

A Dragon, a Woman, and a Man-Child

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1. Christ in the middle of the seven golden lampstands (1-3)
2. The book with seven seals (4-7)
3. The seven trumpets (8-11)
4. The woman and man-child vs. the dragon and his helpers (12-14)
5. The seven bowls of wrath (15-16)
6. The evil one's fall (17-19)
7. Judgement and New Creation (20-22)

Seven signs/visions of Rev. 12-15

1. The conflict between the serpent and the woman and her seed (12)
2. Persecution by the beast from the sea (13:1-10)
3. Persecution by the best from the land (13:11-18)
4. The Lamb and the 144,000 upon Zion (14:1-5)
5. The proclamation of the gospel and of judgment by three angels (14:6-13)
6. The Son of man's harvest of the earth (14:14-20)
7. The saints' victory over the sea beast and their victory song (15:2-4)

Revelation 12:1-6

The protection of God's people against Satan because of Christ's decisive victory through His death and resurrection.

Purpose: To comfort and encourage churches to persevere under persecution

Dragon = Satan/Devil (Revelation 12:9)

- The red = his fiery vengeful threat
- The seven heads = his intelligence and cunning
- The ten horns = his strength
- The seven crowns or seven diadems on his head = prince of demons/darkness
- 1/3 of the stars = fallen angels (aka demons)

Man-child = Jesus Christ (Psalm 2, Rev. 2:27, 11:18)

The Woman = The glorious and radiant OT and NT church of God (Genesis 37, Isaiah 66, Jeremiah 4:31, Eph 5, Rev 19, John 16)

The dragon hates Christ and has purposed to destroy His church

1,260 days = This present gospel age between the 1st and 2nd coming of Jesus

- Hang in there, Christ has won!
- And in this present wilderness, Christ will nourish you.