

REVELATION – CHAPTER 12

Rev 12:1 – 14:20 (11:16-14:20) forms the third section which breaks with the chronology presented in the book. In this section we find 7 of the “major players” of the Tribulation.

1. Rev 12:1 A great “sign” appears in Heaven, portraying a reality on the earth.

The description of the sign is similar to Joseph’s dream.

Gen 37:9-11

“A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet;
on her head a crown of 12 stars – Israel

Jer 31:35-36 Ps 89:35-37

- a. She gives birth to a child (Son) Rev 12:5
- b. The dragon stands before the woman,
awaiting that birth Rev 12:4
- c. The woman will be preserved by God
for 3 ½ years
(1260 days or 42 months of 30 days each) Rev 12:6,14
This period begins with the breaking of
the covenant. Dan 9:24-27
- d. The dragon persecutes the woman (because
she gave birth to the child). Rev 12:13
- e. The earth helps deliver the woman Rev 12:16
- f. The woman’s other offspring are attacked by
the devil. Rev 12:17

2. The Great Red Dragon – Satan

Rev 12:3

a. Seven Heads, Ten Horns, Seven Diadems

Dan 7:7-8, 24; Rev 13:1

Both the dragon and the human world ruler are described
the same way.

b. The dragon is identified.

Rev 12:9; 20:2

c. His fall brought down 1/3 of the Angelic realm, Isa 14:12-17; Ezk 28:11-19 and
they will be cast out of the Heavenly realm onto the earth for the
second half of the Tribulation.

Rev 12:3, 7-9

d. He is referred to as the accuser of the brethren.

Rev 12:10

e. He knows the plan of God.

Rev 12:12

- f. He is overcome by the followers of the Son.
Rev 12:11
- g. He hates the woman Rev 12:13, attempting to kill her Rev 12:15,
with water from his mouth.
Rev 12:16
- h. He makes war with the woman's other children.
Rev 12:17
- 3. The man child, Jesus Christ Rev 12:5
 - a. given birth by the woman
 - b. His birth is anticipated by and reacted to by the dragon.
Rev 12:4; Matt 2:16-18
 - c. The male child is born that He might rule the world!
Isa 9:6
Note: Isa 66:7-9
 - d. After His birth, but before He reigns, He is taken up to
Heaven.
Acts 1:10-11; Zech 14:1-6
 - e. Satan hates all who hold to the testimony of this male child.
1 Tim 3:16
- 4. Michael and his angels Rev 12:7; Dan 10:13,21; 12:1 These angels have been, and will
be, present in many of the events of human history:
 - a. at creation Job 38:6,7
 - b. at the giving of the Law Gal 3:19; Acts 7:53; Heb 2:2
 - c. at the birth of Christ Lk 2:13
 - d. at the resurrection Mt 28:2
 - e. at the ascension Acts 1:10
 - f. at the second coming Mt 25:31; 13:39; 24:31;
2 Thess 1:7
 - g. They separate the righteous
from the wicked Mt 13:41,49
 - h. They transport souls Lk 16:22
- Also Note:
 - a. They are limited in knowledge. Mt 24:36
 - b. They are ministering spirits. Heb 1:14
 - c. They will be judged by believers. 1 Cor 6:3
 - d. They are not to be worshipped. Col 2:18
 - e. Women are to remain covered
because of them. 1 Cor 11:10
- 5. The other children of the woman – Jewish remnant – that will come out
of the Tribulation period

Rev 12:17; Rom 11:11-29

The next 2 Major Players are found in chapter 13:
The Beast and his Prophet