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REVELATION 12:1 — 12:9

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Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars... ⁵*She bore a male Child* who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

[REV 12:1-5]



REVELATION 12

1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars:

A great and wondrous sign

MATH 12:38-41, some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign [σημείον] from You."³⁹But He answered and said to them, "*An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign*, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah...

Appeared in heaven

GEN 1:14-18, God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and *let them be for signs and seasons*, and for days and years;¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so...;

PSM 19:1-6, *The heavens declare the glory of God*; And the firmament shows His handiwork.²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard...

A woman clothed with the sun

GEN 37:9-11, [Joseph] dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, *the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars* bowed down to me."¹⁰So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"¹¹And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

The moon under her feet

JER 31:35, the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, *The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night*, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name);

PSM 8:3-4, When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, *The moon and the stars, which You have ordained*,⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

On her head

EST 2:17, The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so *he set the royal crown upon her head* and made her queen instead of Vashti.

A crown of twelve stars

1COR 15:40-41, There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; *for one star differs from another star in glory*;

GEN 49:28, *these are the twelve tribes of Israel*, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

CONSIDER THIS —

What is the purpose for the lights in heavens?

GEN 1:14, God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be *for signs and seasons*..."



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2 And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.

She was pregnant

MIC 5:2-5, you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." ³Therefore He shall give them up, *Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth*; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. ⁴And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; ⁵And this One shall be peace.

Cried out in pain

1THES 5:1-5, concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, *as labor pains upon a pregnant woman*. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

About to give birth

ISA 66:5-9, Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word: "Your brethren who hated you, Who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed." ⁶The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, Who fully repays His enemies! ⁷"Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child. ⁸Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children. ⁹*Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?*" says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God; JOHN 16:21, "A woman, when she is in labor, *has sorrow because her hour has come*; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

CONSIDER THIS —

Is the woman in heaven an idiom of Israel?

GEN 37:9-10, [Joseph] dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, *the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me*." ¹⁰So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother [the sun] and I [the moon] and your brothers [the eleven stars] indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"



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3 And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his head seven diadems:

Another sign

LUKE 11:29-30, [Jesus said,] "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

Appeared in heaven

PSM 97:6, *The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.*

An enormous red dragon

JOB 26:13, By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; *His hand pierced the fleeing serpent;*

GEN 3:1-5, *the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field* which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil".

Seven heads

DAN 4:10-17, "These were the visions of my head while on my bed: "I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great. ¹¹The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth. ¹²Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, And all flesh was fed from it. ¹³"I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴He cried aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, And the birds from its branches. ¹⁵Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, Bound with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, And let him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth. ¹⁶Let his heart be changed from that of a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, And let seven times pass over him. ¹⁷This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

CONSIDER THIS —

Jesus did not accuse the devil of telling a lie:

LUKE 4:5-6, the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him *all the kingdoms of the world* in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish...

Ten horns

ZECH 1:18-21, Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. ¹⁹And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are *the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.*" ²⁰Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. ²¹And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it".

Seven crowns

MATH 4:8-10, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him *all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.* ⁹And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'".

On his heads

LUKE 4:5-8, the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "*All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish...*"

2SAM 1:8-16, [Saul] said to me, 'Who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' ⁹"He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.'¹⁰"So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."... ¹⁴So David said to him, "How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?"¹⁵Then David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, and execute him!" And he struck him so that he died.¹⁶So David said to him, "*Your blood is on your own head,* for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the Lord's anointed.'"





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4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son.

His tail

ISA 9:13-16, the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, Nor do they seek the Lord of hosts. ¹⁴Therefore the Lord will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day. ¹⁵The elder and honorable, he is the head; *The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.* ¹⁶For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed.

Swept a third of the stars

2COR 11:13-15, such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if *his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness*, whose end will be according to their works.

Out of the sky

GEN 6:1-2, it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that *the sons of God* saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

Flung them to earth

2PET 2:4-9, if *God did not spare the angels who sinned*, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) ⁹then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.

Dragon stood in front of the woman

EXO 1:15-16, the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; ¹⁶and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, *if it is a son, then you shall kill him*; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live".

CONSIDER THIS —

The angels' fall:

JUDE 1:6, the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but *left their own abode*, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Woman who was about to give birth

EXO 1:17-21, the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" ¹⁹And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for *they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.*" ²⁰Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. ²¹And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

The moment it was born

MATH 2:16-18, Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and *he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under*, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more".

He might

LUKE 22:2-6, the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him [Jesus], for they feared the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how *he might betray Him to them.* ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

Devour her child

EXO 1:22, Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "*Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive*";
 MATH 2:7-13, Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also"...
¹²Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, [the wise men] departed for their own country another way. ¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for *Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him*".





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5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod: and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne.

She gave birth

MATH 1:18-21, the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹"And *she will bring forth a Son*, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins".

A son

ISA 7:11-14, "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!" ¹³Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? ¹⁴"Therefore *the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son*, and shall call His name Immanuel.

A male child

LUKE 1:26-33, in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary... ³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹"And behold, *you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son*, and shall call His name Jesus. ³²"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom

there will be no end".

Rule all the nations with an iron scepter

PSM 110:1-3, The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ²*The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion*. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! ³Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

Her child was snatched up

ACTS 1:9-11, while they watched, [Jesus] was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven".

To God

JOHN 3:13, "*No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven*, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

To his throne

HEB 4:14-16, Seeing then that we have *a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens*, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession... ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CONSIDER THIS —

Simeon's prophecy:

LUKE 2:34-35, Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is *destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel*, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵"(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



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6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, that there they should feed her a thousand two hundred sixty days.

