

June 25, 2023 - Revelation 12:1-6 - “The Lady and the Dragon”

Introduction:

"Satan has the demise of Israel in his future evil plans however right now the United States is in his way!" "So Satan is attacking the great institutions of America and using the vices of immorality, pride, vanity and sensuality. His basis plan is to attack the foundations rooted in American tradition." He has now establish His worldview of woke or as Dr. Linsay calls it Critical Social Justice a twisted wretched worldview that is anti-god. It has already destroyed academia and is progressing to corporate America.

We are the sole power left to eliminate so that Satan can implement in his final attempt to destroy Israel. He works through his own cohorts by influencing the powers that be in governments and nations. This passage reveals his evil plot that will come to pass.

God has an enemy described in Revelation who has all the qualities of the most hideous and evil presence imaginable. He is real. He is in our world. And he is out to ruin the Church and Israel. He is deceptive and terrifyingly powerful. This is not science fiction it is the Word of God.

Chapter 12 introduces the great conflict of the ages. Satan is the archenemy of God. There has been a constant war going on throughout the centuries and even the universe. This is the spiritual war, a war waged between Satan and his demons and God and His angels. Many of these battles, of course, have found their way to the earthly theater especially relating to the Jews.

I. The Sun-clothed Woman (12:1-2)

1. This entire chapter symbolically describes the satanic hatred toward God's plan for the messianic deliverance of Israel. The word "great" in Greek is mega, it's all a mega vision, ever thing seems to be huge in size and huge in significance. So this is a significant sign.

The great wonder / *sign* (Grk. *semeion*) of signs foretelling remarkable events soon to happen. It is not the woman it is a woman clothed with the sun and moon...

2. There are four symbolic women in Revelation one is Jezebel, a woman who represents paganism. There is the scarlet woman who represents the apostate church. There is the wife of the Lamb, the bride who represents the true church and here we have the fourth a woman who represents Israel.

3. This woman symbolizes faithful Israel. However, not every-body believes that. Some other suggestions are: The Catholic Church has taught that the sun-clothed woman refers specifically to Mary, the mother of Jesus, but most picture the nation of Israel as the source of the Messiah.

Throughout the Old Testament Israel is referred to as the wife of God. We also have the crown of twelve stars. This depicts the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph's dream is a clue for us from Genesis 37:9 *And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made homage to me.*

It is clear the woman of Revelation 12:1, is the nation of Israel, which brought forth the Christ Child: "She bore a male Child. This is the messiah the One to rule all the nations with a rod of iron" (v. 5). Revelation 12 shows God's ultimate intention is to restore Israel in its kingdom. When Satan is cast down during the future, end-times Tribulation,

4. He will mercilessly attack Israel and the Jewish people for the last three and one—half years before the Messiah returns (w. 12—14). The picture of this horrible persecution is the Dragon sending a flood after the woman: "So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood" (v. 15). Israel has a national and spiritual future, and God will always love the nation with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).

The imagery becomes clearer as the chapter develops that the women in this text represent none other than Israel and not Mary. This is substantiated by the fact she is persecuted, beginning in verse 13, which brings us to the one doing the persecution.

II. The Great Red Dragon (12:3-4)

1) In this passage the sign is not merely the dragon, but that he is the red dragon...There is no doubt as to the identity of this personality, because he is

named in verse 9: that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan. Satan is called a dragon thirteen times in the book of Revelation. The use of the symbolism of a dragon indicates immense cruelty, implies his fiery rage. He is described as red which speaks of bloodshed and his bloodthirsty personality. He was a murderer from the beginning. -- [John 8:44](#)

2) Verse three tells of this beast. The seven heads and ten horns clearly relate him to the beast in 13:1. His representative, the beast, corresponds, having seven heads and ten horns (the number of horns on the fourth beast of [Dan 7:7](#) [Rev 13:1](#)). But there, ten crowns are on the ten horns (for before the end, the fourth empire is divided into ten kingdoms); here, seven crowns (rather, "diadems," Greek, "diademata," not stephanoi, "wreaths") are upon his seven heads. The seven-crowned head most likely refers to seven kingdoms that impacted Israel history, this dragon with ten horns is the final kingdom of oppression.

3) The ten horns refer to the ten kings who will be dominant during the Tribulation, from whom the Antichrist (the seventh head) will receive his power and authority. We know this as the revived Roman Empire or the EU. Satan will be using government as his tool. Nothing has caused more havoc and evil to humanity than government. Power in the hands of evil men in the form of government has given license to murders, wars, famine, and suffering beyond human comprehension.

4) In 12:4 we find his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth. ... The word stars is often used in the Bible to refer to angels, as in Revelation 9:1. So, it is believed that Satan's rebellion was joined by 1/3 of all the angels created. The mission of the great red dragon is clear-to devour her (the sun-clothed woman's) child as soon as it was born (12:4). This phrase refers to events that occurred in the life of Jesus.

III The Male Child 12:5-6)

1. The reference here is to Herod whom the dragon / Satan influence to destroy the Christ child. Christ's birth is stated in verse five, where He is identified as the One who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. [Matthew 2:13, 16](#)

[Psa 110:2](#) The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

2. Then, His ascension is mentioned, skipping His life, ministry, and crucifixion. The reason for this is that the emphasis of this section is Satan's war against Christ. Satan's plan to destroy Him failed, and His ascension proves that even having Him physically killed did not destroy the Messiah. Since Satan failed to kill the Messiah, he turns his wrath to the woman, who represents Israel, the messianic line. This is the picture of the terrible holocaust of the time. We know this because of the 3 ½ years mentioned. This is the period always referred to as the "The Great Tribulation".

3.) Christians must never forget the devil has a vicious hatred for the Jewish people and he has been the influence behind anti-Semitism from the times of Pharaoh, Haman, Hitler and the Arab nations. The line of David was only one person away from extinction twice in the O.T. just one person away from not being fulfilled. Haman tried but God raise up Esther as queen and Mordecai as intercessor for Israel. Satan's desire was always to exterminate the woman, exterminate the line of Messiah one way or another. He was never successful and Israel has experience great atrocities because of Satan's efforts.

The Jewish nation struggles to this day to continue as a sovereign nation. It would do us well to review the history of Israel to verify this hated and intend of Satan.

Conclusion:

At the time of the Great Tribulation, known as Daniel's seventieth week, the time of Jacob's trouble, Satan will amass his greatest efforts against God. He will make one last powerful effort ever to defeat God. There will be war all over the universe like never before, or after.