**Lesson 21 Rev 12:1 to 13:1**

**Revelation 12:1-17 (NASB)**
1  A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
2  and she was with child; and she \*cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.
3  Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems.
4  And his tail \*swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.
5  And she gave birth to a son, a male *child,* who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
6  Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she \*had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.
7  And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,
8  and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.
9  And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10  Then 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, he who accuses them before our God day and night.
11  "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
12  "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time."
13  And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child.*
14  But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she \*was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
15  And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.
16  But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.
17  So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

**Revelation 13:1 (NASB)**
1  And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names.

**I. The seven great personages of the end times (**[**chaps. 12-15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12-15)**)**

Though the seventh trumpet was recorded in [11:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A15) as sounding, the details of what will come out of the seventh trumpet are not revealed until [chapter 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16). Accordingly [chapters 12-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12-15) view the prophecies of the end time from another perspective and introduce the great personages who are involved in the second half of the seven-year period.

Many have pointed out that seven personages appear in [chapters 12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12-13): (1) a woman clothed with the sun, representing Israel ([12:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1-2)); (2) the red dragon with seven heads and 10 horns, representing Satan ([12:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A3-4)); (3) the male Child, representing Christ ([12:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5-6)); (4) the archangel Michael, casting Satan out of heaven ([12:7-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A7-12)); (5) the offspring of the woman, persecuted by the dragon ([12:13-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A13-17)); (6) the beast out of the sea, the future world dictator ([13:2-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A2-10)); (7) the beast out of the earth, the false prophet ([13:11-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A11-18)). These chapters do not advance the narrative chronologically, but present events and situations that are concurrent with the soundings of the trumpets. Chronological progress of events resumes in [chapter 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16).

**1. The First Personage: A Woman Clothed With The Sun (**[**12:1-2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1-2)**)**

[**12:1-2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1-2)**.** The first great personage to appear was **a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of 12 stars on her head.** She was called **a great and wondrous sign** (*sēmeion mega*, lit., "a great sign"; cf. [13:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A13)). Undoubtedly the sign provoked wonder, as indicated in the kjv and niv, but the translation "a great sign" (nasb) is more accurate, since John did not use the Greek word for wonder (*teras*). This was the first of a series of events called "signs" or "miracles" ([12:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A3); [13:13-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A13-14); [15:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A1); [16:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A14); [19:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A20)). As signs they were symbols of something that God was about to reveal and usually contained an element of prophetic warning. Though this sign was seen in heaven, the events which followed obviously occurred on earth.

The woman symbolized Israel, as indicated by [Genesis 37:9-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+37%3A9-11), where the sun and the moon referred to Jacob and Rachel, Joseph's parents. The stars in the woman's crown clearly related to the 12 sons of Jacob and identified the woman as Israel fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant. J.B. Smith cites [Isaiah 60:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+60%3A1-3), [20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+60%3A20) as proof that the sun refers to Israel's future glory (*A Revelation of Jesus Christ*, p. 182).

Many commentaries are so intent on attempting to identify Israel as the church that they ignore these plain indications that the woman is Israel. Robert H. Mounce, for instance, makes the woman "the messianic community, the ideal Israel... the church ([Rev. 12:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A17)). The people of God are one throughout all redemptive history" (*The Book of Revelation*, p. 236). While there is a unity of the people of God, this does not wipe out dispensational and racial distinctions.

The symbolism, while not referring specifically to Mary, the mother of Christ, points to Israel as the source of Jesus Christ. Thus it does not refer to the church. Wicked women are sometimes used to represent false religions, as in the case of Jezebel ([2:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+2%3A20)), the apostate church of the end time as a prostitute ([17:1-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A1-7), [15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A15), [18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A18)), and Israel as the unfaithful wife of Yahweh ([Hosea 2:2-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Hos+2%3A2-13)). The church by contrast is pictured as the virgin bride ([2 Cor. 11:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+11%3A2)), the Lamb's wife ([Rev. 19:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A7)).

