

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 12

The Woman, the Dragon, and the Man-Child

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Chap. 12:1-2 — The Woman

Is Israel, the Jewish mother of Christ (see Isa. 9:6 and Rom. 9:4-5). 'Clothed with the sun' indicates Israel invested with supreme authority in the earth. She is seen superior to, and above, her previous state of reflected light — the moon under her feet. Completeness of human administration is also hers as shown by the crown of twelve stars (see Gen. 37:9 and Isa. 60:1-3).

Chap. 12:3 — The Red Dragon

Satan seen in connection with earthly power and in open blasphemous opposition to God. The crowns are here seen on his heads, not on the horns as in chapter 13. The seven heads denote completeness of power in evil, while the ten horns show incompleteness in kingly administration. The Lamb had seven horns (chap. 5:6). Twelve is completeness of power in man.

Chap. 12:4

The rulers within the sphere of the Roman Empire (western Europe) are brought under Satan's malignant influence.

Chap. 12:5 — The Man-Child

A male of might, is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The rapture of the Man-Child is thought, in divine purpose, to include that of the saints.

Chap. 12:6-17

Israel (the Woman), as connected with the fulfillment of God's purposes in the earth, is sheltered for three years and a half (1,260 days, vs.6, or a time, times, and half a time, vs.14) in

spite of Satan's hate and opposition. Cast into the earth in the middle of Daniel's 70th week, he persecutes the faithful with great fury.