

# The Woman and the Dragon

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(Rev 11:19 NKJ) <sup>19</sup> Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

(Rev 12:17 NKJ) <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

(Rev 13:4 NKJ) <sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

(Rev 14:7 NKJ) "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

(Rev 14:12 NKJ) <sup>12</sup> Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

(Rev 15:8 NKJ) <sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

This marks the opening of the Day of Atonement, when the Priest would enter the Most Holy Place to atone for our sins.

Satan is angry with the ‘remnant’ of God’s people who keep the commandments of God and have the Holy Spirit.

The whole world will worship the beast and the Dragon in opposition to the law of God.

God’s message of mercy and a call to return to faithfulness to God’s law is proclaimed.

The saints of God persevere through this difficult time by remaining faithful to God’s law.

This marks the close of the Day of Atonement, when mercy ceases to plead. Ps 32:6; Isa 55:6

## The Woman, The Child and The Dragon

(Rev 12:1-2 NKJ) 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. <sup>2</sup> Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

(Rev 12:3-4 NKJ) <sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His 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.

(Rev 12:5 NKJ) <sup>5</sup> 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.

Woman = Jer 6:2; 2 Cor 11:2  
Sun = Mal 4:2; Jn 8:12  
Moon = 2 Pet 1:19-21; Jn 5:39  
Stars = Gen 37:9; Dan 12:3

Dragon = Rev 12:9; Rev 20:2  
Seven Heads = Ps 18:43;  
Ps 110:6; Dan 2:37-38  
Ten Horns = Dan 7:7-8  
Tail = Deut 28:13; Isa 9:14-15  
Stars of heaven = Isa 14:12-14

Child = Isa 7:14, 9:6-7; Mt 1:23  
Rule & Rod of Iron = Ps 2:7-9;  
110:1-2; Rev 19:11-16

(Rev 12:6 NKJ) <sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

### **The Certainty of the Dragon's Defeat**

(Rev 12:7-12 NKJ) <sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

<sup>11</sup> "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

<sup>12</sup> "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

### **The Dragon's War Against The Woman**

(Rev 12:13-17 NKJ) <sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

<sup>15</sup> So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

<sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Parallel to the story of Elijah  
And the 1260 days of no rain  
2 Ki 17:3-6; Jam 5:17-18

Michael = 'One who is like God'

Past tense (See Eze 28:11-19)

Present tense = at the cross  
See Jn 12:31-32; Jn 16:11;  
Lk 10:17-20; Job 1:6-12\*

Future reality, Satan's final defeat

When Satan could not gain the victory in His battle against Christ, he persecuted Christ's followers. 31AD—538AD

The woman fled to the wilderness for a time = 1 year, times = 2 years and 1/2 a time = 1/2 a year = 1260 prophetic days or 1260 years. From 538AD—1798AD.

Water, flood = Rev 17:15;  
Jer 46:7-8; Jer 47:1-3; Isa 8:6-8

Earth = sparsely populated area what helped God's people during the 1260 days (years)

(Rev 13:1-3 NKJ) Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

### **The Nature of Satan's Kingdom**

This 'beast' or kingdom (Dan 7:17) is a part of this world, and hence it is part of Satan's kingdom (Lk 4:5-6). Its ferocious survival-of-the-fittest nature indicates that it employs fear, force or falsehood to conquer, just like Satan. On the other hand, the nature of Christ's kingdom is not force, but love (Jn 12:31-32). Jesus said that if His love on the cross was lifted up before men, that He would draw all to Himself through cords of love and free choice. Jesus stated this unequivocally when speaking with Pilate about the nature of His kingdom. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" (Jn 18:36).

### **One of Satan's Kingdom's Revives To Deceive**

(Rev 13:4-10 NKJ) <sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" <sup>5</sup> And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. <sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup> He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

John is calling our attention to the prophecy of Daniel 7, where four 'beasts' or kingdoms (See Dan 7:17), arise from a populated area (the area surrounding the Mediterranean).

Lion = Babylon  
Bear = Medo-Persia  
Leopard = Greece  
Dragon-like = Rome  
Little horn = Papal Rome

Satan receives worship through a substitute, an idol, or image (Ps 106:34-39).

