

"A War in Heaven and on Earth"
Revelation 12

Question: What appeared before John? V. 1a

Answer:

Note: We will not be able to understand the fullness of this sign until we put the next sign together with it. They are two signs communicating a single truth.

Question: How is it described? Vv. 1b-2

Answer:

Question: What does this woman represent?

Answer:

1. A significant start to a _____, as demonstrated by the unique constellation pattern.
2. The historical event of _____ and the birth of Jesus.
3. The historical event of _____ [woman, wife, prostitute] and the birth of Jesus. Cp. Genesis 37:9-11; Jeremiah 3:1, 20; Ezekiel 16:32-35; Hosea 2:2

Question: What sign did John see next? V. 3

Answer:

Question: What or who is this dragon?

Answer: Cf. Rev. 20:2 NIV)

Question: What do the seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns represent?

Answer: Cp. Psalm 83:6-8; Cf. Daniel 2:33

Question: What actions were associated with the dragon? V. 4

Answer:

Question: What does this mean? (Part A and Part B)

Answer: (Part A) Referencing Revelation 9:1 most scholars believe that these are _____. Regarding the "sweeping" out of the sky, it is commonly believed that these are angels that left the heavens when Satan lost his privileged position (Is. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17). It is interesting that the word denotes a forceful moving from one place to another suggesting that perhaps these angels were unwilling or _____. This also aligns with the word "flung."

Answer (Part B) This is in reference to the "killing of the innocent" in _____ (Cf. Matthew 2:16-18; Cp. Exodus 1:15-22). King Herod the Great was used by Satan to try and kill Jesus when he was a child.

Question: Describe the child the woman bore. Who is it? V. 5

Answer:

Cf. Genesis 49:10

Cf. Numbers 24:17

Cf. Psalm 2:8-9

Cp. Revelation 2:26-27

Cf. Mark 14:61-62

Cf. Acts 1:9

Question: What happened to the woman? V. 6

Answer:

Observations:

1. We are not told where she [the Jewish people] goes other than into the wilderness. It is a barren, out of the way place [which picks up on the symbolism as well]. There are those that say that this is _____ in Jordan, but there is no evidence of this whatsoever. In fact, the Christians went to _____ in Jordan during the Jewish War of AD. 66. Israel or the true remnant of Israel are brought to a place outside of the Antichrist's grasp.

Note: Not being able to get to a sizeable group of people in this day in age is hard to understand, e.g. GPS, satellite with heat sensing capability, etc...

2. It is a divine haven of protection and provision – God has prepared it for her.
3. This protection and provision last 1, 260 days, or 42 months, or 3.5. years. This is most likely during the last half of the Great Tribulation.

Note: The length of time is the same as the two witnesses in 11:3.

1. Historicist – The Historicist believes that the woman represents non-Roman Catholic sects, e.g. the Waldensians, the Albigenses, the Brethren, etc. The Beast is the heretical _____ who sought to kill or silence them. The Lord, in his mercy, hid them through migration. They, however, cannot tell us when this started or ended. [The Historicist position is very anti-Roman Catholic].

2. Preterist – The Preterist believes that the Beast is the _____ (Nero) who hated the Jews and Christians. The woman is the Church. And she flees to Pella through divine revelation. This is the exact time of persecution (AD 66-70).

3. Futurist – The Futurist holds that this is speaking to a future flight of: (1) _____, or (2) _____ that the Antichrist (the Beast) will be persecuting. The time is a literal time of protection (3.5) years.

4. Idealist – The Idealist holds that the woman is the _____. The Beast represents all forms of evil. The woman fleeing represents the ongoing persecution from the time of Jesus onward until his Second Coming. The 1,260 days represents a prolonged time of persecution but nothing literal.

Question: We are now transported to an event taking place in heaven. What is happening? Vv.

Answer:

Question: When did or does this event happen?

Answer: It is difficult to say since there has been a spiritual war with Satan, the dragon, ever since his fall from glory (Cp. Genesis 3:14-15; Daniel 10:20-21). Noting Job 1, we know that although he was cast down from his position, he still had _____ to the presence of God. Therefore, this seems to be a specific conflict; one that changes or alters the spirit world. The best evidence comes from Daniel 12:1 connected contextually with 11:36ff (the Antichrist, the Abomination of Desolation, his overtaking Jerusalem). From a Futuristic perspective this takes place at the mid-point of Daniel's 70th week at the beginning of the "Great Tribulation."

Questions: Who wins and what is the result?

Answer:

Question: What does "lose their place" mean?

Answer:

Question: What further consequence do we see in verse 9?

Answer:

Note: Not only do they lose access, but they lose their _____.
Satan and his minions have now been corralled and confined to the earth.

Question: What followed that "casting down"? Vv. 10-12

Answer:

Summation: A transfer of _____. A dire _____ to those
who live on the earth. An _____ of Satan's limited time.

Question: How did the dragon respond? V. 13

Answer:

Question: How does God "preserve" or "keep" the woman from the grasp of
the dragon? (Cf. Rev. 3:10) V. 14

Answer:

Question: What does it mean for her to receive "two wings of a great eagle"?

Answer: Cp. Exodus 19:4

Question: How did the dragon respond? V. 15

Answer:

Question: What does this mean?

Answer:

Cp. w/Jeremiah 46:8-9

Cp. w/ Jeremiah 47:2-3

Question: What was God's solution to the attack? V. 16

Answer:

Question: What is happening here?

Answer: Cp. Exodus 14:23-27; Numbers 16:28-34.

Question: How did the dragon respond? V. 17

Answer:

Summation: He left off the persecution of Jews and went after
_____.

Note: Satan desires to do essentially two things:

(1)

(2)

Definition: Pogrom = (1) Russian based word meaning "_____ " or "to demolish violently." (2) "a wholesale _____ of a particular ethnic group with the intention of extinction." Examples: