

# Revelation 12 The Woman Clothed with the Sun

Rev 12:1-17 ESV And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman **clothed with the sun**, with **the moon under her feet**, and on her head **a crown of twelve stars**.

## **Clothed with the sun - indicates the glory of God**

- Rev 1:16 ESV In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and **his face was like the sun shining in full strength**.
- Rev 22:5 ESV And night will be no more. **They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light**, and they will reign forever and ever.

## **The moon is also related to the glory of God - more specifically Jesus**

- Rev 21:23 ESV And the city has **no need of sun or moon** to shine on it, for **the glory of God gives it light**, and its **lamp is the Lamb**.
- Gen 1:16 ESV And God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and **the lesser light to rule the night**--and the stars.
- Joh 1:4-5 ESV In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 **The light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## **NOTE: The moon is called the lesser light - it is reflecting the light that comes from the sun Jesus is not lesser in the sense of His being God**

- Heb 1:3 ESV **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
**But He was made lower than the angels to suffer death**
- Heb 2:9 ESV But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

## **The stars as we have seen represent leaders**

- Rev 1:20 ESV As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, **the seven stars are the angels** [*Gk Angelos - i.e. messenger as John the Baptist*] **of the seven churches**, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## In my view this woman represents the church

### **She is clothed in glory - the Holy Spirit cries to the church from the voice of the prophet**

- Isa 60:1-4 ESV Arise, shine, for your light has come, and **the glory of the LORD has risen upon you**. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 **And nations shall come to your light**, and **kings to the brightness of your rising**. 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; **your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip**.

- Col 1:27 ESV To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- Eph 5:27 ESV so that he might present the church to himself in splendor ***[kiv a glorious church]***, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

### **The woman stands on the moon, the church stands on the foundation of Christ**

- 1Co 3:11 ESV For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### **The twelve stars - The number twelve represents divine rule, foundation and government**

- Rev 21:12-14 ESV It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of **the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel** were inscribed-- 13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were **the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**
- Mat 19:28 ESV Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also **sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**
- Eph 2:19-20 ESV So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

### The woman was pregnant

2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.
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Isa 54:1 ESV "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

- **This is a prophecy about the new covenant (i.e. the church)** - Gal 4:24-27 ESV Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But **the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.** 27 For it is written, ***"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."***
- **Isaiah goes on to describe further** - Isa 54:2-5 ESV "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. 3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities. 4 "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 **For**

**your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.**

### **The allegory of converts as children is consistent in the NT**

- Gal 4:18-19 ESV It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 **my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!**
- 3Jn 1:4 ESV I have no greater joy than to hear that **my children are walking in the truth.**
- 1Ti 1:2 ESV To Timothy, **my true child in the faith:** Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 1Pe 2:2 ESV **Like newborn infants,** long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and **ten horns**, and on his heads seven diadems.

**There is a similar description to the beast in the book of Daniel** - Dan 7:7 ESV After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and **it had ten horns.**

Dan 7:20-22 ESV and **about the ten horns** that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. 21 As I looked, **this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them,** 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

- This horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them

**Daniel speaks about the same 3½ year period as described in Revelation 11:6** - Dan 7:24-25 ESV **As for the ten horns,** out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. 25 **He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High,** and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

### A third of the stars are swept down

4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

**His tail swept down a third of the stars**

- **This could be speaking about a rebellion that has been prophesied** - 2Th 2:1-4 ESV Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. **For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.
- **The word for REBELLION is also translated here as forsake and divorce - this gives you an idea of the meaning of the word**
  - Act 21:21 ESV and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake** Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.
  - Mat 19:7 ESV They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of **divorce** and to send her away?"

### The dragon tried to devour her child

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

There is a pattern in Scripture ... When a "deliverer" is about to come on the scene - Satan tries to remove him by killing multitudes of children, with the hope that the life of the deliverer will be wiped out as well. Here are two examples:

#### **Pharaoh attempted to kill the male children in Egypt at the same time Moses the deliverer was born**

- Moses was spared and became the deliverer (Ex 2:1-5)

#### **Satan attempted to remove Christ from the scene through the envy of Herod**

- Yet Jesus' life was spared (Matt 2:13-16) and He became the deliverer of all mankind

#### **Perhaps abortion in our day is another attempt from Satan to remove the influence of the last days church from our world - it will be a glorious church nonetheless**

- Number of abortions in America since 1973 Roe v. Wade = 60 MILLION
- Number of abortions Worldwide since 1980 1.47 BILLION <sup>1</sup>
- How many of those children could have grown up to know the LORD, and who can ever guess how many lives they could have touched for the kingdom

#### **"so that when she bore her child he might devour it."**

- 1Pe 5:8 ESV Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

### **Satan sought to devour the child, yet the earth “devoured” the river poured from its mouth**

- Rev 12:16 ESV But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and **swallowed** {same was as devoured in GK} the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

### **The birth of the male child**

5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

**She gave birth to a male child** - I already shared above the idea that a new convert can be considered as a new birth, or a child brought forth. If this woman is the church, then the male child is a product of the relationship between Christ and the church...and it could be speaking of a spiritual awakening, new Christians brought into the kingdom, even in the face of a great falling away

**One who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron** - this Scripture could be speaking of Christ or the church...Jesus says this to the church of Thyatira.

