

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
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The Big Picture

Revelation 12:1-5 KJVS

¹And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

² And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³ And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

⁵ And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

John's vision continues as he encounters the plan of God in a brief biblical history lesson given to him through Jesus Christ. We often see a verse or a passage that sums up the Word of God. Today's scripture is just such an outline taking us from Genesis to Revelation. So many miss the core message of the Bible because they neither read it or investigate it. As always the symbolic base of each portion lies beautifully placed in the pages of these 66 love letters from our Creator.

¹ Genesis 37:9-11, 42:6-9. Here all of Israel and her governing system is pictured in the patriarchal family of Jacob

² Israel brought forth one child in particular that excels over all others. Isaiah 53:1-12, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, Micah 5:2. Discuss the nation's pain surrounding this miraculous delivery.

³ "Wonder" in this verse and in verse 1 are the same word in the Greek; *sēmeion*; a miracle, sign, token or wonder. A portent, an unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature.

The use of the numbers 10 and 7 can indicate fullness or divine perfection and are perhaps here a counterfeit of God's power and glory. We can also compare this to Revelation 13:1, 17:3 and Daniel 7:7,24. Might we understand these heads, horns and crowns to represent kings, leaders and Kingdoms forming in these last days?

⁴ This verse is agreeably and best understood to say Satan drew one third of the angels with him when he was cast down though there is no other verse that clearly states such. Revelation 12:9, Isaiah 14:12-15, Luke 10:18. Angels are sometimes synonymous with stars. Job 38:7, Psalm 147:4. How has Satan attempted to devour or destroy Christ? Matthew 2:16, John 13:27. How is he trying to kill Christ today?

⁵ Rod of Iron. Revelation 2:27, 19:15, Psalm 2:9. Caught up to God. Mark 16:19, 1 Timothy 3:16.