

The Book of

REVELATION

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Lesson 9
Chapters 12

Look for the answer to these questions:

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This is where the last lesson ended.

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The ANNOUNCEMENT and the RELEASE of the third woe are separated by a little more than two chapters.

Ch 14:6ff The preparation for the third “woe”.

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Chapter 12:1 to 14:5 interrupts the story to add some important information.

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Ch 12 to 13: The Seven Key Figures in the Great Tribulation

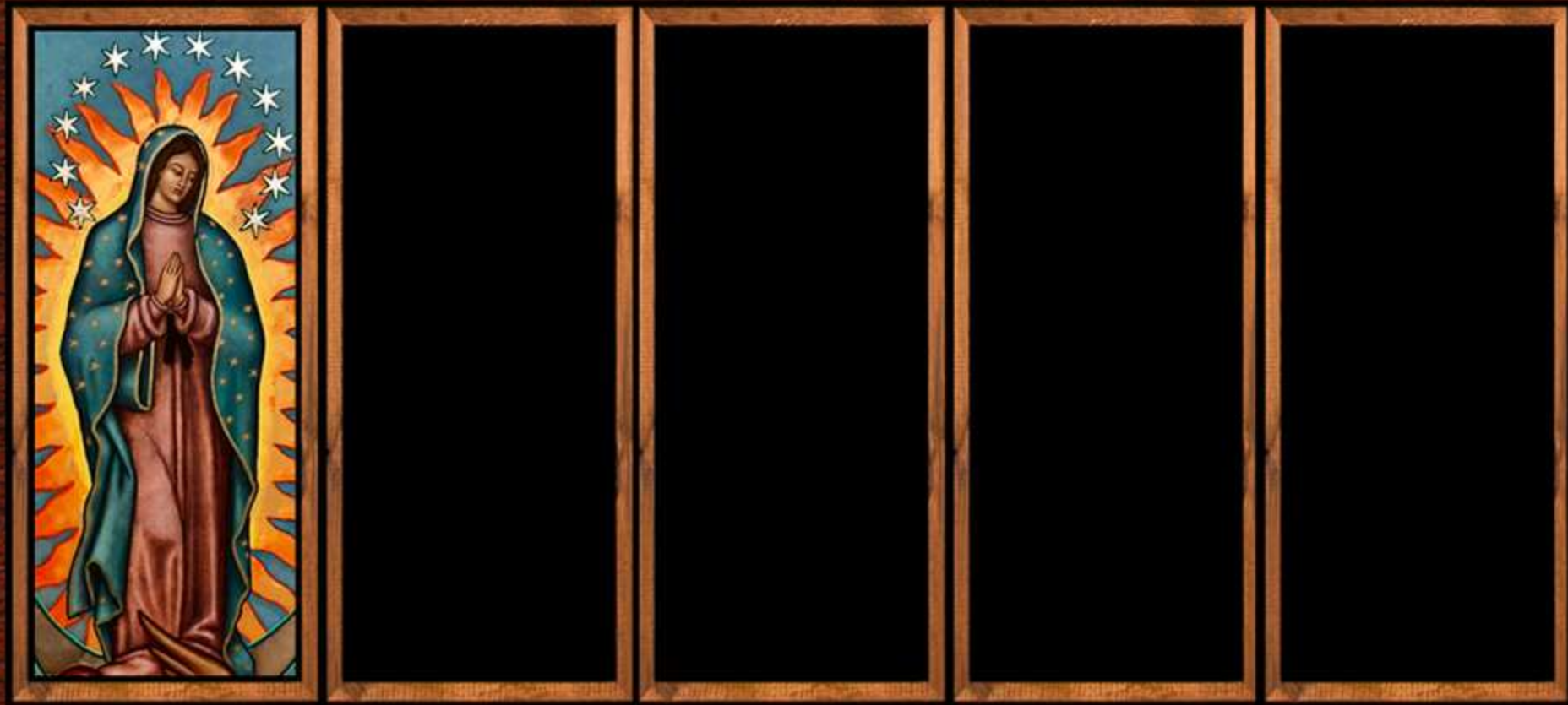
Ch 14:1-5: The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

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THE SEVEN KEY FIGURES OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The main participants in the conflict that began in Genesis 3:15 are highlighted.

