

Satan's Final Struggle on Earth

Rev 12:13-17

12:1-17, The Woman,
The Dragon, & Michael

1-5, **Past** History: from Eden
to the Ascension

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

7-9, **Ongoing**: War in
Heaven → Satan Cast Out

10-17, **Future**: Satan's Final
Struggle on Earth

12:10-12, Doxology

12:13-16, The Dragon Attacks the Woman

12:17, The Dragon Attacks the rest of her
seed

Eagles' Wings

Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on **eagles' wings**, and brought you unto myself.

Deut 32:9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an **eagle** stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, **beareth them on her wings**: 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Is. 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with **wings as eagles**; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Revelation 12:14

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

● When the dragon was cast unto the earth, whom did he persecute?



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What is the Flood from the Serpent's Mouth?

Clue 1: Flood Metaphor

1. Disaster?

Psa. 32:6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the **floods of great waters** they shall not come nigh unto him.

2. Multitude of Opposing People?

2Sam. 22:5 When the waves of death compassed me, the **floods of ungodly men** made me afraid;
6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

3. Conquering Army?

Is. 8:7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall **overflow** and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

1. Disaster

2. Multitude of Opposing People

3. Conquering Army

Clue 2: When does the Earth Swallow Something?

Psa. 106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.
17 The earth opened and **swallowed up Dathan**, and covered the company of Abiram.

→ Suggests #2 “flood of ungodly men”

Clue 3: Why “Serpent” instead of “Dragon”?

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.

Joh 8:44 Ye are of **your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

Examples of the Serpent's Flood

Korah against Moses

Num. 16:1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: 2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, **two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:** 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing **all the congregation are holy**, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Keilah against David

1Sa 23:12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, **They will deliver thee up.**

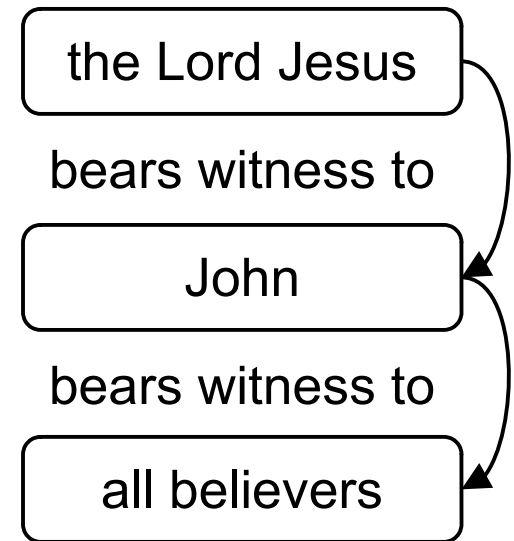
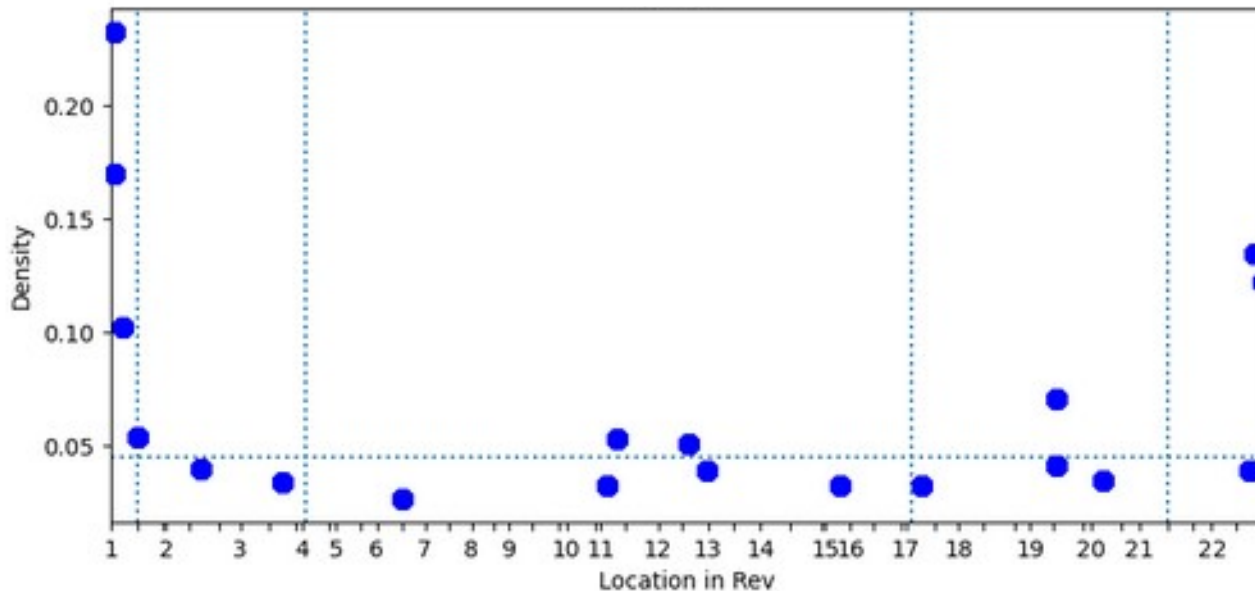
The Multitude against our Lord

Matt. 21:8 And a very great **multitude** spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. 9 And the **multitudes** that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. ... 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the **multitude**, because they took him for a prophet.

Matt 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the **multitude** that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. 22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. 23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. 24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the **multitude**, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

12:17 “... have the testimony of Jesus Christ”

μαρτυ-: witness, testimony, record, martyr



Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who **bare record** of the word of God, and of the **testimony** of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. ... 4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful **witness**, ...

Mat 5:10 **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall **revile** you, and **persecute** you, and shall **say all manner of evil** against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.