

THE WOMAN AND HER CHILD
REV. 12:1-6

Introduction:

- A. God has shown John an overview of the last days of this age.
 - 1. Rev. 10:7.
 - 2. Rev. 11:15-18.

- B. In this chapter we see the nation of Israel and her struggle with Satan.
 - 1. God has not abandoned the Jew!
 - 2. Rom. 11:15, "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?"
 - 3. vii:25, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." [Rev. 11:2]
 - 4. vii:26, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."
 - 5. vii:27, "For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

I. THE FIRST GREAT WONDER IN HEAVEN. V1,2

- A. "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven."
 - 1. appeared = optomai - to see, to see an object.
 - 2. wonder = semeion = a sign or token by which anything designated, distinguished or known. A sign is not the thing. A road sign is not the curves of the road but it tells us what the road is like ahead of us.

- B. "a women clothed with the sun, and the moon, under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stones."

1. clothed = periballo - to cast or throw about.
 2. Gen. 37:9, "And he (Joseph) dreamed another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, behold I have dreamed a dream more; and behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me."
- C. "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."
1. cried = knazo - to scream, to cry out.
 2. travailing = hodino - to be in labor.
 3. pained = basanizo - to be in great pain.
 4. delivered = tikto - to bear a child.
 5. This is the nation of Israel, chosen to bear the Son of God through a virgin.
 - a. Rom. 9:4-5, "...and of whom, concerning the flesh, Christ came."

II. THE SECOND WONDER IN HEAVEN. V3,4

- A. "And there appeared another wonder in heaven."
1. appeared = optomai - to see an object.
 2. wonder = semeion = a sign or token.
- B. "And behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head."
1. dragon = drakon - a large kind of serpent.
 2. red = punnos - fiery, red.
 3. v13:1, 17:3, Seven heads, and ten horns.
 4. This is Satan, Seven heads = vicious; Ten horns = physical power; Seven crowns = political power.

III. WHERE DID SATAN COME FROM. V4a

- A. "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth."
1. tail = oura - a tail, tail of an animal.
 2. drew = surei - to drag, to sweep.
 3. Satan had his followers in the fall.

- B. Satan was created by God as an angel of light to serve Him.
 - 1. Ezekiel 28:11-19.
 - 2. Isaiah 14:12-15.

IV. SATAN'S DESIRE. U4b

- A. "and the Dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered for to devour her child as soon as it was born."
 - 1. stood = istemi - to stand, to stand fast.
 - 2. ready = mello - to be about to do.
 - 3. deliver = paradidomi - to give near, to hand over.
 - 4. devour = katesthio - to eat down, swallow down.
 - 5. child = teknon = that which is born.

- B. The Devil has always had woman trouble.
 - 1. He tempted her. Gen. 3:1-6.
 - 2. Satan would be destroyed by the seed of woman, not man. Gen. 3:15.
 - 3. Satan led Cain to slay Abel.
 - 4. God provided Seth = (that is appointed).
 - 5. Abraham, "By thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."
 - 6. The earth corrupted, Noah delivered.
 - 7. Moses hid from Pharaoh.
 - 8. David protected from Saul.
 - 9. Herod slew the infants.
 - 10. Satan tempted Jesus in the Wilderness.
 - 11. Entered Judas to betray Him.
 - 12. Maneuvered His crucifixion.
 - 13. Intended to keep Him in the grave.
 - 14. God triumphed in all of these!

V. SATAN'S FAILURE. U5

A. "And she brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron."

1. man = arsen = male.
2. rule = poimainein - to shepherd, rule, lead.

B. "and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."

1. caught up = arpazo - to seize, to take away.
2. No story of life, death, etc.

VI. THE WOMAN IN THE LAST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION.

A. "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

1. Three and one half years, and two weeks.
2. fled = pheugo - to flee.
3. prepared = etoimazo - to prepare, that which has been prepared and now stands ready.
4. feed = trepho = to nourish.