

# CHAPTER TWELVE

## *Revelation 12:1-17*

### THE SEVEN PERSONAGES!

Before we get deeper into the study of this chapter think back on the discussion we had in the beginning of this Bible study on the numerology of the Bible specifically dealing with the number seven. Remember that seven is God's number of completion – the divine number of divine completeness (*See Illustration on "Sevens" at the end of the Introduction*). In Revelation God is making a complete end of sin and sorrow. He will, without a doubt, complete His wonderful plan of redemption for all creation, past, present and future.

As noted previously, *Revelation Chapters 12* through *19* constitute a rerun of the Tribulation hour as presented in *Revelation Chapters 6* through *11*. Thus, at this point we come once again to the middle of the Tribulation—and to the worst wave of anti-Semitism the world has ever observed. This is truly what Jeremiah had in mind in *Jeremiah 30:7*, when he said, *Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble*. Jacob, as one discovers in *Romans 11:26*, is Israel.

A number of great signs and occurrences are witnessed in this chapter, each having to do with the horrendous judgment that is enveloping the earth, including the persecution being directed against Israel. These include a great wonder (*Verse 1*), a great red dragon (*Verse 3*), great wrath (*Verse 12*), and two wings of a great eagle (*Verse 14*).

#### I. THE WOMAN:

*Verse 1: And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

- A. A great wonder. . .; a woman! This woman (the "great wonder") is clothed in an extraordinary manner. She is wearing the sun and for shoes she wears the moon. For her hat she wears a crown studded with twelve stars. In total, the Book of Revelation pictures four different women:
1. Jezebel, the high priestess of paganism (*Revelation 2:20*)
  2. The scarlet woman, the high priestess of apostasy (*Revelation 17:17*)
  3. The Lamb's wife, the representative of the true, blood-bought Church (*Revelation 19:7*)
  4. Israel, in the text before us. This woman of *Chapter 12* is a picture of Israel, but why does she appear here and now?

I recall reading some years back that Mary Baker Eddy Glover Patterson asserted that this woman was none other than she, Mary Baker Eddy Glover Patterson the founder of the Christian Science movement. Her claim was absurd, to say the least. The woman's offspring could not possibly be the Christian Science movement. I can't imagine John Travolta or Tom Cruze being the offspring of Israel!

- a. The term *wonder* in our text comes from the same Greek word sign.
- b. Thus, we see that the woman is a sign. What sign? The sign of Israel.

Let me proceed to prove my assertion—scripture proves scripture. The woman of **Revelation 12:1** was pictured in the dream of Joseph centuries ago: “<sup>(9)</sup>And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it [to] his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon [representing father and mother] and the eleven stars [representing Joseph’s eleven brothers] made obeisance to me [the twelfth star]. <sup>(10)</sup>And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? <sup>(11)</sup>And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying (**Genesis 37:9-11**).

Clearly, the woman clothed with the sun and wearing a crown of twelve stars upon her head, just like in Joseph’s dream, is Israel. The birth of this woman’s (Israel’s) son is predicted in **Isaiah 66:7-8**: *Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.* <sup>(8)</sup>*Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children [or her son].* Isaiah’s prediction finds its fulfillment in the next verse.



The Woman and the Dragon (**Revelation 12:1-5**)

**Verse 2:** *And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

- B. Why all this? What does it mean? Why would the Holy Spirit use such language to set forth some Spiritual truth? The woman is not actually in heaven but upon the earth. The sign is in heaven, but the birth takes place right here on earth.
1. This woman, clothed in the most unusual attire anyone could ever wear, is Israel.
    - a. Do you remember when Joseph had his memorable dream in the Old Testament days, he saw the sun, the moon, and the stars bowing to him? (**Genesis 37**) This was a prophetic picture pointing to his exaltation after he had been sold into Egyptian slavery by his own brothers.
    - b. It is also a prophetic picture to the nation Israel. Joseph was sold by Gentiles, just as Israel has been sold into captivity, scattered to the four corners of the earth, suppressed and persecuted by Gentiles.
    - c. Even in recent years Israel has been persecuted by modern Pharaohs some of whom were named Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Karl Adolf Eichman (Department for Jewish Affairs in the Gestapo from 1941 to 1945 and was chief of operations in the deportation of three million Jews to extermination camps.). Together over six-million Jews were exterminated. They did their best to wipe them out. These butchers come and went but Israel is still here.
  2. Israel is the woman who brought forth the man-child who is to rule with a rod of iron.
    - a. Only of Israel could it be said “*she was clothed with the sun.*”
    - b. Israel brought forth the Redeemer. **Hebrews 2:16:** “*Verily, He took not on Him the form of angels but of the seed of Abraham.*” Again it is of Israel - and Israel alone - that it could be said, “He hath prepared for her a place in the wilderness.” This is to be a description of the place.
    - c. There has never been any doubt in my mind that this woman is Israel.
  3. The crown on the woman’s head signifies royal dignity - but why the stars in the crown?
    - a. The “**twelve stars**” - the number twelve used here denoted administrative rule in the hands of men.
    - b. Israel is earthly with earthly promises, and every promise made to Abraham will be fulfilled to the letter - even to the possession of the land promised to his seed.