The woman was said to be **pregnant** and **about to give birth** ([12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A2)). While in some sense this may be fulfilled in the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary, the context seems to refer to the emerging nation of Israel in its suffering prior to the second coming of Christ. This is further supported by the verses which follow.

**2. The Second Personage: The Red Dragon With The 7 Heads And 10 Horns (**[**12:3-4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A3-4)**)**

[**12:3-4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A3-4)**.** The second wonder (*semeion*, "sign"; cf. [v. 1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1)) **appeared in heaven,** though it actually related to scenes on earth. It was a great **red dragon,** having **7 heads and 10 horns, and 7 crowns on his heads.** From similar descriptions in [Daniel 7:7-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A7-8), [24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A24) and [Revelation 13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1), this beast represented Satan's control over world empires in the Great Tribulation. [Revelation 12:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A9) identifies the dragon as Satan. The color red might indicate the bloodshed related to this period. The 10 horns presented symbolically the 10 kings (see [Dan. 7:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A24)) who reigned simultaneously with the coming world ruler and who were mentioned both in [Daniel 7:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A7) and [Revelation 13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1).

The casting down of **a third of the stars out of the sky** seemed to imply satanic power which extended to the heavens and the earth. Satan was seen here to extend his power over those who opposed him spiritually or politically. The dragon's attempt to **devour** the newborn **Child** ([12:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A4)) seemed to point to Satan's attempts to destroy the Infant Jesus. Satanic opposition to Israel and especially to the messianic line is clear in both Testaments.

**3. The Third Personage: The Male-Child, Christ (**[**12:5-6**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5-6)**)**

[**12:5-6**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5-6)**.** When the Child—described as **a Son, a male Child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter**—was born, He **was snatched up to God and to His throne.** The Child obviously is Jesus Christ ([Ps. 2:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+2%3A9); [Rev. 19:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A15)). Alford states that "the Man-Child is the Lord Jesus Christ, *and none other"* (*The Greek Testament*, 4:668). The catching up of the Child referred to the Ascension, not to the later Rapture of the church though the same word for "snatched up" is used of the Rapture ([1 Thes. 4:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Th+4%3A17); cf. [Acts 8:39](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+8%3A39); [2 Cor. 12:2-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+12%3A2-4)). The Rapture of the church would not constitute a deliverance of the Man-Child from Satan.

The deliverance itself took place when the woman **fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God,** and she was preserved **for 1,260 days,** which was three and one-half years or 42 months of 30 days each. Matthew ([24:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+24%3A16)) referred to the flight of Israel at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (cf. [Mark 13:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+13%3A14)). References to both desert and mountains are not a contradiction as both were wilderness areas. In her desert hideout Israel was cared for perhaps as miraculously as Israel was in her wilderness journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.

The time period was 1,260 days, later described as "a time, times, and half a time" (cf. [comments](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=137&sec=00057202#link1525) on [Rev. 12:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A14)). This action ([vv. 5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5-6)) followed what is described in [verse 7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A7) as a "war in heaven."

**4. The Fourth Personage: Satan Cast Out Of Heaven (**[**12:7-12**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Revelation%2012:7-12)**)**

[**12:7**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A7)**. Michael** the archangel (cf. [Jude 9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jude+1%3A9)) **and his angels** fought Satan **and his angels,** that is, demons. The time of this **war in heaven** was not indicated but the context refers to the end time. The efforts of some expositors to make this coincidental with the first coming of Christ, linking it with [Luke 10:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+10%3A18), are not justified by the context in [Revelation 12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12). Also Satan is most obviously active throughout the period of the Church Age (cf. [Acts 5:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A3); [1 Cor. 5:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+5%3A5); [7:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+7%3A5); [2 Cor. 2:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+2%3A11); [11:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+11%3A14); [12:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+12%3A7); [1 Tim. 1:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ti+1%3A20); [1 Peter 5:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+5%3A8)).

