

THE FOURTH VISION: THE SEVEN VISIONS (12-15)
II. The First Vision: The Great Red Dragon (12:1-17)
ATTEMPT BY THE DEVIL TO DESTROY CHRIST AND THE CHURCH
(events from the beginning of the NT age until the last days)

A. The Dragon and the Child (12:1-6)

- 1-2 a great and wondrous sign in heaven**
a woman= _____ see v. 6
v. 17 ...the woman's offspring are identified
Gal. 4:26 "The Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother."
clothed with the sun= _____
moon under her feet= _____ Col. 2:10; 2Tim. 2:12
twelve stars "12" represents= _____ Rev 4:4 – 24 elders
crown= _____ 2:10; 3:11
- 3 an enormous red dragon** red= _____ 6:4
enormous= _____
dragon= _____
seven heads, seven crowns= ??? _____
"7" 13:1; 17:3
7 is used in Revelation as a symbol of God's dealing with mankind, the number of the Covenant. Why would Satan use that number? 2Cor. 11:14
crown = "diadem" rather than "the crown of victory"
Rome- Caligula
Diocletian
Domitian – *dominus et deus*
ten horns= _____ "10" not symmetrical with the 7 heads and 7 crowns,
evidence of the falseness of his claims to substitute himself for God
something God limits 17:7,12
- 4 swept a third of the stars=** ??? _____
1:20, 9:11, Jude 6
stood in front of the woman
devour her child – slaughter of innocents, temptation in wilderness, demon possession,
Peter suggesting that Christ would not suffer, Judas
- 5 gave birth to a male child=** _____
will rule all nations with an iron scepter 2:27,28
snatched up to God= _____ Acts 1, Eph 4:8-10
little childcalled this _____ times.
- 6 fled into the desert** _____
Phil 3:20 – "...but our citizenship is in heaven."
a place prepared for her by God - Matthew 16:8; John 17:15,16
taken care of for 1,260 days _____
Chapter 11:2,3, 13:5 – 42 months, 1,260 days, 3 ½ years

The Vision of the Seven Visions: The War in the Sky

I. The War in the Sky (12:7-12)

- 7 war in heaven** heaven= _____ -original fall of angels???no
1. 2Pet. 2:4; Jude 6 -angels "bound"
2. These scenes take place in the NT era, not OT.

Michael = "Who is like _____?"

Identity of Michael? - a created angel or the Angel of the LORD?

Main point = a great battle was fought between good and evil angels in connection with the redemptive work of Christ

Where did the battle take place?

When did this battle take place?

John 12:31, 1John 3:8

What did Paul call Satan in Eph. 2:2?

What did Paul tell the Ephesians was their real battle? Eph. 6:12

When was the power for every victory over the dragon ensured?

John 12:31; Col. 2:15

8 **not strong enough**

lost their place in heaven =

Luke 10:18

9 **ancient serpent**

Gen. 3:1; 2Cor. 11:3

called the devil: devil =

Satan =

leads the whole world astray

10 **loud voice**

now have come the salvation, power, the kingdom

Of what did salvation, power, and kingdom consist?

What role is Satan described as taking on?

Why has Satan lost his power to accuse them? See vs11

now have come...the authority of his Christ =

Matt. 28:18,19

Luke 10:19

Millennialists should note that God's power is manifest not in the suppression of the ungodly, it does not consist in being rescued from persecution or tribulation, but God's salvation comes, and his power is manifested and his kingdom is established in this: Satan is no longer able to accuse God's people.

11 **they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb =**

Rom 8.33

and because of the word of their testimony =

John 15:27, Acts 1:8

How else did they curb Satan's influence?

1. We receive the power of Jesus through _____.

2. Share the _____ of forgiveness.

not shrink from death – remember that John wrote Revelation during a time of great persecution. God's message of forgiveness was dearer to them than physical life because that message was the source of true life.

12 **rejoice you heavens and you who dwell in them!**

devil has gone down to you

his time is short

filled with fury

rejoice in the heavens??

How can this raging enemy be withstood? Eph. 6:16

II. The Dragon Persecutes the Woman (12:13-18)

13 **woman=**

14 **two wings=** Ex 19:4; Ps. 91:4

place prepared for her

for a time, times, and half a time = _____ era

15 **serpent spewed water**

torrent =

1Tim. 4:1ff 2Tim. 4:3-4

16 **earth helped the woman =** _____ is still in control. Matt. 16:18

earth swallowed the river =

17 **dragon was enraged =** He could not destroy the _____.

make war against her offspring = He turned his attack to _____.