4. Here we have the mother, Israel, bringing forth a man-child who is none other than the blessed Lord Jesus Christ, as one discovers in *Verse 5*. She is a Mother-to-be, and her delivery is imminent. This truth harmonizes with many New Testament texts.
    - a. For instance, **Romans 9:4-5** states; <sup>(4)</sup> [They] *Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;* <sup>(5)</sup> *Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.*
    - b. Christ, in His flesh, came forth from Israel; and, at this point in our text, Christ's adversary, Satan — the one who rebelled centuries ago against the authority of God (note **Isaiah 14:12-14**) — is about to strike another blow.
 

<sup>(12)</sup>*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*  
<sup>(13)</sup>*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>(14)</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **Isaiah 14:12-14***
  5. I have studied many differing opinions on the matter of the woman's identity and irregardless of which camp you're in one can only conclude that the man-child about to be born is Christ Jesus the Messiah.
    - a. He is to rule all nations with a rod of iron.
    - b. We the Church will be with Him but He will be the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.
    - c. Jesus has been the object of Satan's hatred. There is a trail of blood left by those whom Satan destroyed in an all-out attempt to stop the seed of the woman, corrupt the bloodline of Christ (**Genesis 6:6-7**).
  6. But, praise God, Jesus fulfilled every demand of God the Father. He paid sin's debt in its fullness. He conquered death, hell and the grave. He arose, appeared to men, He ascended back to the Father, and He is coming back again.
- C. Why, in our present scripture, are the travail and birth mentioned together? There are three reasons:
1. The long period of time that Israel is set aside is fully discussed in many books of the Bible
  2. It shows the deep interest and concern that God has for His chosen people.

3. At the time of the account in our present chapter, Israel is about to go through the most horrible time she has ever known since becoming a nation - or ever will know again. The object of the Holy Spirit going back to the birth of Jesus in this scripture is to connect Him with Israel in His proper place during this terrible time of Jacob's trouble. God has not forgotten His own - and He never will.
- D. Remember, we are dealing with earth and Israel in this chapter. The church is with Jesus and has been since the beginning of the reign of the Anti-Christ. (The church is to be raptured before the Anti-Christ is revealed.) Israel is on earth in her own land. The false messiah is in power. And now, during the last three and one half years of the Tribulation, all hell has broken out.

## II. SATAN:

**Verses 3 and 4:** <sup>13)</sup>*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.* <sup>14)</sup>*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

- A. The red dragon is conclusively proven to be Satan in **Verse 9**.- presented here in his most horrifying character.
1. Being a RED dragon signifies his murderous nature.
  2. This dragon is spectacular in that he has unusual features.
  3. His seven-crowned head refers to the concentration of earthly power and wisdom in cruel-ugly rule. Remember also that the number seven speaks of completeness, and therefore, the dragon's seven heads picture his complete wisdom. It is written that Satan is *full of wisdom (Ezekiel 28:12)*. God created him that way when he was the *anointed cherub [or angel] that covereth (Ezekiel 28:14)*.
  4. His ten horns speak of universal power, just as the ten toes of Daniel's image do. Satan's international control, of course, is possible because millions of demons jump at his command. Remember, he is *the god of this world system (2 Corinthians 4:4)*. He is also the *prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)* and *the prince of this world (John 12:31)*.
    - a. However, since he is not omniscient (all knowing), or omnipresent (in all places at all times), Satan must rely on demonic hosts (fallen angels) in diversified places to administer his power.
    - b. This explains why Christians are not fighting against flesh and blood only but *against spiritual wickedness in high places as well (Ephesians 6:12)*.