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THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

It is like describing the pieces on a chessboard –
except this is NOT a game.



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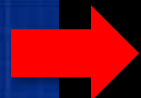
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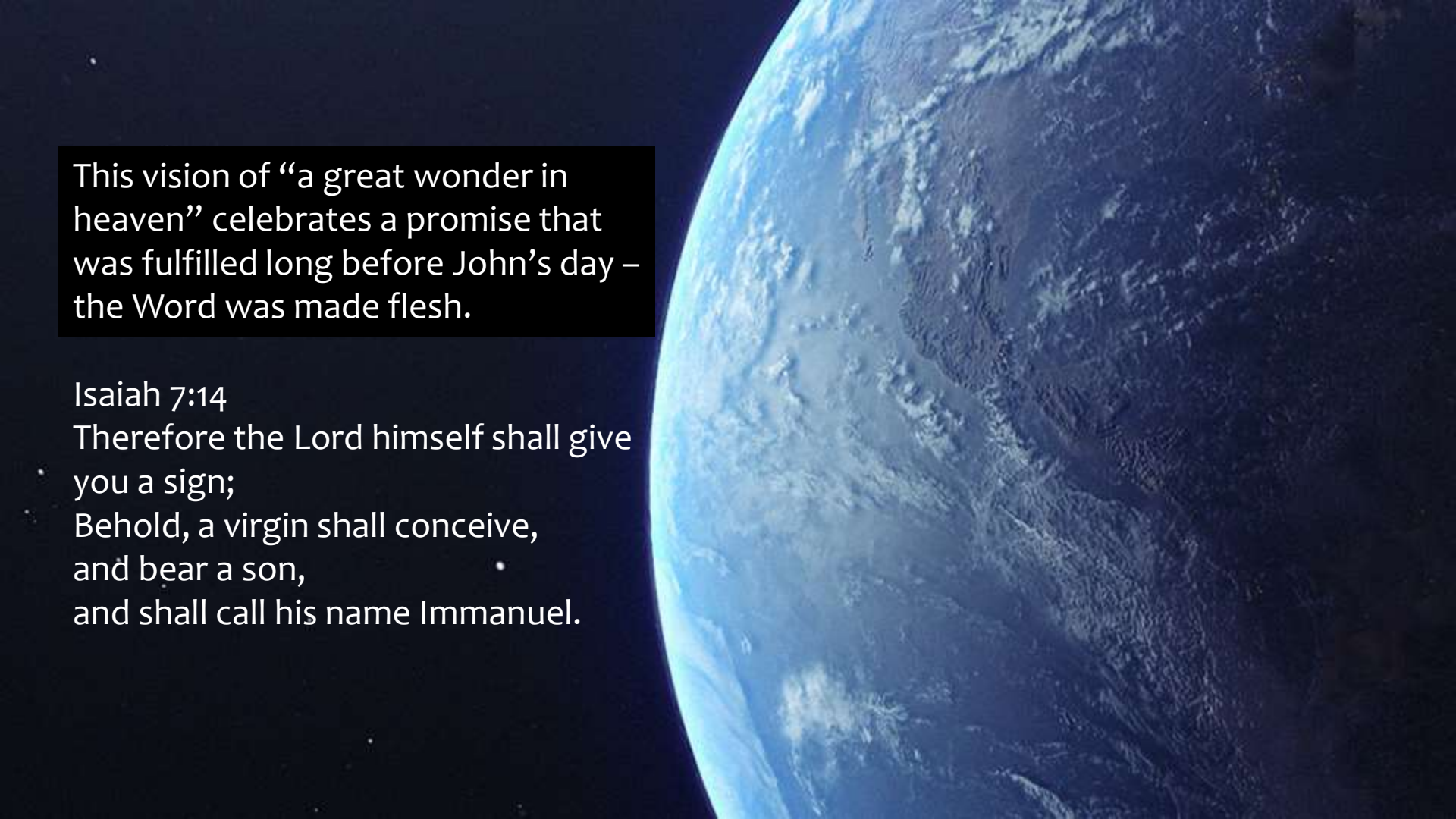
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The sun-clad woman



Revelation 12:1-2

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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.



