Testament
- Testimony of Jesus Christ = New Testament

Hebrews 4:12 “The Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”