The concept that Satan is inactive in the present Age is a false conclusion based on an attempt to place the binding of Satan at the first coming of Christ ([Rev. 20:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20%3A1-3)). However, the binding of Satan is still a future event that relates to the millennial kingdom.

[**12:8-9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A8-9)**.** The outcome of the war was that Satan **was hurled to the earth,** and his character was clearly revealed in the various titles ascribed to him: **the great dragon... that ancient serpent... the devil or Satan.** With him went the fallen **angels** of the demon world.

While the concept of Satan in heaven is difficult to comprehend, it is clear that he is now the accuser of saints (cf. [Job 1:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Job+1%3A6); [Rev. 12:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A10)). Though Satan was defeated at the first coming of Christ ([John 16:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+16%3A11)), his execution was delayed and is in stages. Here ([Rev. 12:8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A8-9)) he will be cast out of heaven in the middle of the Tribulation. Later he will be bound for the duration of the millennial kingdom ([20:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20%3A1-3)). The devil will finally be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur ([20:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20%3A10)) where the world ruler (Antichrist) and the false prophet will have been cast a thousand years earlier.

Satan and his activities in heaven and earth opposed Christ as Priest in heaven, as King in Satan's world rule in the Great Tribulation, and as the true Prophet by advancing the beast out of the earth ([13:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A11)), who was the false prophet ([20:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20%3A10)). Satan was identified as that ancient serpent, alias the devil or Satan, and was declared to be the one who led the whole world astray. When he will be cast into the earth, all the fallen angels or demons will be cast down with him.

[**12:10-12**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A10-12)**.** John then heard a hymn of praise uttered by **a loud voice in heaven.** Announcement was made of the coming demonstration of divine **salvation** and **power** with the advent of the millennial kingdom. Satan was characterized as the one who **accuses** believers **before our God day and night.** The principle by which he was overcome and cast out of heaven was **the blood of the Lamb** and **the word of their testimony.** Not only did Christ provide the victory, but also those who were martyred took part in that victory. Those in the heavens were called on to rejoice because of Satan's defeat, but the earth was warned that the devil was **filled with fury, because he** knew **that his time** was **short.** The devil knew that his time was limited to 1,260 days, the period of the Great Tribulation. By no stretch of the imagination can these prophecies be spread to cover the whole Interadvent Age as some attempt to do.

**5. The Fifth Personage: The Offspring Of The Woman Persecuted By The Dragon (**[**12:13-17**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A13-17)**)**

[**12:13-14**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A13-14)**.** The woman introduced in [verse 1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1) became the special object of Satan's persecution. She was given supernatural help symbolized by **the two wings of a great eagle** which enabled her to **fly to the place prepared for her in the desert.**

This hiding place was not clearly identified. Some suggest that it might be Petra, fortress capital of the Nabateans in Edom, south of the Dead Sea. This city has a narrow access which could easily be blocked but which opens up into a large canyon capable of caring for many thousands of people. Though Scripture is not specific, some believe the 144,000 of [chapter 7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7) are to be preserved here. The Scriptures themselves speak of God's seal of protection on them.

The two wings probably do not refer to modern airplanes but rather to God's delivering power, and are a figure of speech taken from such Old Testament passages as [Exodus 19:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+19%3A4) and [Deuteronomy 32:11-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+32%3A11-12). The flight of Israel to a place of safety was also indicated in [Matthew 24:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+24%3A16); [Mark 13:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+13%3A14); and [Luke 21:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+21%3A21).

Though [Revelation 12:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A6), [14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A14) referred to the refuge as a desert and the Synoptic passages referred to mountains, this is no contradiction as both desert and mountains are in a wilderness area. The length of time of her preservation was said to be **a time, times, and half a time.** This refers to the three and one-half years of the Great Tribulation with "a time" equaling one year, "times" equaling two years, and "half a time" indicating 6 months (cf. [Dan. 7:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A25); [12:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+12%3A7) with the 42 months referred to in [Rev. 11:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A2); [13:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A5)). References to these specific time periods show that the Great Tribulation is *not* the entire present Age but the three and one-half years preceding the second coming of Christ.

