



Revelation With Daniel

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Chapter **12** is the beginning of the second half of the Revelation. This chapter starts similarly to **15:1**, with a wonder in heaven. (The other verses that use the word for sign/wonder/miracle are **13:13-14**, **16:14**, **19:20**.) The differences between these two chapters (**12** and **15**) is the timing. **12** starts just before the time of Christ on earth, while **15** starts near the end of Christ's ministry in Heaven, just before His second coming. It's clear that between the two great signs/wonders in heaven, of chapters **12** and **15**, there is a time span similar to what is witnessed in the churches, seals and trumpets—from the first coming to the second coming.

Chapter **12** can be broken up into three sections. It speaks of the church during the time of Christ on earth (**verses 1-5**), the time after the cross when Christ completely cast down the enemy out of Heaven (**7-12**), and the way Christ has kept the church since the enemy has been cast down (**13-17**).

The enemy can be seen in Heaven before the cross in two places: **1 Kings 22:19-23**, and **Job 1:6-12**. We don't find him there after the cross.

There is somewhat of a chronological order in **chapters 12-15**. In chapter **12** the church started with Christ in her belly, He was caught up to Heaven after the cross, then there was war between Christ and the enemy, and the church escaped with Christ in her heart into the wilderness during the time the antichrist ruled (**chapter 13**). After the antichrist and the image (or false prophet) come together (the two beasts of chapter 13), the 144,000 of **chapter 14:1-5** will be prepared while globally spreading the everlasting gospel contained in the three angels' messages of **14:6-12**. This precedes their persecution (**14:13**), which is followed by the second coming of Jesus (**14:14-16**). Chapter **15** shows victory over the beast and the image while Christ's ministry in Heaven is closed.

In chapters **12-13**, the dragon impersonates the Father, the beast impersonates the Son Jesus Christ, and the false prophet impersonates the Holy Spirit—engaging the world in spiritual warfare. A study of the false godhead, entitled “The Fraudhead” can be found here: <https://www.revelationwithdaniel.com/the-fraudhead/>

Verse 1

The church (a woman in prophecy: **Jeremiah 6:2**, **2 Corinthians 11:2**, **Lamentations 1:1-7**) is clothed with the “sun of righteousness” (**Malachi 4:2**), standing on the moon—that which has light only by reflection (we as Christians, and/or the Law reflecting God's character), with a victors, not kingly, crown which bore the kingdom number (12 tribes, 12 apostles).

Verses 2-3

Christ was near to be birthed on earth, when another sign/wonder occurred. The enemy was using the nation of Rome (the dragon). The color red represents persecution, as noted before. (Notice the crowns—kingly not victors—are on the heads, whereas in **13:1** the crowns are on the horns—perhaps a difference between political and religio-political leadership?). The word “dragon” appears translated 19 times in the KJV. **Jeremiah 51:34** and **Ezekiel 29:3** relate it to both Babylon and Egypt—two nations either representing spiritual confusion or godlessness. The “seven heads” occur five times in the Bible: **Revelation 12:3**, **13:1**, **17:3**, **7**, **9**. These chapters are all related through the imagery of this dragon beast.

Verses 4-6

The first portion of this Scripture can help understand what happened when Lucifer was cast out of Heaven as Satan, taking a third of the angels with him. Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (**Luke 10:18**) as a past tense experience. (See also **Isaiah 14:12-16** and **Ezekiel 28:12-17**).

The dragon is the enemy—the devil, **12:9**—which, in verse 4, used Rome to fulfill his mission against Christ. Remember when Roman leadership and military attacked what they thought was the Son of God in **Matthew 2:16-18**? This was the devil inspiring Rome to "devour" the church's "Child as soon as it was born." It was Christ who ultimately won and was caught up to God. The enemy is shown to have used his tail, which as mentioned before, represents "the prophet that teaches lies" (**Isaiah 9:15**). The woman fled into the wilderness for the same amount of time mentioned also in verse **14**. God had prepared a place for her, the church, where "they" would feed her there for the same amount of time Elijah, in type, was fed by ravens. (See **1 Kings 17-18:1**, **Luke 4:25**.)

It seems that John mentioned the 1260 year period twice, not only to emphasize the preceding events in the first (**12:1-6**), but the following events in the second (**12:13-17**). Also, could the enemy be seen as making pagan war before the first 1260 (**12:1-6**), and spiritual war before and after the second? (**12:7-17**)

Verses 7-12

After Christ's victory at the cross, the devil—the accuser of the brethren which deceives the world—had no more access into the Heavenly courts (as he did before the cross, **2 Chronicles 18:18-22** & **Job 1:6-12**). His angels were cast out with him, though he has one evil angel for every two good angels of God (verse **4**). Jesus said, while on the earth, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (**John 12:31**). Christ gained victory over the enemy through His people on earth by His blood and the word of their testimony. Many, unfortunately, have lost their lives for their faith. Those who rejoice can even now live "in Heavenly places in Christ" (**Ephesians 2:6**).

Verses 13-14

The enemy was still angry about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ and chased His church as a result. Here the woman, or church, is given two wings of a great eagle. This is similar language to when Christ was speaking with Moses and bringing His people out of Egypt (See **Exodus 19:1-6**, right before He gave them His Ten Commandments). Just as God nourished His people throughout their wilderness experience, so He fed His people through this dark time as well. The 1260 prophetic day/year period mentioned here is pointed out seven times: **Daniel 7:25**, **12:11**, **Revelation 11:2, 3, 12:6, 14**, and **13:5**. Each has a different perspective of the same historic time—the years between 538 and 1798.

Verse 15-16

The waters (from where the next beast comes from in **13:1-10**), or people (**17:15**), were ungodly, having come out of the serpent's mouth, yet trying to join ranks with the church to thwart her from within. The earth (from where the third beast comes from in **13:11-18**, the opposite of water, an unpopulated place), helped the church. America was a place of refuge for believers (the Pilgrims, 1620) toward the end of the 1260 year period. The Declaration of Independence was later signed in 1776.

Verse 17

This is when we are living now. For other end-time pre-advent 'war' scenarios, see Revelation **13:15**, **14:13**, **16:13-16**, **17:12-14**, **19:19-21**. The devil is not angry with every church, but especially the one that keeps the Commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus (see **19:10** & **22:9**). Similar references to the people of God are in **13:10** and **14:12**.

It's clear in the last verse of this chapter that the enemy is wroth (severely angered) with the church or people who keep God the Father's commandments with the testimony of His Son, Jesus Christ. Again, it's the Father and the Son the enemy is after, and if we are believing in the Father and the Son we are on the path to keeping away from the enemy's greatest deceptions—the antichrist system.

1 John 2:22 says, “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that **denieth** the **Father** and the **Son**.”

1 John 5:4-5 says, “For whatsoever is **born of God** **overcometh** the world: and this is the **victory** that **overcometh** the world, even our **faith**.⁵ Who is he that **overcometh** the world, but he that **believeth** that **Jesus is the Son of God**?”

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