- Rev 2:26-27 ESV The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and **he will rule them with a rod of iron**, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
- It makes sense that if there is a conquering church that is to come on the scene, that Satan would want to do whatever he could to stop it

### **These scriptures referencing the rod of iron also speak of Christ**

- Psa 2:7-9 ESV I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 **You shall break them with a rod of iron** and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- Rev 19:15-16 ESV From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and **he will rule them with a rod of iron**. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

### **Her child was caught up to God**

- Act 8:39 ESV And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord **carried** Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.
- 2Co 12:2-3 ESV I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was **caught up into paradise**--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

- 1Th 4:17 ESV Then we who are alive, who are left, will be ***caught up together with them in the clouds*** to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

6 and the woman fled **into the wilderness**, where she has **a place prepared by God**, in which she is to be **nourished** for 1,260 days.

## THE WILDERNESS

- Mat 3:1-3 ESV In those days **John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness** of Judea, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"
- Luk 4:1 ESV And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and **was led by the Spirit in the wilderness**
- Act 7:30 ESV "Now when forty years had passed, **an angel appeared to him in the wilderness** of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.
- Act 13:18 ESV And for about forty years **he put up with them in the wilderness**.

## The LORD wanted Israel freed from Egypt to go into the wilderness to sacrifice, and serve him

- Exo 3:18 ESV And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, ***that we may sacrifice*** to the LORD our God.'
- Exo 5:1 ESV Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, ***that they may hold a feast to me*** in the wilderness.'"
- Exo 7:16 ESV And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, ***that they may serve me*** in the wilderness.'" But so far, you have not obeyed.

## A PLACE PREPARED BY GOD

- Joh 14:2-3 ESV In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if **I go and prepare a place for you**, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
- 1Co 2:9 ESV But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what **God has prepared for those who love him**"--
- Mat 20:23 ESV He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been **prepared by my Father**."

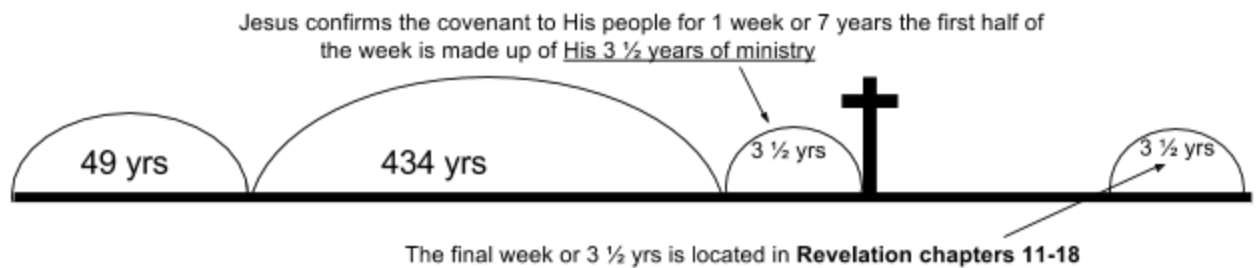
- Mat 22:4 ESV Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, **I have prepared my dinner**, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."
- Mat 25:34 ESV Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit **the kingdom prepared** for you from the foundation of the world.
- Mat 25:41 ESV "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire **prepared for the devil** and his angels.

#### NOURISHED -- to be fed

- Mat 6:26 ESV Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them**. Are you not of more value than they?
- **The same GK word is used here** -- Luk 4:16 ESV And he came to Nazareth, **where he had been brought up**. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

#### The 1260 days

This is the last ½ week of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy



7 Now **war arose in heaven**, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and **there was no longer any place for them in heaven**. 9 And **the great dragon was thrown down**, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--**he was thrown down to the earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.

#### Now war arose in heaven (Michael is in both of these examples)

**There is a spiritual warfare that is not visible to the naked eye**

- Dan 10:12-14 ESV Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. 13 **The prince of the kingdom of Persia**

**withstood me twenty-one days**, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, 14 and came **to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days**. For the vision is for days yet to come."

### **The great dragon was thrown down**

- The dragon is the serpent, Satan

### **There was NO LONGER ANY PLACE FOR THEM IN HEAVEN**

It seems there are four "casting downs" of Satan.

#### **First - prior to the creation of man he was cast to earth**

- Eze 28:12-19 ESV "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of **perfection**, full of **wisdom** and perfect in **beauty**. 13 **You were in Eden**, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14 You were an **anointed guardian cherub**. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. 16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 **Your heart was proud** because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. **I cast you to the ground**; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. 18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever."
- Isa 14:12-16 ESV "**How you are fallen from heaven**, O Day Star, *[kjb Lucifer]* son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' 15 **But you are brought down to Sheol**, to the far reaches of the pit. 16 Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

#### **Yet he seemed to have periodic access to God and he was able to exert influence on earth**

- Job 1:6-7 ESV Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan also came among them**. 7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth**, and from walking up and down on it."
- Zec 3:1-2 ESV Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and **Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him**. 2 And the LORD said to Satan,



"The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

- 1Ch 21:1 ESV Then **Satan stood against Israel and incited David** to number Israel.