[**12:15-17**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A15-17)**.** Pursuing the woman, the devil as **the serpent** originated a flood to **sweep her away with the torrent,** but the earth swallowed up the water. Some have taken this as a literal flood, but since Israel could flee in every direction the contour of the Holy Land does not lend itself to such a flood. Probably the flood represents Satan's effort to exterminate Israel. This is thwarted by the rough terrain which provides hiding places. In some way God assists the Israelites so that they are not completely destroyed, though [Zechariah 13:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+13%3A8) indicates that "two-thirds will be struck down and perish."

Though only one-third of Israel in the land is thus preserved (of which the 144,000 of [Rev. 7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7) are a portion), Satan the dragon continues to war against the rest.

[Revelation 12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12) introduces four important persons and one group of people living at the end time: Israel, Satan, Christ, the archangel, and the remnant of Israel. In [Revelation 13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13) two important persons complete the scene.

**6. The Sixth Personage: The Beast Out Of The Sea (**[**13:1-10**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1-10)**)**

*a. The beast out of the sea introduced (*[*13:1-2*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1-2)*)*

[**13:1-2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1-2)**.** [Chapter 13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13) presents a most important personage of the end time—**a beast coming out of the sea.** His **10 horns and 7 heads, with 10 crowns on his horns,** depict the revived Roman Empire, which was also represented by the fourth beast of Daniel, which also had 10 horns ([Dan. 7:7-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A7-8); cf. [Rev. 13:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A3); [17:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A3), [7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A7)). In [Revelation 13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13) and [17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev%2017) the beast is the world ruler, whereas in [Daniel 7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7) the little horn on the beast was the world ruler.

The fact that the beast comes out from the sea indicates that he is a Gentile, for the sea of humanity is involved as his source (cf. [Rev. 17:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17%3A15)).

Many have said that the beast refers to some character in past history, but the context clearly refers to the final three and one-half years before Christ's second coming. Under the control of this central ruler in the Middle East during the Great Tribulation will be 10 nations (cf. [Dan. 7:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A24), "The 10 horns are 10 kings"). (For discussion of various alternative views, see Walvoord, *Revelation*, pp. 198-99.)

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**Open it**

1. How does it feel to be accused of something you didn’t do?
 **Angry and upset**

**Explore it**

2. After the seventh trumpet, what "great and wondrous sign" did John observe in heaven? ([12:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A1))
 **A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;**

3. What second sign did John see in heaven? ([12:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A3))
 **A great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems.**

4. In what activities was the enormous red dragon involved? ([12:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A4))
 **And his tail \*swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.** Stars are also used to refer to angels.

5. What did John say about the child born to the woman? ([12:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A5))
 **who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.**

6. Where did the woman go right after giving birth? ([12:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A6))
 **Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she \*had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.**

7. What happened to the dragon and his angels? ([12:8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A8-9))
 **And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**

8. What did a voice from heaven announce? ([12:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A10))
 **"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, he who accuses them before our God day and night.**

9. According to the voice from heaven, how was Satan defeated? ([12:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A11))
 **"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.**

10. What warning was sounded to the earth and sea? Why? ([12:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A12))
 **Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.**

11. What happened when the dragon tried to destroy the woman? ([12:13-13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A13-13%3A1))
 **He was prevented from harming her as she was protected by God and the earth**

12. When the dragon was unable to kill the woman, where did he redirect his destructive efforts? ([12:17-13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A17-13%3A1))
 **So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**

**Get it**

13. In what way does Satan try to oppose God today?
 **By tempting us to not obey God and his commandment, “Surely you won’t die”**

