



**2025 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word**

**James 1:22**

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## The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

### Revelation Chapter 12:1-6

**Revelation 12-13** introduce us to the three key characters in the drama of the last half of the Tribulation: Satan the dragon, the false Christ, and the false prophet. These three are, in a sense, an evil Trinity, opposing the True God and His people on earth. While these events will be of special significance to God's people at that time, the message of these two chapters can encourage suffering saints during any age.

Satan is the great enemy of the church, and he fights against God and His people by accusing the saints in heaven (**Revelation 12:10**) and attacking them on earth. However, Christ has overcome the old serpent. And, He gives victory to His people.

The adversary always works through human means; in this case, the beast (false Christ or antichrist) and the false prophet. Satan is an imitator, counterfeiter, and he seeks to control men by means of deception. The beast is the future world dictator who promises to solve the pressing problems of the nations; the false prophet is the propaganda minister. For a time, it appears that the Satanic trio is succeeding but then their world

empire begins to collapse. The nations assemble for one final battle, Jesus Christ appears, and the battle is over.

**Verse 1.** This verse introduces the sign in heaven described as a woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet and on her head a garland of twelve stars. The woman is a symbolic representation of Israel. In the Old Testament, Israel is often compared to a woman—[Isaiah 54:5-6](#), [66:7](#); [Jeremiah 3:6-10](#).

Three other symbolic women appear in Revelation:

- 1) Jezebel ([2:20](#)), representing Paganism;
- 2) The scarlet woman ([17:3-6](#)), representing the apostate church; and 3) the wife of the Lamb ([19:7](#)), representing the church.

This woman being clothed with the sun speaks of the glory, dignity and exalted status of Israel—the people of the promise who will be saved and given a Kingdom. The picture of the moon under her feet possibly describes God’s covenant relationship with Israel since the new moons were associated with worship. The 12 stars represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

**Verse 2. Cried Out in Pain**—Israel is often pictured as a mother giving birth ([Isaiah 26:17-18](#), [54:1](#), [Hosea 13:13](#)) had suffered and agonized for centuries, longing for the Messiah to come and destroy Satan, sin and death, and usher in the Kingdom.

**Verse 3.** This verse introduces the dragon—great fiery red dragon. The woman's (Israel's) mortal enemy is Satan who appears as a dragon 13 times in this book. Red speaks of bloodshed.

Seven heads, ten horns, seven diadems—figurative language depicting Satan's domination of worldly kingdoms and 10 future kingdoms. Satan has and will rule the world until the Seventh Trumpet blows. He has inflicted relentless pain on Israel, desiring to kill the woman before she could bring forth the child that would destroy him.

**Verses 4.** This verse is reflective of Satan's original rebellion ([Isaiah 14:12](#), [Ezekiel 28:11](#)), resulting in one-third of the angelic host joining his insurrection and becoming demons. To devour her child, unable to prevent the virgin birth of Christ, Satan tried to kill the child (Jesus) in a general massacre of male children commanded by Herod—[Matthew 2:13-18](#).

**Verse 5.** A male child in this verse speaks to Jesus Christ, in His incarnation, was of Jewish descent ([Matthew 1:1](#), [2 Timothy 2:8](#)). Despite Satan's efforts to destroy Israel and the Messianic line, Jesus' birth took place as predicted by the prophets—[Isaiah 7:15](#), [9:6](#). Rod of Iron describes Jesus coronation as King over the nations of the world. Her child was caught up to God—Christ's ascension is in view—[Acts 1:9](#), [2:33](#), [Hebrews 1:1-3](#), [12:2](#).

**Verse 6.** This verse speaks of God's protection of His plan. God will protect Israel from Satan by hiding her in the wilderness. One thousand two hundred and sixty days—at the midpoint of the Tribulation, the antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel, puts a stop to temple worship, sets up the abomination of desolation and devastates Jerusalem. At that time, many Jews flee for their lives. God will preserve them during the last 1,260 days (42 months – 3-1/2 years), constituting the Great Tribulation.