### **Second - Jesus mentioned he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven**

- Luk 10:17-20 ESV The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18 And he said to them, "**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.** 19 Behold, **I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
  - It seems the natural context of this is related to the work the 72 were doing in casting out demons - and NOT necessarily pointing to his original casting out mentioned in Ezekiel and Isaiah

### **Third - Jesus said the ruler of this world [Satan] would be cast out as a result of the crucifixion**

- Joh 12:31-33 ESV Now is the judgment of this world; **now will the ruler of this world be cast out.** 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

### **Yet Satan still works in the earth**

- Eph 6:12 ESV For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**
- 1Pe 5:8 ESV Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around** like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- Eph 2:1-3 ESV And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- 2Co 4:3-4 ESV And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case **the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers**, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Fourth here in verse 8 - "but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven."** Eventually at this point, there was no longer any place for them in heaven

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "**Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come**, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 **And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.**

**Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come**

Perhaps this is what Satan was trying to avoid in seeking to devour the the man child - he wanted to avoid a revival...where thousands of people who are born again, are kicking in the gates of hell

- Luk 11:20 ESV But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, **then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**
- Satan is out of heaven for good -- He is on the earth with his angels
- Earth is filled with those who have conquered him by the blood of the lamb, the word of their testimony and the are willing to die for him
- The power, the kingdom and the authority of Christ of come

12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in **great wrath**, because **he knows that his time is short!**"

- Though Satan has been judged and cast down, he has enjoyed a certain amount of access to God and to mankind...now his days are numbered when he will no longer lead a rebellion against God, but he will instead enter his final judgement
- Rev 20:10 ESV and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, **he pursued the woman** who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the **two wings of the great eagle** so that she might **fly from the serpent into the wilderness**, to the place where she is to be **nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.**

**Two wings of a great eagle - once again we see a tie in to Exodus**

- **The LORD brought Israel out of Egypt on eagle's wings also** -- Exo 19:4 ESV You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

**That she might fly from the serpent - the serpent is the devil**

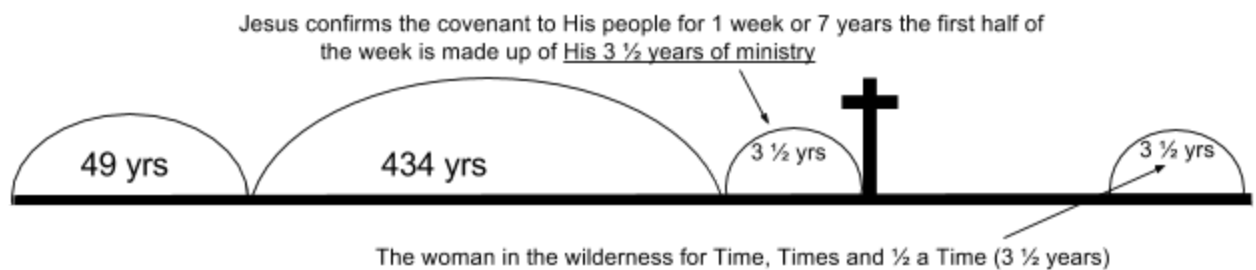
- Rev 12:9 ESV And the great dragon was thrown down, **that ancient serpent**, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- Rev 20:2 ESV And he seized the dragon, **that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan,** and bound him for a thousand years,

**INTO THE WILDERNESS** -- There is another woman in the wilderness in Rev 17 -- this seems to be an allegory, not a literal wilderness -- so it is possible this wilderness the woman in Rev 12 flies to is not be speaking of a physical location either

- Rev 17:3 ESV And he carried me away in the Spirit **into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast** that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.

### Time, time and half a time



15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

After the woman flies into the wilderness, the serpent goes after her to sweep her away with a flood.

### Waters could be speaking of people

- Rev 17:1 ESV Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is **seated on many waters,**
- Rev 17:15 ESV And the angel said to me, "**The waters** that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, **are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.**"

### The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river

- A similar event took place in Numbers where the earth opened its mouth and swallowed those who rebelled against Moses -- Num 16:29-32 ESV If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent me. 30 But if the LORD creates something new, and the **ground opens its mouth and swallows them up** with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD." 31 And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words,

the ground under them split apart. 32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods.

17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off **to make war on the rest of her offspring**, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

- **The dragon makes war on the offspring of the woman**
- Here the offspring is described as **those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus**
  - Here the offspring of the woman are Christians - this is another reason why I consider the male child as a group of converts
- This is a scripture that shows Christians will be here during the 3 ½ year period before the return of Christ
- This event with the woman in the wilderness takes place during the 3 ½ years before the second coming of Christ

#### **This lines up with the the prophecies in the book of Daniel as well**

- Dan 7:24-25 ESV As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. 25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and **shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.**

This time, times and ½ a time speak of the same 3 ½ years.

