

Chapter 12

1 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.

1) Wisdom is a woman: Proverbs 1:20, 3:13-20, 7:4, chapter 8

1) Folly is a woman: Proverbs 9:13-18

1) Wickedness is a woman: Zechariah 5:7-8

1) Judaism is a woman: Ezekiel 16:3-10

*1) In the verses from Ezekiel, God clothed his bride, he gave her status, protection, prosperity and identity. The woman here is clothed with the sun. Previously the sun would have been an emperor, and at the time after the inquisitions, it is kings that rule. It would be a king that shows the woman favor, protection, prosperity and identity. There is a crown of twelve (dodeka, what the 12 apostles were called) stars which are God's elect, that adorns the woman's head. It's interesting that the moon is under her feet, so she has authority of the lesser ruling authority, such as a senate or co-regent, etc. There is a king starting in the 1530's that took the woman and made a church with authority over all other governmental power. King Henry VIII broke away from the Roman Church, creating a separate denomination, and by law, instituted rules of worship that governed his land. This land would then become the largest empire on the earth by the 1900s, and would also translate its own bible, the King James Bible, which is still the most widely printed bible and best-selling **book** ever.*

2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

(greatsite.com/english-bible-history/) Before the church in earnest was born, the birth pains and agony were those who stood up to the Catholic Church and were executed because of it. The Pope was so infuriated by the teaching of Wycliffe and his translation of the Bible into English, that 44 years after Wycliffe had died, he ordered the bones to be dug-up, crushed, and scattered in the river! One of Wycliffe's followers, John Hus, actively promoted Wycliffe's idea that people should be permitted to read the Bible in their own language. This was in opposition to the tyranny of the Roman church because they threatened anyone that possessed a non-Latin Bible with execution. Hus was burned at the stake in 1415, with Wycliffe's manuscript Bibles used as kindling for the fire. The last words of John Hus were that, "in 100 years, God will raise up a man whose calls for reform cannot be suppressed." Almost exactly 100 years later, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses of Contention (a list of 95 issues of heretical theology and crimes of the Roman Catholic Church) into the church door at Wittenberg. The prophecy of Hus had come true!

<https://greatsite.com/thomas-linacre/> - In the 1490's another Oxford professor, and the personal physician to King Henry the 7th and 8th, Thomas Linacre, decided to learn Greek. After reading the Gospels in Greek, and comparing it to the Latin Vulgate, he wrote in his diary, "Either this (the original Greek) is not the Gospel... or we are not Christians." The Latin had become so corrupt that it no longer even preserved the message of the Gospel... yet the Church still threatened to kill anyone who read the scripture in any language other than Latin... though Latin was not an original language of the scriptures.

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

*We can again connect this to the beast that comes out of the abyss in Revelation 11:7. The horns and heads are described in Chapter 17, which is different than the beast in Chapter 13 that rises out of the sea and has 10 horns, 7 heads and **10 crowns on his horns**. Each **head** of this dragon (beast that rises out of the abyss) has a crown. The description of the horns and heads is in chapter 17.*

We have the dragon being present in several chapters of Revelation and the Jesuits are the only group that fits in the entirety of all verses that describe the dragon. In regards to the Protestant Reformation the Jesuits were the force that tried to stop the progress of the Church of England, and later the King James Bible. They were considered the “secret arm of the papacy.” The Jesuits further fulfill prophecy in chapter 17 where they hate the prostitute, and consume her flesh, and the woman that rides the dragon is aligned with Mystery Babylon, the mother of all secret societies. If you do enough digging on the internet, you find the Jesuits formed ALL secret societies, the Illuminati, Freemasons, Kabbalistic Judaism, Bohemian Grove, Bilderberg Group through the Knights of Malta, and highly influential to multiple three letter government agencies. If you see your enemy, and know their agenda, it will prepare you for the hard times ahead.

