



In Revelation 12, John describes the beginning of a theatrical presentation he saw in the sky and on the earth. The protagonist is a sun-clothed woman (Israel); the antagonist is a dragon (Satan); the hero is the woman's child (Jesus the messiah).

Outline

- **Chapter Preview** Introduction
- **The Woman, Child & Dragon** Revelation 12:1-6
- **Satan Thrown Out of Heaven** Revelation 12:7-12
- **The Woman Persecuted** Revelation 12:13-17



Truths & Principles

- ✓ God always sees the devil as a repulsive dragon that opposes the redeemed.
- ✓ The devil is the accuser of the brothers and sisters before God.
- ✓ The consummation is necessary because of the age-long conflict between the woman and the dragon.
- ✓ The consummation is necessary to end the final war Satan will bring against God's people.

Preview

Right in the middle of the book of Revelation is a "scorecard", which lists the seven symbolic players in the great end-times drama. The identity of these figures is crucial to the interpretation of the whole book. The woman who brings forth the male child is especially significant.



Applications

- ✓ Be willing to see yourself as God sees His people.
- ✓ Expect that some of the devil's attacks on you will come as false accusations.
- ✓ Conquer the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony.
- ✓ Do not despair when you are persecuted for keeping God's commands.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. The great signs in the heavens included a woman clothed with (12:1)? _____
2. The woman was (12:2)? _____
3. What ghastly thing stood before the woman (12:4)? _____
4. The child born to the woman would (12:5)? _____
5. The woman fled to a place prepared by (12:6)? _____
6. During the war in heaven, who fought the dragon (12:7)? _____
7. A woe is issued to the inhabitants of what? (12:12) _____
8. What helped the woman? (12:14) _____

Study Questions

1. What does the warfare between the dragon and the woman say about the conflict between Satan and the people of God?
 - ❖ What would explain the fury behind Satan's pursuit?
2. What is "Replacement Theology"?
 - ❖ Why is it dangerous?
3. Can you think of another story in modern times that parallels the great drama told in Revelation 12? Why might God's cosmic story resemble so many other stories?
4. Who is the woman in Revelation 12? What are the clues to her identity?
5. Who is the male Child in Revelation 12? What are the clues to his identity?
6. Who is the red dragon in Revelation 12? How do we know? What is his agenda?
7. Are there supernatural powers behind today's geopolitical entities?
 - ❖ How do we know? Cite Biblical examples to support your answer.
8. What defense do we have against Satan, our great Accuser?
 - ❖ List at least three things we can do to defend ourselves against Satan and his demonic forces.
 - ❖ Use Scripture to support your answers.