This vision of “a great wonder in heaven” celebrates a promise that was fulfilled long before John’s day – the Word was made flesh.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.



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This woman represents Israel.

She is “clothed with the sun” – with God’s righteousness.

The 12 stars are her twelve tribes.



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Her child is the Messiah, the Son of God.



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To “travail in birth” is to labor in childbirth.

“Before the promised heir could be born, Israel had to pass through many sore afflictions and judgments. These were her “TRAVAIL TIME.”

Clarence Larkin, The Book of Revelation



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The woman's troubles began in Eden, as foretold by God:

Genesis 3:15

- ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee [the serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



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Her birth pains were also foretold:

Genesis 3:16a

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

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- 1-2 The sun-clad woman
- 3-4 The red dragon

The vision of events in heaven continues.



Revelation 12:3-4

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The great red dragon is the devil.

His seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns are symbols of his earthly dominion.



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Lucifer was thrown out of heaven long before Mary's child
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Isaiah 14:12

How art thou fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground,
which didst weaken the nations!



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The “third part of the stars” are the angels who are under his command who fell to earth with him.



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First the devil tried to prevent Christ's birth by killing his ancestors. Then he tried many times to kill Jesus himself, starting with King Herod's massacre of the innocents.

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Praise be to God, the Messiah was born!



Revelation 12:5

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Psalm 2:7-9

- 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.**



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The vision goes from Christ's birth directly to his ascension.

Psalm 110:1

¹ The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou at my right hand,
until I make thine enemies thy footstool.



Revelation 12:6

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“The wilderness represents anywhere outside Palestine. During the last half of the Tribulation period, Israel will take refuge among the Gentile nations, where God will care for her, perhaps through Gentile believers.”

Nelson Study Bible



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A “score” is twenty.

“Threescore” is 3 times 20, for a total of 60.

A thousand two hundred and threescore = 1,200 + 60

A biblical year lasts 360 days. A half year is 180 days.

1260 days = **3½ years** (360 + 360 + 360 + 180)



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Between verses 5 and 6 is the Church age.

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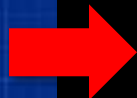
The Church is not in this vision because the Bride of Christ is not subject to the time of great tribulation. The church has been “delivered from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10).

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Revelation 12:7-9

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8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
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Verse 3 said the dragon's tail "drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth," but here it is clear that Satan and his angels were cast out together.



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Satan is “the prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2). This word *air* comes from the Greek *aer* meaning “the atmospheric region.” Satan was cast out of heaven and into the regions of earth.

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This prophecy celebrates Christ's victory over Satan.
Those who belong to the Lord are secured by him,
but woe to those who are on their own!