4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

4) From biblehub's Topical - tail: Though the word appears five times, these three scenes trace a single prophetic thread: Satanic or demonic forces exercising deceptive and injurious power in the final judgment era. Deuteronomy 28:13–44 contrasts head and tail to describe covenant blessing or curse: obedience makes Israel “the head and not the tail.” Isaiah 9:15 identifies “the prophet who teaches lies” as “the tail.” The tail thus comes to symbolize false guidance that drags others into ruin. These antecedents prepare readers to recognize the tail in Revelation as a figure of deceptive influence.

4) The tail of the dragon would eventually cast down the Reformation Churches through the Counter Reformation. The third of Europe that succumbed to the Counter Reformation were Spain, Italy, and the Habsburg lands (Austria and Bohemia) aiming to halt Protestantism through the Inquisition, the Jesuit order, and military action. Other key regions involved included Poland, Bavaria, and the Southern Netherlands. A dragon is an entity that defies God's command, as Leviathan does in the Old Testament. Red is bloodshed, great is powerful or expansive.

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,

In Enoch's Animal Apocalypse the bull turns into a man who is to rule other nations, which is the best interpretation I could find for this verse. The English Reformation started in 1534 when King Henry VIII broke from the Catholic Church, declaring himself head of the Church of England after the Pope refused to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. The Act of Supremacy in 1534 was passed by the Parliament (the moon) and later they instituted the Book of Common Prayer in 1549. This book was the rod of iron that legislated how the Anglican Church was to conduct their mass. The child of this set of laws was the new church as well as the English monarchy's version of their bible, the King James Bible printed in 1611, and that was written in common vernacular which allowed commoners to read the Word for themselves. Being "caught up to God" is similar to the "Come up here!" in chapter 11, where God promotes His church.

5) The rod of iron is also mentioned in the church at Thyatira in chapter 2, review verse 27 and the corresponding prophecy in Isaiah 30.

5) Read the Wikipedia page "Timeline of the English Reformation" to see the many laws enacted by England during the Reformation, the rod of iron that crushed the papacy, and the red dragon.

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. 7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,

6) *The woman fled to the wilderness, an uninhabited land. In the early 1600s, the Protestant Church, the woman, was facing persecution in most of Europe. The Pilgrims and the Puritans sought refuge in the early American Colonies of England. See the fulfillment in verse 14.*

7) *The dragon fought back with the Counter Reformation, fueled by the "secret arm" of the papacy, the Jesuits. The war was the 30 Years War, from Wikipedia: The Thirty Years' War, fought primarily in Central Europe between 1618 and 1648, was one of the most destructive conflicts in European history. An estimated 4.5 to 8 million soldiers and civilians died from the effects of battle, famine, or disease, with parts of Germany reporting population declines of over 50%. Its causes derived from religious conflict within the Holy Roman Empire, sparked by the 16th-century Reformation. (The Holy Roman Empire is the one of the heads of the dragon explained in chapter 17)*

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.

8) These phrases about Satan - the dragon - are misconstrued to say that Satan was cast out of heaven with a third of his angels. Once you are familiar with prophetic terminology, you can see that's not the case at all. Reading Enoch will give you a good understanding of the 200 angels that fell, and not 1/3 of God's heavenly army. Thrown down means to lose authority. See Luke 10:1-19 where Jesus commends his disciples when they came back from casting out demons and healing the sick.

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 the 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.

10) This might be the most important verse in all of Revelation. It gives the mission statement of the work of Jesus. What happens at his coming? Why did he come? What are the tools involved in making his coming possible? I have a few verses listed, but take time to study these in depth. It is our purpose in life to be the body of Christ, and to usher in the kingdom of God!

WHAT HAPPENS AT HIS COMING:

Salvation - Hebrews 9:28, Titus 2:11, Isaiah 52:10, Luke 19:10

Power - 2 Corinthians 12:9, 1 Peter 4:13-14, Colossians 1:11

Kingdom of God - Luke 17:20-21, Romans 14:17, Matthew 12:28, Matthew 10:7-8

Authority of the Christ - Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 2:10, John 17:2-5, Mark 16:17-18

WHY DID HE COME:

Throw down the accuser of the brethren - Psalm 110:11, Psalm 91:13, Luke 10:19, Romans 6:20

WHAT TOOLS WERE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE

Blood of the Lamb - 1 Peter 1:18-19, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 26:28

Word of their testimony (proclaim, witness) - Daniel 7:21-22, Matthew 17:20, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

They love not their lives even unto death - Luke 14:26, Matthew 16:24-25, Philippeans 1:21

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!"

