

Revelation 12

1. This chapter marks a change in emphasis of the book of Revelation. Judgment had come upon “the holy city” (Rev. 11:2) which demonstrated that the Jewish nation was no longer God’s kingdom — It had been “taken” from them, as Jesus warned in Matthew 21:43. **What kingdom is emphasized in Revelation 12:10 (and Rev. 11:15)?**
 - a. Revelation 12:11 describes the woman’s seed as having conquered Satan through “the blood of the Lamb.” According to Colossians 1:13 & 14, what was the result of being redeemed by Christ’s blood?

2. John saw a “woman” clothed with the sun, wearing a crown of 12 stars and the moon under her feet. What did these features suggest about the importance of this woman?
 - a. What woman is mentioned in Revelation 21:2?

 - b. How is she described in Galatians 4:26?

3. This woman had two different groups of offspring. Verse 17 references “the rest of her offspring,” whereas the other group is called John’s “brothers” in verse 10. Since Christ is nowhere depicted in Scripture as the offspring of the church, who is the “man child” of Rev. 12:5?
 - a. Along with Christ, who else would “rule the nations with a rod of iron?” (Rev. 2:26-27)

4. *Thought Question:* Who did this woman represent?

5. Who was “the dragon?”

6. What names and descriptions are used of Satan in this chapter?
 - a. Revelation 20:2 also gives these descriptions of Satan. In that immediate context what group of people is being discussed? (v. 4)

7. The woman of John’s vision “fled into the wilderness” for how many days?
 - a. In describing events related to the destruction of Jerusalem, what amount of time did Daniel mention in Daniel 12:11?
 - b. What other time measurement is given for that time? (Rev. 12:14)

Note: According to secular historical accounts, Rome besieged Jerusalem for 3 and a half years.
 - c. According to Luke 21:20-21, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do when they saw armies surrounding Jerusalem?

8. Who did the dragon pursue after the “man-child” / brothers?

9. Revelation 12:15 describes Satan’s persecutions as a “flood.” It should be noted that Daniel 9:26 used this same language to describe the events of which he prophesied. According to Jesus in Matthew 24:15, to what time and event was Daniel referring in Daniel 9:27 & 12:11?

10. The language of Revelation can sometimes be plain and obvious. How are God’s people described in Revelation 12:17?