

John's Second Vision

Rev 12:1-5

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:1-8, Prolog

1:1-3, Title

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1:9-3:22, 7 Letters to the Churches

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4-8:1, The Seven Seals

4-5, Intro: Heavenly Actors

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Answer to Seal 6

8:1-5, Seventh Seal

8:6-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:6-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials

11:14-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials / Bowls

12-14, Intro: Satanic Actors

15-16, Seven Vials

Seals

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Trumpets

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Vials/
Bowls

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The Scenes of Revelation 12-14

Revelation 12: The Woman, her Seed, the Dragon, Michael

Gen 3:

- Woman
- Serpent
- Painful childbirth
- Victorious seed

Gen 37:

- Sun
- Moon
- Twelve stars

1 Kgs 17:

Provision for God's servant in the wilderness during persecution

Isa 49:

Woman clothed with her offspring

Dan 7:

World-ruling beast with ten horns

Dan 8:

Stars cast to the ground

Dan 10, 12:

- Michael
- Angelic conflict in heaven
- Time of tribulation

Revelation 13: The Dragon and the Two Beasts

Revelation 14: God and his Human Creatures

12:1-5, A Historical Account?

- 1) Eve, with her sin and the curse
- 2) The emergence of the nation Israel
- 3) Israel's historic oppression by Satan
- 4) The birth of the Messiah
- 5) The attempts to destroy him
- 6) His triumphant ascension to heaven.

- Who was the red dragon in verses three and four and describe him?

Revelation 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.

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.



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Some Useful References

12:1 sun, moon, stars

Gen. 37:9 And 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. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father [Jacob] 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?

12:2 cried, travailing ..., pained βασανίζω G928

Gen. 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;

woman ... clothed with sun, moon, stars

Isa 49:17 **Thy children** shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. 18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, **thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all**, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

her child

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

Images from Daniel

12:3 many heads & horns

Dan 7:2 behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: ... 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, ... 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also **four heads**; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**.

12:4 stars ...cast ... to the earth

Dan 8:8 Therefore the he goat [Alexander the Great] waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn [Antiochus IV], which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and **it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.** ... 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but **not by his own power**: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and **shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.**

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness **as the stars** for ever and ever.

A few more references

to devour her child

Mat 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and **slew all the children** that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness **to be tempted of the devil.**

5 rule all nations with a rod of iron

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.