

## Revelation 12

### I. The Two signs in Heaven (vss. 1-6)

### II. War in Heaven (Vss. 7-12)

#### A. The Opponents.

##### 1. Michael.

a. Who is he? (See also Daniel 10:13; 12, 1; Jude 9)

b. What is the meaning of his name?

c. What is his position?

##### 2. The dragon and his angels.

a. How is the dragon identified?

b. Who are the angels?

#### B. When this war occurs.

##### 1. Possibilities:

a. The time of the fall of the devil?

b. The end of the ages?

c. Other?

##### 2. Can it be determined? If so, how?

#### C. The activity.

##### 1. What does the dragon do?

2. Why is he allowed in heaven, and allowed to accuse the saints?

3. How (that is, with what) can he threaten those who are already in heaven?

#### D. The climax.

##### 1. When does it come to an end?

2. What is the result of the war, and why?

### III. The Conflict between the Dragon and the Woman (vs. 13-17)

#### A. The Woman in the Wilderness.

1. The woman represented the church in vs. 1-6. Has anything changed in this symbol? (note vs. 5, vs. 14)

2. The Dragon represented the devil working in this world. Has anything changed in this? (note vss. 5, 9, 12) What is His purpose now?

3. The wilderness.

- a. To what do the eagle's wings refer? (Ex. 19:4)
- b. What is the idea of a wilderness?
  - 1) What kind of land is it?
  - 2) Have God's people ever gone there before? When? Why?
  - 3) What is the nourishment the woman receives?
- c. Why cannot the dragon follow the woman into the wilderness?

## B. The Conflict

- 1. What, according to vs. 15, is the purpose of the dragon in sending the flood?
  - a. How, apart from persecution (vs. 17), does Satan try to destroy the church?
  - b. Does he succeed?
- 2. Persecution
  - a. Who are the remnant of her seed? (Gal 4:26)
  - b. How does Satan recognize them?
  - c. What form does this "war" take?

(Chapter 13 will show us more of this war.)