



The Woman Clothed with the Sun

Revelation 12 Pt. II

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Recap: The Appearance of the Ark

- The Ark contained...
 - The Law
 - God's care for creation
 - The Leader
 - Jesus is King
 - The Provider
 - God protects and provides for His people



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- This sets the stage that there is only one true leader, who cares for the well being of his creation and will ultimately provide for those who are faithful to Him.



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Recap: Character Identified

- The Woman
 - God's people (church) both old and new covenant (testament).
 - see. Revelation 12:17-18; 14:12
- The Child
 - Jesus the Christ.
 - see. Psalms 2:9 and Revelation 19:15-16
- The Dragon
 - The Devil



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Revelation 12:7-9

• The Dragon Described

- That ancient serpent
 - Gen 3:1-15
- Devil and Satan
 - Slandered and adversary respectively
 - The accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10)
- The Great Deceiver
 - With subtle lies mixed in with truth, the great deceiver lures men and women away from the one true leader to follow his false leadership.
 - He comes offering much, but nothing that he offers he owns. All that he has has been given to him, and it all will very soon be taken away.

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• The Dragon Cast Out

- The phrase “to cast out”
 - excommunication (cf. John 9:34–35)
 - “judicial punishment” (cf. Matt. 3:10; 13:41–42; John 15:6; Rev. 2:10).
 - This “casting down” of Satan from heaven suggests his excommunication from the heavenly council.
- Lost of Access at the Cross
 - We see him attending the assembly of the sons of God before the Lord in the heavenly places (cf. Job 1:6–12) and accusing Joshua, the high priest, before God in the heavenly court (Zech. 3:1–2).

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- At the Cross

- having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:14-15

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• At the Cross

- Though Satan had been a murderer from the beginning, (John 8:44) it was at the cross that the entire universe came to realize his true character.
- The cross marks the decisive point in human history, with cosmic meaning and significance, “when God’s ‘direct rule’ replaces Satan’s abuse of his powers, and authority passes to God’s Christ.”

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• A Hymn from Heaven

- The third hymn so far in the book of revelation (c.f. Rev 5:9-14, 11:11-15).
- Songs of victory follow great distress of tribulation.

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- The song relays the coronation of Christ and the defeat of the devil.
- The reveals
 - Christ is the leader (king)
 - The devil is defeated
 - The devil spends as much time accusing the faithful as the four living creatures worship God (see. Rev. 4:8).
 - The faithful's victory is secured at the cross
 - Their victory is affirmed by their loyalty to Christ.
 - The devil's time is short

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• More on the 1260

- Verse 13 picks up where verse 6 left off.
- Jesus who is our provider, makes provision for the woman in the wilderness.
- Times, Time and dividing of Time =
 $3.5 \text{ years} = 1260 \text{ days (v. 13)} = 538 \text{ AD to } 1798 \text{ AD.}$

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- The Earth
 - Numbers 16
 - Korah persuaded men against God's leader
 - Exodus 15:12
 - The song of Moses where it is said the earth swallowed the Egyptians
 - Just as in the past God protected his people from the pursuit of the Pharaoh, and Moses from the vicious rebellion of Korah and his associates, so now he provides protection for his church from Satan's flooding

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- The Earth
 - Two events helped swallow the flood waters
 - The Reformation (1517-1600)
 - The discovery of America (1492)

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• The Cosmic Bully

- It happens often in life that after a person has experienced humiliation and loss, he pours out his angry feelings against those around him who seem to be weaker.

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• The Remaining one's

- Notice it is no longer the woman in focus but the offspring.
- There is a remnant from the woman distinguished two characteristics:
 - Keep God's commands
 - Have the testimony of Jesus Christ
- The text indicates that at the end of time, as the whole world renders their allegiance and loyalty to Satan and his allies (Rev. 13:4, 8), God will have a people who will be unreservedly faithful and obedient to him in keeping his commandments and holding to the testimony of Jesus given through the gift of prophecy (cf. Rev. 19:10).



Will You Be Faithful?

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