The woman fled

ISA 26:16-18, Lord, *in trouble they have visited You*, They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.

¹⁷As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O Lord. ¹⁸We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen;

MATH 10:23, When they persecute you in this city, *flee to another*. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Into the desert

EXO 13:17-18, it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." ¹⁸So *God led the people around by way of the wilderness* of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

A place prepared for her

ISA 14:1-2, the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. ²Then *people will take them and bring them to their place*, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the Lord; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

Prepared... by God

JONA 4:5-6, So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. ⁶And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that *it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery*. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant.

Be taken care of

EXO 32:12-14, "Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. ¹³"Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴So *the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people*.

1,260 days

REV 11:3, I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy *one thousand two hundred and sixty days*, clothed in sackcloth.

CONSIDER THIS —

God takes care of His own:

JONA 4:6, *the Lord God prepared a plant* and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant.



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7 And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels:

War in heaven

ISA 41:10-12, Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' ¹¹"Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish. ¹²You shall seek them and not find them— Those who contended with you. *Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.*

Michael and his angels

JUDE 1:9, *Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil,* when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Fought against the dragon

ZECH 3:1-2, he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and *Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.* ²And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

The dragon and his angels

ISA 14:20-22, You [Lucifer] will not be joined with them in burial, *Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people.* The brood of evildoers shall never be named. ²¹Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers, Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities." ²²"For I will rise up against them," says the Lord of hosts, "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, And offspring and posterity," says the Lord; ISA 37:18-19, "Truly, Lord, *the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands,* ¹⁹"and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them.

Fought back

1TIM 5:15, some have already *turned aside after Satan.*

CONSIDER THIS —

When does this war in heaven take place?

1TIM 5:15, some *have already turned aside* after Satan.



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8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

He was not strong enough

ECC 8:4-8, Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?" ⁵He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, ⁶Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, Though the misery of man increases greatly. ⁷For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur? ⁸No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, And *wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it;*

ROM 9:17-22, the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

¹⁸Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. ¹⁹You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" ²⁰But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²²What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, *endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction.*

They lost their place in heaven

JOB 1:6-7, there was a day when *the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord*, and Satan also came among them. ⁷And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it".

CONSIDER THIS —

What was the dragon's place in heaven?

JOB 1:6, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and *Satan also came among them.*



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9 And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

The great dragon was hurled down

LUKE 10:17-18, the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸And He said to them, "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

Ancient serpent

ISA 30:6-7, The burden against the beasts of the South. Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came the lioness and lion, *The viper and fiery flying serpent*, They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels, To a people who shall not profit; ⁷For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose. Therefore I have called her Rahab-Hem-Shebeth*.

* NOTE — The proud, they sit still.

The devil

EZE 28:12-19, Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴*You were the anointed cherub who covers*; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you...

Satan

ISA 14:13-14, you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, *I will be like the Most High*'.

Leads the whole world astray

JOHN 13:26-30, Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. ²⁷Now after the piece of bread, *Satan entered him*. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly" ...;

ACTS 5:1-6, a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. ²And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³But Peter said, "Ananias, *why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit* and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

2COR 12:7-9, lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, *a messenger of Satan to buffet me*, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness".

CONSIDER THIS —

Where can we learn more?

Two chapters in the Bible really focus in on describing our Adversary, the devil.

They are EZE 28 and ISA 14, in which expose the power behind the kings of the earth.

He was hurled to earth

EZE 31:15-18, Thus says the Lord God: 'In the day when it went down to hell, I caused mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it. ¹⁶I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth. ¹⁷They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and those who were its strong arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations. ¹⁸To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness? Yet *you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth*; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord God";

ISA 14:15-17, *you shall be brought down to Sheol*, To the lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶"Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

His angels with him

JUDE 1:6, the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, *He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness* for the judgment of the great day;

DAN 8:8-11, the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ¹⁰And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and *some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them*. ¹¹He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.





GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 12:1, Now *a great sign appeared in heaven*: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

PSM 19:1-3, The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard...

- ⊕ **1. How do the heavens utter speech? In what ways might the sky reveal knowledge?**
(see also GEN 1:14, JER 10:2, DAN 6:27 & LUKE 21:11)

REV 12:1-2, Now a great sign appeared in heaven: *a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars*. ²Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

Read GEN 37:1-11.

- ⊕ **2a. How might the woman in heaven be an idiom for the nation of Israel?**

MIC 5:2-3, you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet *out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel*, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." ³Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth...

- ⊕ **2b. If the woman in heaven is an idiom of Israel; and, she is pregnant: Who is the male child, then?**

(see also GEN 3:15, ISA 7:14, ISA 9:6-7 &

MATH 1:19-25)

REV 12:3-4, And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, *to devour her Child as soon as it was born*.

- ⊕ **3. In what ways did Satan attempt to thwart the arrival of the Messiah?**

(see EXO 1:15-22, 2KING 11:1-3 & MATH 2:13-18)

REV 12:5, She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

- ⊕ **4a. Who was prophesied to rule with a rod of iron?**

(see PSM 2:9-12 & REV 19:15)

MATH 22:42-46, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord, "*Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool*" ?" ⁴⁵"If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

- ⊕ **4b. Why was the Child 'caught up' to God and His throne?**

(see PSM 110:1-2 & ACTS 2:32-36)

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