- B. Note in *Verse 4* that Satan probably enlisted the angels who fell at the time of his rebellion when *his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven* [a reference to angels] *and did cast them to the earth*. A similar reference is found in **Jude 13**.
1. We can conclude that Lucifer will be the unseen force behind the kings who will rule over the ten kingdoms of the empire.
  2. The red dragon will be the ruler of the world-wide monarchy.

Allow me to interject a few points aside from my outline:

At this point, one may ask why I'm using these texts to discuss past, present, and future history. The answer is simple. The scene you are about to witness speaks of the entire age-long conflict from beginning to end. Its details are squeezed into these few verses before us. The same devil who attempted to destroy the woman's (or Israel's) son in centuries past (see **Genesis 3:15**) is now about to strike out against the woman herself via the greatest anti-Semitic purge in history. Hitler's murderous and barbaric attempt at Jewish annihilation will seem like a Sunday school picnic compared to this holocaust! That's why Daniel stated: *There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (Daniel 12:1)*. Jesus himself said in **Matthew 24:21-22**, "*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*" The elect, as spoken of here, are the Israelites of **Romans 11:28**.

- C. Remember that as we have previously discussed there was a day when Lucifer, "*the shining one*," became so jealous of God that he decided he would, overthrow God. He allied with some of the angels in his attempt to overthrow God who had created them. How this terrible disaster came about is mentioned in various places in the Bible.
- D. The Bible does not say how many angels Satan led astray, except here in this scripture, where the dragon pulls one-third of the stars down to earth, drawn from their place of shining in God's great Heaven of beauty.
1. Jude tells us that they are now reserved in chains of darkness. They are blacked out.
  2. Disobedience to God brings spiritual slavery. The latter part of *Verse 4* enlightens us further about the dragon. He stands ready to devour the woman's man-child the moment it is born.
    - a. Satan is not trying to destroy the woman—but the Son—Jesus.
    - b. This has been the constant battle and desire of Satan all along.
      - (1) He worked through Herod when Christ was a baby.
      - (2) He worked through the pharisees, etc.
      - (3) Satan tried to finish the man-child before He could say, "*It is finished.*"

- E. *Verse 5* proves my earlier statement that the verses before us cover the age-long conflict—past, present, and future.

### III. THE CHILD:

**Verses 5 & 6** <sup>(5)</sup>*And she brought forth a man child [2,000 years ago], who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron [future]: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne [the present age of grace].* <sup>(6)</sup>*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

- A. In *Verse 5*, the woman delivers the *man-child* [Christ], the child is *caught up unto God*. Christ ascended up into the heavens after his resurrection and ministry of forty-days.
- B. In *Verse 6*, the woman flees into the wilderness where God has a place prepared for her protection. This is during the final forty-two-month period, described as the Great Tribulation (see ***Revelation 7:14***), where she will be fed there for 1260 days ie: (the last half of the great tribulation). Because of its intensity and immensity, the Children of Israel are protected by their God.
1. He took care of them for forty years as they wandered through the wilderness, and now He again proves His love to His ancient people by delivering them.
  2. Yes, they shall be saved out of it (***Jeremiah 30:7***).
  3. And at that time thy people shall be delivered (***Daniel 12:1***).
  4. ***Matthew 24:22*** adds, “*For the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.*” In the next few verses, a shocking space war takes place.
    - a. Those *who* are born again have no fear of this time mentioned.
    - b. We who are Christians will be caught up with Him before the horrible time of tribulation comes.
- C. From the birth of the man-child to the time He was caught up to God covered a period of time about 33 years - the length of time Jesus lived here on this earth.
1. Between verse 5 and 6 there is a time element consisting of the church age - the day of grace. It has already been more than 2,000 years.
  2. We do not know how many more years remain until the woman will flee into her place of protection. We are living today in the age of grace. When this time comes to a close, the Rapture will take place, the Anti-Christ will begin his reign, and in the middle of the seven years of tribulation Israel will be forced to flee into a prepared place lest she be completely annihilated.
  3. The woman Israel fleeing into the wilderness, signifies a place devoid of natural resources...a place of complete isolation. The word tells us that Israel will again be fed as they were fed in the days when God rained manna from Heaven and sent quail for meat. If God did it then, He can do it again.



