

Revelation 12, Part one.

I. The Two Signs in Heaven [The word “wonder” in verses 1 & 3 could better be translated as “sign.” Is any of this literal?]

A. The Woman.

1. How is the woman described? Taken all together, what does this reveal?
2. Who or what does the woman represent?
 - a. The Woman is with child and pains to be delivered. To what does this refer? (Gen. 3:15)
 - b. Who is the child born? (Compare vs. 5 with Ps. 2 & Rev. 2:27)

B. The Dragon.

1. Who is he? (see vs. 9)
 - a. This dragon is not a natural creature, but a monster. Does this tell us anything?
 - b. What ideas are implied in his color?
 - c. He has 10 horns.
 - 1) Does the number 10 mean something?
 - 2) What does a horn indicate? (Deut. 33:17; I Sam. 2:10, Dan. 8)
 - 3) To what then do these horns refer?
 - d. He has 7 heads.
 - 1) Significance of the number 7?
 - 2) Crowns on the head?
2. What does the dragon do with his tail?
 - a. What do the stars represent? (Job 38:7)
 - b. To what does this refer? (II Peter 2:4)

C. The Conflict.

1. Why does the dragon stand before the woman?
 - a. Did this happen in the Old Testament?
 - b. Can you think of examples?
2. The child is born and caught up to heaven. To what event(s) does this refer?
3. To what does the woman in the wilderness (vs. 6) refer? (Remember what 1,260 days refer to? (11:3)