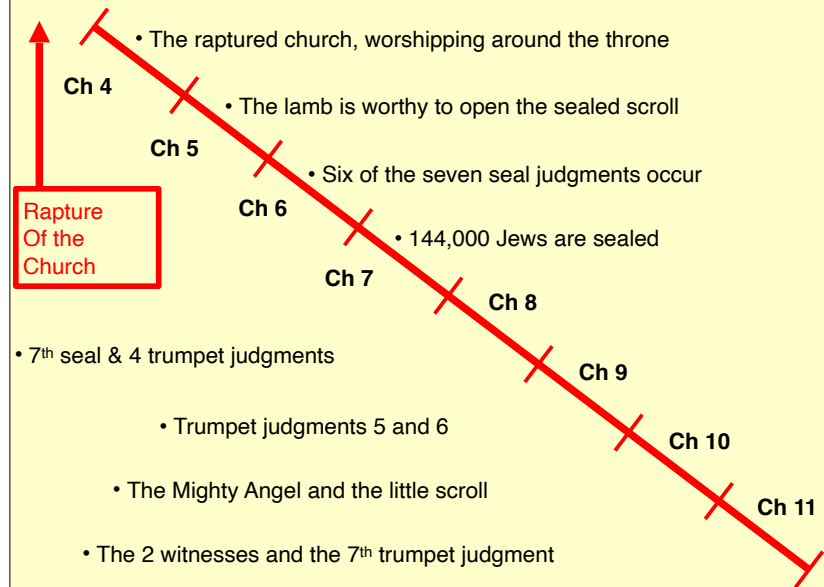


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Revelation 12:7-9

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Revelation 12:10-12

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Revelation 12:13-17

13 When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. 16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Who Is the Woman?

- ✓ Clothed with the sun**
- ✓ Moon under her feet**
- ✓ Crown of twelve stars on her head**
- ✓ Gave birth to a male child who will rule the world with an iron scepter**
- ✓ When pursued by the dragon, fled to a place prepared for her to stay for 3 ½ years**

Joseph's Dream

Genesis 37:9-11 ⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Mark 13:14-19

¹⁴ "When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let no one on the roof of his house go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶ Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. ¹⁷ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸ Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹ because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.

**The
woman is
Israel !!**

Who Is the Dragon?

- ✓ Tail swept 1/3 of the stars out of heaven onto the earth
- ✓ Desperately wanted to kill the child of the woman (Israel)
- ✓ Desperately wanted to kill the woman, but she was protected by God for 3 ½ years
- ✓ Lost a great war in heaven with Michael – lost his place in heaven

Who Is the Dragon?

- ✓ Revelation 12:9: "The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him"

**The
dragon is
Satan !!**

**So, now let's
read Rev. 12
again**

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Who Is the Manchild? – 2 Possibilities

- ✓ **First the obvious one - Jesus**
 - He was born as a child of Israel
 - He is destined to rule the world with a rod of iron – same words in Psalms 2
 - Satan tried to destroy Jesus at His birth in Bethlehem
 - Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world if He would abort His mission
 - Satan worked through Peter to get Jesus to by-pass the cross

Who Is the Manchild? – 2 Possibilities

- ✓ **First the obvious one - Jesus**
 - Satan came against Jesus in the garden until He “sweat drops of blood”
 - Through others, Satan tempted Jesus to come down off the cross
 - Jesus was raptured to heaven in Acts chapter 1 and was “snatched up unto God and to His throne”

Who Is the Manchild? – 2 Possibilities

- ✓ **Second Possibility – the 144,000 “sealed witnesses**
 - The timing of this section seems to be at the end times – 3 ½ years before the end of the tribulation period to be specific
 - They do appear to all be in heaven by chapter 14 – “snatched up to God and to His throne”

Who Is the Manchild? – 2 Possibilities

- ✓ **Second Possibility – the 144,000 “sealed witnesses”**
 - Daniel 12:1 – “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.”

So, Who Is The Manchild?

- ✓ **Your choice**
 - Jesus
 - 144,000 sealed Jewish witnesses
- ✓ **Personally, I believe it refers to Jesus with a gap (the church age) between Revelation 12:5 and 12:6**

**I believe the
Manchild is
Jesus !!**

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Satan Kicked Out

- ✓ **The timing of the event is pretty clear**
 - The saints in heaven are rejoicing about Satan getting his due, after being the accuser of "our brothers"
 - The statement is made that believers had overcome this accusing by the blood of their testimony and the Word of the Lamb
 - It is clearly stated that the devil is filled with fury because he knows his time is short (only 3 ½ years left)



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The Last 3 ½ Years

- ✓ **Satan will go after Israel with a vengeance the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation**
- ✓ **God will protect Israel by hiding her in the mountains and defeating the schemes of the devil to destroy Israel**
- ✓ **"The earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth"**

The Last 3 ½ Years

- ✓ When Satan sees that he cannot destroy Israel, he will turn his attention “against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus”
- ✓ When Satan is kicked out of heaven and “hurled to the earth”, I believe that he will actually take residence in the Antichrist

The Last 3 ½ Years

- ✓ This period of time will be a terrible time
- ✓ Matthew 24:21 – “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”
- ✓ You do not want to be there
- ✓ You do not want your loved ones to be there
- ✓ Neither you, nor you loved ones has to be there! – there is a way of escape