14. In what ways does Satan try to tempt and hurt us?
 **By leading us astray, “is that really a sin”**

**Apply it**

15. What can you do this week to strengthen your hold on the testimony of Jesus?
 **By studying and remembering key verses so we don’t get lead astray**

**Revelation 11:15 (NASB)**
15  Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

**Revelation 13:13 (NASB)**
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1  Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

**Revelation 16:14 (NASB)**
14  for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 19:20 (NASB)**
20  And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

**Genesis 37:9 (NASB)**
9  Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

**Genesis 37:10 (NASB)**
10  He related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

**Genesis 37:11 (NASB)**
11  His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying *in mind.*

**Isaiah 60:1 (NASB)**
1  "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**Isaiah 60:2 (NASB)**
2  "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.

**Isaiah 60:3 (NASB)**
3  "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Isaiah 60:20 (NASB)**
20  "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over.

**Revelation 12:17 (NASB)**
17  So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

**Revelation 2:20 (NASB)**
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**Revelation 17:1 (NASB)**
1  Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

**Revelation 17:2 (NASB)**
2  with whom the kings of the earth committed *acts of* immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

**Revelation 17:3 (NASB)**
3  And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

**Revelation 17:4 (NASB)**
4  The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,

**Revelation 17:5 (NASB)**
5  and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

**Revelation 17:6 (NASB)**
6  And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

**Revelation 17:7 (NASB)**
7  And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

**Revelation 17:15 (NASB)**
15  And he \*said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

**Revelation 17:18 (NASB)**
18  "The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

**Hosea 2:2 (NASB)**
2  "Contend with your mother, contend, For she is not my wife, and I am not her husband; And let her put away her harlotry from her face And her adultery from between her breasts,

**Hosea 2:3 (NASB)**
3  Or I will strip her naked And expose her as on the day when she was born. I will also make her like a wilderness, Make her like desert land And slay her with thirst.

**Hosea 2:4 (NASB)**
4  "Also, I will have no compassion on her children, Because they are children of harlotry.

**Hosea 2:5 (NASB)**
5  "For their mother has played the harlot; She who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, Who give *me* my bread and my water, My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'

**Hosea 2:6 (NASB)**
6  "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with thorns, And I will build a wall against her so that she cannot find her paths.

**Hosea 2:7 (NASB)**
7  "She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them; And she will seek them, but will not find *them.* Then she will say, 'I will go back to my first husband, For it was better for me then than now!'

**Hosea 2:8 (NASB)**
8  "For she does not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the new wine and the oil, And lavished on her silver and gold, *Which* they used for Baal.

**Hosea 2:9 (NASB)**
9  "Therefore, I will take back My grain at harvest time And My new wine in its season. I will also take away My wool and My flax *Given* to cover her nakedness.

**Hosea 2:10 (NASB)**
10  "And then I will uncover her lewdness In the sight of her lovers, And no one will rescue her out of My hand.

**Hosea 2:11 (NASB)**
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**Hosea 2:12 (NASB)**
12  "I will destroy her vines and fig trees, Of which she said, 'These are my wages Which my lovers have given me.' And I will make them a forest, And the beasts of the field will devour them.

**Hosea 2:13 (NASB)**
13  "I will punish her for the days of the Baals When she used to offer sacrifices to them And adorn herself with her earrings and jewelry, And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me," declares the LORD.

**2 Corinthians 11:2 (NASB)**
2  For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin.

**Revelation 19:7 (NASB)**
7  "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

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**Revelation 19:15 (NASB)**
15  From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

**1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NASB)**
17  Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

**Acts 8:39 (NASB)**
39  When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

**2 Corinthians 12:2 (NASB)**
2  I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

**2 Corinthians 12:3 (NASB)**
3  And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—

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**Deuteronomy 32:11 (NASB)**
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**Revelation 11:2 (NASB)**
2  "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

**Revelation 13:5 (NASB)**
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