

REVELATION: Lesson 113

Chapter 12:1-10

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Vs 1 This woman (representing Israel) is “**clothed with the sun**” because the sun speaks of supreme authority (Gen 1:16). The sun rules the day, the moon rules the night as it reflects the light of the sun.

- **Deuteronomy 28:13** supports the teaching that Israel will be the head of the nations.

ALL CONNECTED

This verse begins with the word “**And**,” which occurs 1,174 times in Revelation.

- Revelation has 404 verses. All but 31 verses use the word “*and*.”
- “And” is a connecting word letting us know that everything we read about in Revelation is linked together and God is the One who is working it all out according to His plan and program.

Vs 3 The Devil unmasked. The dragon (Satan) has power (crowns on his heads), but it is concealed.

- Satan uses deception, tricks, falsehood, and subtlety today.
 - He lost the power to physically possess and harm people (Mt 4:24, 8:16, 8:28, 9:32, 12:22, etc.). Beginning at Jesus’ resurrection when he spoiled principalities and powers and triumphed over Satan, Satan could no longer use physical methods of tormenting men. He had to resort to deceiving men through religion and false teachers and preachers.

(Revelation 13:1) When the Antichrist (the Beast) shows up, Satan will bestow power upon him that will be openly displayed (crowns on the horns).

- Subtlety and deceit will no longer be the Devil’s primary method of operation. At the midpoint of the Tribulation, Satan will demonstrate great power openly. The Beast will be Satan manifest in the flesh.

Vs 4 The dragon “**drew the third part of the stars of heaven.**” How does he do it? With “**his tail!**”

- Isaiah 9:13-15, “**the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.**” The false prophet shows up in Revelation 13 as the religious leader who prepares the way for the Beast.
- This false prophet will be able to deceive 1/3 of the holy angels (stars) in heaven. His power of strong delusion extends to angels and men.

THE DRAGON

Ezekiel 29:1-4, Pharaoh, king of Egypt is addressed as “**the great dragon**” because Satan is the power behind that ruler’s cruel oppression. The dragon, a murderer from the beginning, has often used political pawns to do his bidding.

LEVIATHAN, THE FIRE BREATHING DRAGON

Job 41:1-34, here Leviathan is clearly described as a great dragon. **Isaiah 27:1** describes leviathan as a “**crooked serpent**” and “**the dragon,**” which also matches **Revelation 20:2**.

No longer hiding behind a political leader, the dragon will be openly ruling the Earth himself (Job 41:12, leviathan no longer concealed), with a heart as firm as a stone (vs 24).

He is “**made without fear**” (vs 33) and is “**king over all the children of pride**” (vs 34). If you don’t fear God, the devil is influencing that attitude. If you’re too proud to serve God or stand for Jesus, guess who’s whispering in your ear?

Vs 5 “**Her child was caught up unto GOD, —AND to his throne.**” The precise wording here allows for two separate ascensions:

- Jesus’ ascension to God on resurrection day to present Himself as the perfect man.
- His ascension to His own throne forty days later.
- This verse clearly identifies the man child as the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Others had been caught up to God (Enoch, Elijah), but not to a throne.

“**who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.**” These words also identify the man child as Jesus Christ (see **Psalm 2:6-9** and Revelation 19:15-16).

THE CHURCH NOT IN VIEW

1. The child is born (vs 4, vs 5).
 2. Her child was caught up to God, and to his throne (vs 5).
 3. The woman fled into the wilderness (vs 6).
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Vs 8-9 These two verses mark the center of the book of Revelation. The subject matter is Satan coming to the Earth.

Vs 10 Satan is “**the accuser of our brethren,**” working day and night to try and get people blotted out of God’s book of life.

- Jesus Christ is our Advocate (defense attorney), standing before God to make intercession for those of us who have trusted in His shed blood for our salvation. (Isa 53:12, Rom 8:34).
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