

# The **REVELATION** of Jesus Christ

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## CHAPTERS TWELVE, THIRTEEN, AND FOURTEEN – THE MINISTRY OF THE ANTICHRIST

Last week we began our study of chapter 12, a narrative that unfolds during the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation period. This remarkable chapter focuses on the final \_\_\_\_\_ between the “woman” and the “great red dragon” – these figures need to be properly identified in order to comprehend the detail of events.

It was made clear from our previous message that the woman's ID is none other than the nation of \_\_\_\_\_. Today's study will reveal other pertinent issues and identities that will enlighten us as we seek to “rightly divide” the word of truth.

### WHO'S WHO IN CHAPTER 12 – PART TWO – REVELATION 12:1-17

#### REVIEW

1. The characters of chapter 12

- A woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, with a crown of twelve stars upon her head
- A man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron
- A great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head
- Michael and his angels
- The angels of the dragon
- The remnant of the seed of the woman which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus

2. Identifying the characters

- Who is this woman?
  - Who she is not:
    - The Church*
    - The Virgin Mary*
  - Who she is:
    - Israel –
    - Romans 9:4-5; Isaiah 9:6-7*
    - Genesis 37:9-10*
    - Job 38:22-23; Jer. 50:19-20; Ezk. 20:35-36; Hosea 2:14-15; Mic. 7:14-15*
    - Deuteronomy 32:7-11*

#### TODAY'S MESSAGE

- Who is this man child?
  - Who he is \_\_\_\_\_:
    - The Church –*
    - Revelation 2:27 – This is a SPECIAL PROMISE to the saints that overcome during the Thyatira Church Period – and the promise is to rule with Christ...*
    - Ephesians 2:16 – The church was brought to life or “born,” as it were, through the cross of Christ NOT through the virgin Mary or Israel!*

- Who he is:

The \_\_\_\_\_ –

*Psalm 2:7-9; Micah 5:2-3; Rev. 19:15 –*

• A dilemma between verses 5 & 6:

- This is where many interpreters of this chapter make a critical mistake – they suppose that the woman flees into the wilderness immediately after giving birth to the man child. However, there is a time gap of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years between verses 5 & 6...

- *This is the same leap Daniel takes in his 70 weeks of prophesy. The first 69 weeks unfold leading up to the first coming of the Messiah, then there is a time \_\_\_\_\_ and Daniel's infamous 70<sup>th</sup> week unfolds.*

• Who is this great red dragon?

- The text itself makes it abundantly clear – Rev. 12:3-4, 7-10

The \_\_\_\_\_

*He is great –*

*He is red – John 8:44*

*He is a dragon –*

*He has seven heads with seven \_\_\_\_\_ upon his heads – These are the demonic Gentile kings and kingdoms that Satan used to control the world until the first coming of the Messiah – they are seven kings and kingdoms. They are described throughout the pages of scripture. They are:*

- 1) *Nimrod, king of Babel – Genesis 10:8-10*
- 2) *Pharaoh, king of Egypt – Exodus 5:2; Ezk. 29:3*
- 3) *Sennacherib, king of Assyria – 2 Kings 18:13*
- 4) *Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon – Daniel 1:3; Jer. 51:34*
- 5) *Darius, king of the Medo-Persian empire – Daniel 5:31*
- 6) *Alexander the great, king of Greece – Daniel 8:21; 10:20; 11:2*
- 7) *Caesar, emperor (king) of \_\_\_\_\_ – Luke 1:68-71; 2:1*

*He has ten horns –*

*He has a tail –*

*He has angels – Called the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven – Job 38:7; Ps. 147:4; Is. 14:13; Rev. 1:20*

*He is that old serpent –*

*He is the Devil –*

*He is Satan –*

- He desires to be \_\_\_\_\_, yet he is in plain sight – Job 41:1; Ps. 74:14; Is. 27:1; Rev. 12:3, 9

*...he is a king over all the children of pride – Job 41:34*

**NEXT WEEK:** Assembling all the pieces of Chapter 12 and fitting them into Chapter 13 – *The Beast*

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