Revelation 12:10-11

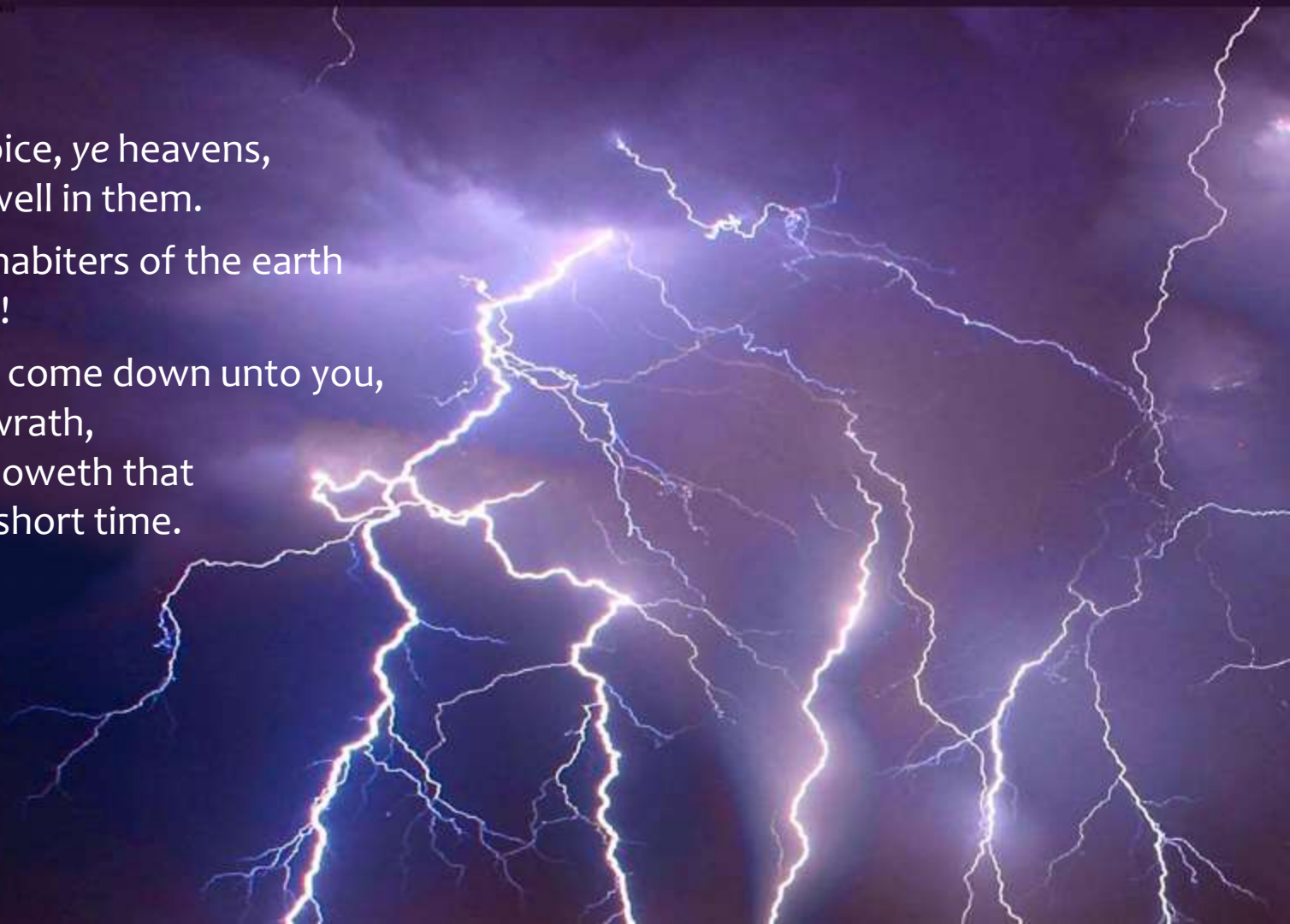
- ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
Now is come salvation, and strength,
and the kingdom of our God,
and the power of his Christ:
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,
which accused them before our God day and night.
- ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their testimony;
and they loved not their lives
unto the death.

Revelation 12:12

¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens,
and ye that dwell in them.

Woe to the inhabitants 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.



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13-17 The persecution of the woman and “the remnant of her seed.”

Chapter 12 concludes with a new vision, this one of events on earth, showing how God will protect his people during the Tribulation.

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After Christ ascended into heaven, the dragon refocused his attack on the woman (Israel) and the remnant of her seed.



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This is very similar to what we read in verse 6:

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In the days of Moses, God used eagles' wings to bring Jerusalem out of Egypt.

Exodus 19:3-4

- ³ And Moses went up unto God,
and the LORD called unto him out of
the mountain, saying,
Thus shalt thou say to the house of
Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
- ⁴ Ye have seen what I did unto the
Egyptians,
and how I bare you on eagles' wings,
and brought you unto myself.





Revelation 12:15-16

- 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.
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Flood waters are often symbolic of mighty enemies.

Jeremiah 46:8

- ⁸ **Egypt riseth up like a flood,** and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.



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In the book of Numbers, when “the earth opened her mouth,” it was a great earthquake.



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Numbers 16:31-32

- ³¹ And it came to pass, as he [Moses] had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them:
- ³² **And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up**, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.



Revelation 12:17

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.

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We will read more of John's 8th Vision in the next lesson.

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Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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