#### IV. THE ARCHANGEL:

**Verses 7-9** <sup>17)</sup>And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, <sup>18)</sup>And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. <sup>19)</sup>And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- A. “Michael and his angels fought.”
1. Who is Michael? He is leading the army of angels who are battling Satan and his angels.
  2. He seems to be the highest of all the angels. Jude calls him the ARCHANGEL.
- B. This scripture gives account again of the defeat of Satan from heaven never to rule there again. However, he has become the prince of this world and he is the controlling figure during the Great Tribulation.
- C. It seems that Michael is the leading angel having to do with God’s elect (the Jewish People).
- D. This scripture shows again the marvelous way that Jesus Christ will be victorious over both Heaven and Earth.



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War in Heaven; Michael Defeats the Dragon  
(Revelation 12:7-12)

Before we move on to **Verse 10** I want to bring the following into the discussion of the previous verses.

Some Bible authorities believe that this war in heaven began at the time of the Rapture in **Revelation 4:1**. Since a war involves a number of skirmishes or battles, this is a distinct possibility. The assumption is based on **Daniel 12:1-2**.

These scholars reason that since those who are caught up in the rapture of the Church must pass through the areas where Satan reigns—the aerial and stellar heavens—Satan becomes aroused and attempts



to hinder this evacuation of the saints from the earth. However, as he attempts to interfere in this glorious event, angels—ministers of the saints (see *Hebrews 1:14*)—rush to the rescue, and the space confrontation and a great combustion of the elements begins. This happened in the past—why could it not occur again? Where did it happen in the past? Consider *Daniel 10:13* as we are introduced to Michael, the commander in chief of heaven’s armies. Daniel says, *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes [an angelic name and title], came to help me.* God tells Daniel that He had every intention of answering His prayers, but that for twenty-one days the devil tried to hinder the response. Finally God had to send Michael to battle the devil in the area of his domain (the first and second heavens) in order to make the answer a reality. Thus, it is possible that Michael will again battle God’s adversary at the time of the Rapture in order to allow Christians their entrance into glory in the *twinkling of an eye*, as promised in *1 Corinthians 15:51-54*.

Michael is mentioned five times in God’s Word, beginning with *Daniel 10:13*. We find him again in *Daniel 10:21* where he is described to the Children of Israel as Michael, *your prince*. His third mention is in *Daniel 12:1*: *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people.* In *Jude 9*, we find Michael, the archangel, contending with the devil over the body of Moses. Notice that every time Michael appears, he is connected with the Children of Israel—making it very plausible that he is at war with Satan in our present and fifth text, defending the Jewish people.

The war is on, and it is the greatest aerial combat in history: *Michael and his angels fought against the dragon [Satan]; and the dragon fought and his angels.* Are you shocked to discover Satan in heaven?

Most people (including most Christians) imagine him as a little creature dressed in a red uniform, running around in a place called hell, jabbing his victims with a pitchfork. This is all a lot of mythological nonsense.

Satan is a magnificent creature to behold. In fact, his beauty brought his ruin. *Ezekiel 28:17* states: *Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.* Not only is it a lie to picture Satan as a grotesque monstrosity, but it is equally false to place him in hell.

He has never been there. He is the *god of this world* system, the *prince of the power of the air*, and the *prince of this world*, as we have already observed. He has been in heavens one and two (the aerial and stellar heavens) since his fall—and he will remain there until he is cast to the earth in *Verse 9*. It is also important to note that he is not cast into eternal hell (the lake of fire) to join those he has duped until after the Millennium (*Revelation 20:10*). Now, as this battle is fought, Satan is defeated. Praise God! Satan is mighty, but God is Almighty! Satan can destroy, but God can destroy the destroyer! That is why the Christian should never fear the events of daily life. He has victory in Jesus. *Yes, greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).*

Satan's demise began when he was cast out of the third heaven (see *Isaiah 14:12-14*), continues until *Revelation 12:9* when he is cast out of the first and second heavens, and is completed when he is cast into the lake of fire (*Revelation 20:10*). John foresaw that hour and said, *The prince of this world [shall] be cast out (John 12:31) and the prince of this world is judged (John 16:11)*. To the eternal Christ, Satan's doom was as good as accomplished, but for you and me, time had to pass. Now, in our text, the moment has arrived: (Satan and his angels) *prevailed not (Verse 8.)* Michael's gunners zero in, and Satan's place—an abiding location for centuries—is found no longer, it has been destroyed. Instead, the dragon (Satan) *which deceiveth the whole world: [is] cast out into the earth, and his angels [are] cast out with him*. This signals the end of Satan's rule in the aerial and stellar heavens, and the victory celebration begins. All heaven rejoices over that which Michael's defeat of Satan has accomplished.

