

Revelation 12:1-17

5 <sup>1</sup>A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. <sup>4</sup>Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of  
10 the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup>The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. <sup>7</sup>Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the  
15 dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup>But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

20 “Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.  
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down.

25 <sup>11</sup>They triumphed over 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.

30 <sup>12</sup>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.”

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

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