

Revelation 12

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The Woman and the Dragon

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

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.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

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

War in Heaven

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Dragon Persecutes the Woman

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

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.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 12:1

Parallel theme: Revelation 21:23; 2 Chronicles 32:31; Psalms 84:11; 104:2; Isaiah 62:3; Mark 13:25; Luke 21:11; 21:25; Ephesians 5:32. **Related:** Song of Solomon 6:10

Revelation 12:2

Parallel theme: Revelation 12:4; Isaiah 53:11; 54:1; Micah 5:3; John 16:21; Galatians 4:19; 4:27

Revelation 12:3

Parallel theme: Revelation 12:1; 12:4; 12:9; 16:13; 17:7; 17:12; 17:16; 20:2; Daniel 7:20; 7:24

Revelation 12:4 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:9; John 8:44

Revelation 12:5

References God: Revelation 19:15. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:12; 12:2; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:3; Matthew 1:25

Revelation 12:6 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:4; 12:14; 13:5; Matthew 4:11

Revelation 12:7 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:9; 20:2; Psalms 78:49; Daniel 10:13; 10:21; 12:1; 2 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:9

Revelation 12:8 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:11; Psalms 37:10; Jeremiah 1:19

Revelation 12:9 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:7; Genesis 3:1; Isaiah 14:12; 65:25; Luke 10:18; John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4. **Evil:** Revelation 20:10; John 8:44; 1 John 5:19

Revelation 12:10 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:26; Job 1:11; 2:5; Matthew 28:18; Luke 22:31. **Kingdom:** Revelation 11:15; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Daniel 2:44; Matthew 6:10. **References God:** Job 1:9

Revelation 12:11 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:26; 3:5; 3:21; John 16:33; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 4:4; 5:5. **Witness:** Acts 20:24. **Word:** Revelation 20:4

Revelation 12:12 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 8:13; 9:12; 10:6; 11:10; 11:14; 18:20; Isaiah 44:23; 49:13; Luke 15:10; Hebrews 10:37

Revelation 12:13 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:15; John 16:33

Revelation 12:14 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:6; 17:3; Exodus 19:4; Psalms 55:6; Isaiah 40:31; Daniel 7:25; 12:7

Revelation 12:15 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:4; Isaiah 8:7; 59:19

Revelation 12:17 **Word:** Revelation 1:2; 1:9; 6:9; 14:12. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 13:7; 17:14; Genesis 3:15; John 8:44. **Witness:** Revelation 11:7; 19:10

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