#### E. GLORIOUS PRAISE ERUPTS, WHY?

*Verse 10: And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

1. Salvation from Satan's atmospheric control has taken place;
2. God's strength has crushed Satan's might;
3. The kingdom is about to arrive;
4. The power of Christ will be seen as He comes to set up His kingdom. Think of it! The united power of Father and Son casts the accuser of the brethren out of the heavens.

#### F. Did you know that accusing the brethren is Satan's present ministry?

1. He also uses some ministers and holier-than-thou church members to accomplish this goal. Listen carefully.
  - a. Every bit of slander against another brother or sister in Christ is simply the devil using an individual's mind and vocal cords. In fact, devil means "slanderer."
  - b. The term false accuser in the English Bible is translated from the word diabolos or devil. Thus, *Titus 2:3* states: *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers*. Literally rendered, this verse states: "That the aged women be not she devils." A woman who gossips is a "she devil," and a male gossip is a "macho devil." Both are controlled by the power of the vile one. No wonder lying is one of the seven sins God hates (see *Proverbs 6:16-19*).

2. When Satan is cast out into the earth (*Verse 9*), the hot spot will be our terra firma where men walk and breathe. At that time there will be only one place of safety and victory—in the arms of the Lord Jesus through His shed blood.

#### G. THE OVER-COMERS:

*Verse 11: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

1. These wise saints resisted Satan by the blood of Jesus and by the Word of God.
2. There is no other way to win a spiritual battle (see *Hebrews 4:12*).
3. They also overcame Satan by their testimony and loved not their own lives unto death.
4. What a crown awaits them—and you, if you're true blue!
5. Thus, John states in *Revelation 2:10: Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

Though there is rejoicing in the heavenlies, the picture is quite different for earth dwellers.

*Verse 12: Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

At this point Satan unleashes all his fury for he knows that within forty-two months (three and one-half years), his reign will be ended. Thus, the great anti-Semitic purge now begins.

#### V. SATAN AND ISRAEL IN THE TRIBULATION:

*Verse 13: And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

Immediately God intervenes.

*Verses 14-16: And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.<sup>(15)</sup> And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.<sup>(16)</sup> And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*

- A. *Verse 13* tells us that when the dragon realized that he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child.



Woman With the Wings of an Eagle (*Revelation 12:14*)

- B. In *Verse 14* we discover in this verse that God in His sovereignty and love, is going to protect His chosen people for three and one-half years. The eagle's wings probably indicate an airlift or some other miraculous speedy escape. God is probably reminding the Children of Israel of His act of preservation in Pharaoh's day, and uses the picture of wings to show them His goodness. He declares, *Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself (Exodus 19:4)*. Safety is promised to His people. So it is that the woman is given two wings of an eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness into her place where she will be fed by God and protected against the power of the serpent.
- C. In *Verse 15* the serpent made his last attempt to destroy the woman and her child. He cast out of his mouth a flood of water in an attempt to drown the woman. Mother earth helped her. Since Israel is an earthly people with earthly promises, the earth came to the rescue, opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast forth out of his mouth.

The flood undoubtedly portrays a volume of propaganda—anti-Semitic insinuations, slanders, and slurs—released internationally.

Yet, God promises: *When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him (Isaiah 59:19).*

D. *Verse 16*, too, is reminiscent of the miraculous deliverance God provided the Children of Israel during their exodus from Egypt, when the Red Sea closed in over Pharaoh and his army.



The dragon attempts to destroy the woman, to make war against her remnant. (*Revelation 12:15-17*)

1. The enemy said, *I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them (Exodus 15:9-12).*
2. At this point Satan reaches the height of his anger. Note our next verse!

## VI. THE JEWISH REMNANT:

*Verse 17: And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

- A. At this time, Satan will know that he has forever lost his opportunity to destroy the church. His drastic, all-out drive to mar and scar the church will fail, and it will be presented to Jesus without spot or wrinkle...a perfect church.
- B. Satan has already lost against the Church and now he has lost against Israel at this point he is furious. Although he may seem victorious for *a season*, God's children, those that believe in the name of Jesus Christ, will be victorious.

**Now on to Chapter 13 "The Beasts & 666"!**