This 'beast' or kingdom speaks great blasphemy's against God and is allowed to do this for a period of 42 months (3 1/2 yrs). He also makes war against God's people for this same period of time (See Dan 7:25, Rev 11:2). During this time, this kingdom had extensive authority over 'every tribe, tongue, and nation'.

But the warning is given, that the kingdom that has lead people into captivity, will itself go into captivity and because it has killed with the sword (the civil power), it will also be killed by the civil power.

(Rev 13:11-18 NKJ) <sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

<sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

<sup>15</sup> He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

<sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

V = 5		
I = 1		
C = 100		
A = 0	F = 0	
R = 0	I = 1	
I = 1	L = 50	D = 500
V = 5	I = 1	E = 0
S = 0	I = 1	I = 1
112	53	501

Vicarius	112
Filii	53
Dei	501
	666

Another kingdom arised from an unpopulated area. It appears lamb-like (as Christ), but in the end speaks for the dragon (Satan). He exercises all the authority of the first beast in a similar union of church and state. He makes great signs and miracles happen as to bring fire down from heaven and cause men to worship that which is false. (Deu 13:1-5 NKJ) He is called the false prophet later in the book of Revelation. God allows him to perform these signs and exercise this authority, but it is not from God. His work is deception and he helps the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

He is granted power to make the 'image of the beast' (a union of church and state) to speak (legislate) and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (The final battle is over religious loyalty to God or to an earthly religious system.)

The battle will be waged upon the whole world, and all, rich and poor, free and slave, small and great will receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. (Deut 6:4-9)

## Prophetic Outlines Of Daniel 2 & 7

Daniel 2	Scripture	Historical Fulfillment	Daniel 7	Scripture	Symbolism
	<p>(Dan 2:37-38 NKJ)  <sup>37</sup> “You, O king, <i>are</i> a king of kings... <sup>38</sup> You <i>are</i> this head of gold.”</p>	<p>Babylon ruled over the middle east from 605-539 BC. Their empire was depicted as the head of gold.</p>		<p>(Dan 7:4 NKJ) <sup>4</sup> “The first <i>was</i> like a lion and had eagle's wings.”</p>	<p>Gold and the Lion are both very appropriate symbols of Babylon. Isa 14:4; Jer 4:4</p>
	<p>(Dan 2:39 NKJ)  <sup>39</sup> “But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours.”</p>	<p>Medo-Persia overthrew Babylon and ruled from 539-331 BC. Their empire was symbolized by the silver.</p>		<p>(Dan 7:5 NKJ) <sup>5</sup> “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side...”</p>	<p>Silver and the Bear are both fitting symbols of Greece. Taxed in silver. Territory matched the Syrian Brown Bear's.</p>
	<p>(Dan 2:39 NKJ)  <sup>39</sup> “Then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.”</p>	<p>Greece overthrew Medo-Persia and ruled from 331-168 BC. Their empire was symbolized by bronze.</p>		<p>(Dan 7:6 NKJ) <sup>6</sup> “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard... the beast also had four heads...”</p>	<p>Bronze and the Leopard are fitting symbols of Greece. Armor = bronze. Leopard = speed of conquest.</p>
	<p>(Dan 2:40 NKJ)  <sup>40</sup> “And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron...”</p>	<p>Rome overthrew Greece and ruled from 168-476 BC. Their empire was symbolized by iron.</p>		<p>(Dan 7:7 NKJ) <sup>7</sup> “And behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible. It had iron teeth; it was breaking in pieces...”</p>	<p>Iron and a Dragon are fitting symbols of Rome. Iron = weapons. Dragon = symbol of Roman strength.</p>
	<p>(Dan 2:41 NKJ)  <sup>41</sup> “Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of clay... the kingdom will be divided.”</p>	<p>Since 476 BC, Europe has been divided and trying to strengthen its union through marriage and economy.</p>		<p>(Dan 7:8 NKJ) <sup>8</sup> “And there was another horn, a little one... before whom three were plucked up by the root”</p>	<p>Clay and Iron and a little horn are fitting symbols of Papal Rome. Clay = Church Horn = Small Kingdom</p>