

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

Rev 12:3-6

12:1-17, The Woman,
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1-5, **Past** History: from Eden
to the Ascension

6, **Future**: Anticipation of the
Woman's Protection

7-9, **Ongoing**: War in
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Struggle

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.

Daniel 2



Babylon
605-539 BC

Medo-
Persia
539-331 BC

Grecia
331-168 BC

Rome
168 BC-476 AD

Daniel 7



The Alignment of Daniel 2, Daniel 7, and Revelation 12

Dan 2:40 And the **fourth** kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

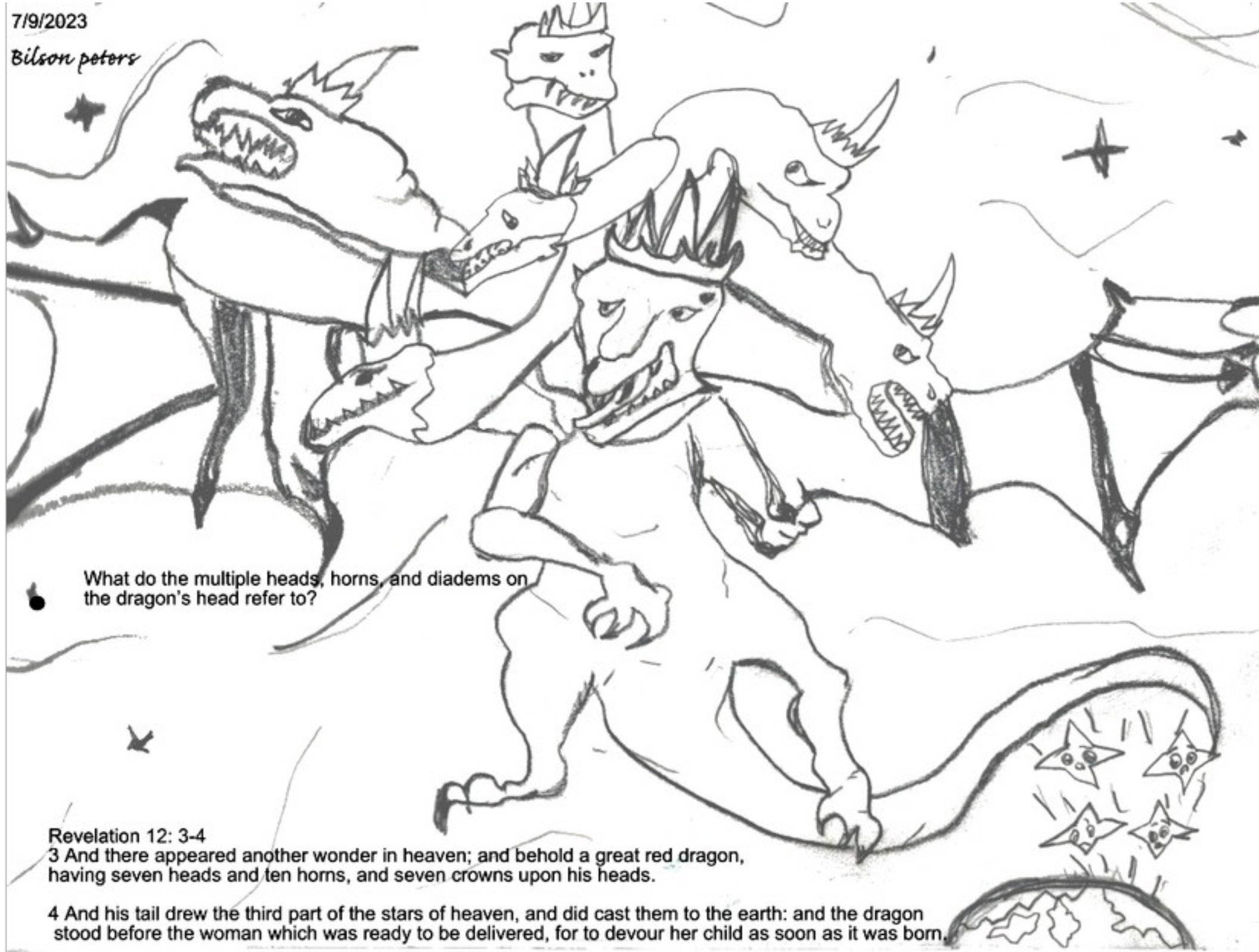
Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a **fourth** beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**.

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.

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What do the multiple heads, horns, and diadems on the dragon's head refer to?

Revelation 12: 3-4

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.

Satan's Opposition to the Seed

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.**

saints as stars

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.

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.

Israel in the Wilderness: Protection or Purging?

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Hos 2:13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD. 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and **bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.** 15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

Ezek 20:33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: 34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And **I will bring you into the wilderness** of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. 36 **Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt,** so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: 38 And I will **purge out** from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

A Wilderness Refuge from Persecution

Parallels with the Exodus

Deu 1:30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; 31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that **the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son**, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

Isa 63:9 **In all their affliction he was afflicted**, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

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1 Ki 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

1 Ki 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:

Periods of Persecution in the Revelation and Daniel

Rev.	Event	42 months	1260 days	time, times, ...
11:2	Gentiles trampling temple	X		
11:3	Two witnesses		X	
12:6	Woman in wilderness		X	
12:14	Woman nourished			X
13:5	Beast from sea	X		

Dan.	Designation	Reference
8:14	2300 days	Period of oppression by Antiochus
7:25	Time, times, dividing of time	Fourth beast's dominion
12:7	Time, times, half	Duration of "time of trouble," 12:1?
12:11f	1290 days, 1335 days	