



The
Revelation
of **Jesus Christ**

18. The woman and the child



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The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him
to show to His servants
the things that must soon take place.

(Revelation 1:1)



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The second woe is past.
Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.
(Revelation 11:14)

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet...

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...and there were loud voices in heaven saying...

Hallelujah



*The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever.*

(See Revelation 11:15-19)

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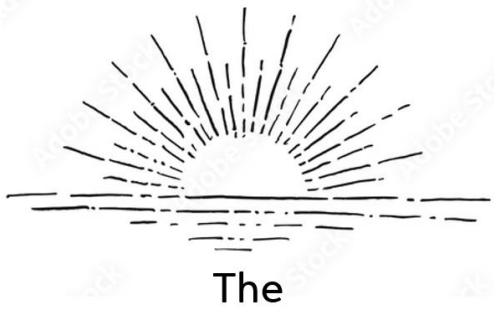
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Revelation 12:1-17

Verses 1 to 6

- Two signs – the woman and the dragon
- The male child born and caught up to God
- The woman flees to the wilderness

Verses 7 to 12

- Michael wages war in heaven
- Satan defeated and cast out
- The victory of the saints is celebrated

Verses 13-17

- The dragon persecutes the woman
- The woman is preserved in the wilderness
- The dragon goes to make war on her seed

The sign of the woman...

And a great sign appeared **in heaven**:

a woman

- clothed with **the sun**,
- with **the moon** under her feet, and
- on her head a crown of **twelve stars**.

Stephanos: a symbol of honour

Genesis 37:9-10 ?

Torture,
torment

She was pregnant
and was crying out in birth pains
and the **agony** of giving birth.

(Revelation 12:1-2)

Psalm 2:9
(Revelation 2:27)
Revelation 19:15

She gave birth to a **male Child**,

One who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron,
and her Child was caught up **to God and to His throne...**

(Revelation 12:5)

The sign of the dragon...

The ancient serpent,
who is called
the devil and Satan
(Revelation 12:9)

And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, **a great red dragon**,

- with seven heads and ten horns,
- and on his heads seven diadems.

Power and
dominion

His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven
and cast them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to give birth,
so that when she bore her Child
he might devour it.

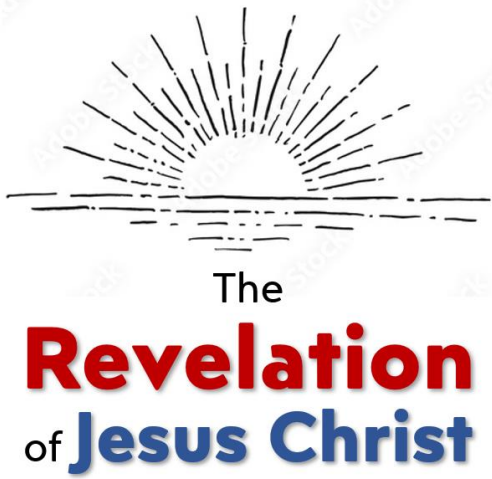
(Revelation 12:3-4)

The Child is born and the woman flees...

She gave birth to a male Child,
One who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron,
but her Child was caught up to God and to His throne,
and the woman fled into the wilderness,
where she has **a place prepared by God**,
in which she is to be **nourished** for 1,260 days.

(Revelation 12:5-6)

3½ years



Reflections

- With God's calling comes great responsibility (Luke 12:48)
- It is Satan who is behind opposition to God's purposes
- The wilderness is a hard place, but God nourishes His people

War in heaven...

Michael...the great prince
who stands watch over
the sons of your people...
(Daniel 12:1)

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.

And the dragon and his angels fought back,
but he was defeated, and there was no longer
any place for them in heaven.

And the great dragon was thrown down,
that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,
the deceiver of the whole world—
he was thrown down to the earth,
and **his angels** were thrown down with him.

(Revelation 12:7-9)

1 John 5:19

The victory of the saints...

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying...

Now the **salvation** and the **power** and the **kingdom of our God** and the **authority of His Christ** have come,

for the accuser of our brethren
has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night
before our God.

Christ reigns
on high

And they have **conquered** him

- by the **blood of the Lamb** and
- by the **word of their testimony**,
for they loved not their lives
even unto death.

(See Revelation 12:10-11)

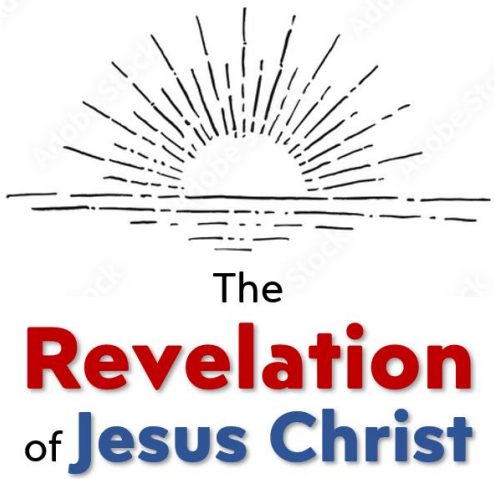
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And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying...

Therefore, **rejoice**, O heavens
and you who dwell in them!

But **woe to you**, O earth and sea,
for the devil has come down to you
in great wrath, because he knows
that **his time is short!**

(See Revelation 12:12)



Reflections

- Behind earthly wisdom is the great deceiver (James 3:15)
- Spiritual strength is rooted in the power of the cross
- To overcome we must have a living hope beyond this life

The dragon persecutes the woman...

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

But the woman was given **the two wings of a great eagle** so that she might fly **from the serpent** into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Exodus 19:4

3½ years

(Revelation 12:13-14)

The dragon persecutes the woman...

The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with **a flood**.

Psalm 32:6-7
Isaiah 59:19

Romans 8:22

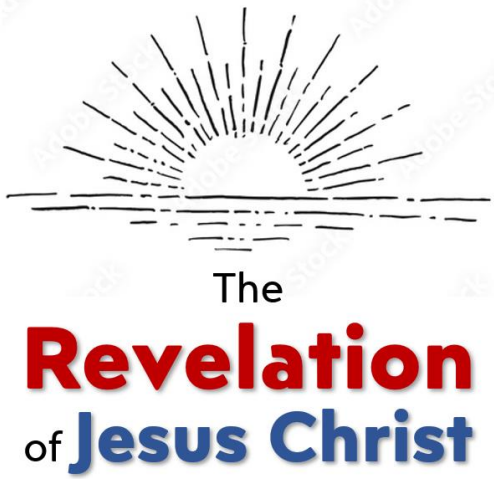
But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

(Revelation 12:15-16)

The dragon goes to war...

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who **keep the commandments of God** and **hold to the testimony of Jesus**.

(Revelation 12:17)



Reflections

- The Lord can deliver His people from Satan's scheme's
- Testing and trials will be our experience in this life
- Faith and obedience characterise God's people



What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who will bring any charge against **God's elect**?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

Christ Jesus is the one who died
– more than that, who was raised –
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed is interceding for us.

(See Romans 8:31-34)