12) The earth, France, had Calvin as it's beginning for the Reformation. The sea, Germany, had Luther begin the Reformation. From <https://www.lmn.org/pdf/Left%20Behind%20by%20the%20Jesuits.pdf> *At the Council of Trent, the Catholic Church gave the Jesuits the specific assignment of destroying Protestantism and bringing people back to the Mother Church. This was to be done not only through the Inquisition and through torture, but also through theology. At the Council of Trent, the Jesuits were commissioned by the Pope to develop a new interpretation of Scripture that would counteract the Protestant application of the Bible's Antichrist prophecies to the Roman Catholic Church. Francisco Ribera (1537-1591), a brilliant Jesuit priest and doctor of theology from Spain, basically said, "Here am I, send me." Like Martin Luther, Francisco Ribera also read by candlelight the prophecies about the Antichrist, the little horn, that man of sin, and the Beast. But because of his dedication and allegiance to the Pope, he came to conclusions vastly different from those of the Protestants. "Why, these prophecies don't apply to the Catholic Church at all!" Ribera said. Then to whom do they apply? Ribera proclaimed, "To only one sinister man who will rise up at the end of time!" "Fantastic!" was the reply from Rome, and this viewpoint was quickly adopted as the official Roman Catholic position on the Antichrist. "In 1590, Ribera published a commentary on the Revelation as a counter-interpretation to the prevailing view among Protestants which identified the Papacy with the Antichrist.*

12) Great wrath is shown in Isaiah 13:9 "Behold, the day of the LORD is coming—cruel, with fury and burning anger—to make the earth a desolation and to destroy the sinners within it". The Councils of Trent were the fury and burning anger of the Roman Church against the Reformation, and they used the Jesuits to as their arm of justice.

13 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. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river to overtake the woman and sweep her away in the torrent. 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.

14-16) This prophecy is nearly identical to the phrases in verse 6. The start of the prophecy is in verse 6, during the English Reformation. The fulfillment of this time, times & half a time is fulfilled in verse 16. This timeline is a bit harder to find since it's not an obvious 1260 years, or 350 years like in chapter 11. Jamestown was settled by the Puritans in 1608. For our timeline, 42 years times 3.5 = 147 years, which is when the French and Indian War (also called the 7 Years War) started. The Jesuits tried converting Native Americans to make war on Christian colonists. Flood in prophecy is a war as seen in Psalm 124:1 *If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel now declare—2 if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us, 3 when their anger flared against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, 4 then the floods would have engulfed us, then the torrent would have overwhelmed us, 5 then the raging waters would have swept us away.*

16) The mouth is the part of the body that decrees, look for a law or rule that stops a war to fulfill this prophecy. In Chapter 11 France is the earth, the woman is in America at this time. In 1763 the Treaty of Paris ended the French and Indian war in America.

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.

17) The dragon, the Jesuit institution, and his angels, the black popes and priests, were systematically expelled from numerous European countries and their colonies between 1759 and 1767 due to their immense political influence, wealth, and loyalty to the Pope, which threatened absolute monarchies.

17) The Jesuits were restored in 1814, but what did their war look like? They participated in slavery, they started schools, missions, hospitals, colleges, and many other institutions. Look forward to how the dragon looks in chapter 17, it has the woman (post-feudal papacy) the horns of the elites (fallen bloodlines) and MYSTERY Babylon - a type of worship that is hidden. The dragon is in power, but is covert. By the late 1800s, it is consuming the harlot and all her wealth and taking over her residence. A beast is a beast because it has sovereignty (a nation) and power (an army). They call the black pope of the Jesuits as Superior Generals. In the very end of times, after Europe and America have fallen, the mark and the image will be used by the dragon to rule the world.

"and he stood on the sand of the sea" belongs in chapter 13 when we are introduced to the sea beast