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Revelation 43 Cosmic View of Christ & Israel! Revelation 12:1-6

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³ *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ 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. 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. ⁶ 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.*

We have drawn back the curtain on **Revelation 12** to expose the cosmic backdrop of spiritual warfare with vivid clarity and prophetic weight.

The War of the Ages

A Cosmic Conflict Unveiled

This marvellous and rich text introduces us to a war that transcends galaxies a war not of flesh and blood, but of rulers, authorities, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (**Ephesians 6:12**).

Since Lucifer's fall, the son of the morning, the highest of the angelic host there, has raged a timeless war between **Satan and his demons and God and His angels**.

Revelation 12 unveils this war's trajectory, intensity, and divine resolution.

Frontline of a Spiritual War

This war is not distant. Earth becomes the central stage. Humanity drawn in by deception in Eden is not a spectator but a participant.

We each stand aligned either under the rule of Christ or caught in the rebellion of the dragon.

The Fall, the Tribulation, and the Final Blow

- **Lucifer's Rebellion:** One-third of heaven's host followed him into darkness.
- **Humanity's Corruption:** Satan's deceit in the garden inducted the human race into this cosmic rebellion.
- **The Final Fury:** The climax of this war will occur in the Great Tribulation—*Daniel's seventieth week, Jacob's trouble*. During this time, Satan will unleash his most concentrated rage upon God's people.

Yet in **Revelation 11:15**, the victor is already announced:

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The Heavenly Interlude: Chapters 12–14

Chapters 12 through 14 take us back in time not just to creation, but into eternity past.

Then fast forward to the tribulation to offer a **Satanic perspective** of the same events already seen through the divine lens in chapters **6 to 11**.

- **Ch. 12:** Satan's war against the woman (Israel), the child (Messiah), and the remnant.
- **Ch. 13:** The rise of the beast and the false prophet—Satan's counterfeit trinity.
- **Ch. 14:** Heaven's message of judgment and mercy before wrath is poured out.

We have already seen God's perspective:

His judgments and saving work through the seven seals and seven trumpets.

Now, we are stepping back to look at the same period, and even earlier events like creation and the fall of Lucifer, but this time from Satan's point of view.

By **verse 6**, we are back in the tribulation, viewing those same seven years through Satan's actions.

While we know how God has been at work, we are now going to learn how Satan operates during that same time.

Jesus described it in **Matthew 24** as a time like no other because both God and Satan will unleash their greatest fury.

- God's judgment on the ungodly, and
- Satan's attack on the godly.

A Divine Flashback: Understanding the Present Through Eternity Past.

- The Holy Spirit takes John and us on a sweeping journey:
 - **Back to creation**
 - **Even before creation**, to the fall of Lucifer
- The purpose: to understand why the events of the Tribulation unfold as they do

- The “spiritual Star Wars” began long before mankind arrived on earth

These early verses set the stage for what becomes a spiritual battle stretching across history.

From Eden to the End

- Satan’s fall → man’s fall → global rebellion
- **Chapters 12–14** present **Satan’s viewpoint** on the Tribulation
- These verses cover:
 - Lucifer’s rebellion
 - His deception in Eden
 - His schemes during the **final seven years**
 - Ultimately, **Christ’s triumphant return**

We will also learn how Satan tries to establish his power on earth through the antichrist and the false prophet, which **chapters 13 and 14** reveal in detail.

A Showdown Like No Other.

Matthew 24:21, *“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”*

In these chapters, the wrath of God and the rage of Satan converge in unparalleled intensity. But even amidst tribulation, God protects, preserves, and ultimately prevails.

Revelation 12–14 plays out as a prophetic drama.

Main Characters in this includes:

1. **The Woman** – Symbolic of Israel (**Revelation 12:1**)
2. **The Dragon** – Satan himself (**Revelation 12:3**)
3. **The Male Child** – Christ, the promised Messiah (**Revelation 12:5**)
4. **Michael** – The archangel defending God’s people (**Revelation 12:7**)
5. **The Beast from the Sea** – The Antichrist (**Revelation 13:1**)
6. **The Beast from the Earth** – The False Prophet (**Revelation 13:11**)
7. **The Remnant** (implied) – Faithful believers preserved by God

Each character is introduced as part of **Satan’s last, desperate push** against God’s kingdom during the Great Tribulation.

1. Women.

V 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.

In Revelation 12, the word “great” (Greek: *me gas*) appears several times.

V 1, 3, 12, and 14 highlights how everything John sees is massive, both in size and importance. This vision is meant to feel overwhelmingly significant.

The first “great” thing John sees is a *great sign* in heaven. That word “sign” is important. It marks the beginning of seven symbolic signs in the second half of Revelation.

A sign isn’t the thing itself. It points to a deeper truth or reality. It’s a symbol meant to lead us toward understanding something greater.

The Principle of Interpretation

- Revelation is generally **literal in its interpretation**
- When symbolism is used, Scripture often clearly identifies it as a “**sign**”
- These signs invite spiritual discernment, not speculative allegory

In prophetic literature, a *sign* is symbolic. It points to a deeper reality, not to be taken literally. When Scripture specifically says something is a sign, that’s a clue for us. Most of the Bible, including Revelation, is to be interpreted literally unless it tells us otherwise.

When a sign is meant, it’s usually identified clearly.

In Revelation 12, John sees a *great sign*. A woman in heaven. This isn't meant to represent a literal woman but symbolizes something significant.

- The woman is described symbolically:
 - Clothed with the sun
 - The moon beneath her feet
 - A crown of twelve stars representing Israel in covenant and prophetic glory

John's Celestial Vision:

Earthbound Prophet, Heavenward View

- John appears to be gazing heavenward from earth, witnessing prophetic symbols that will ultimately manifest **on earth**.
- What he sees is a "*great sign*"—a woman, rich with symbolic meaning.

The woman in this vision is one of four symbolic women in Revelation:

1. **Jezebel** in **chapter 2** represents *paganism* and spiritual corruption.
2. **The scarlet woman** in **chapter 17** symbolizes the *apostate church*.
3. **The wife of the Lamb** in **chapter 19** represents the *true Church*, the bride of Christ.

4. **The woman in chapter 12** symbolizes *Israel*. Throughout the Old Testament, Israel is described as God's unfaithful wife yet one day, she will be restored.

The Church is never described in Scripture as a "woman" or "wife" until after the marriage of the Lamb. Until then, she is the *bride* (**2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7**).

Why the Woman Must Be Israel

- Israel is often depicted as a woman in Scripture. God's covenant bride who often wandered yet will be restored (**Jeremiah 3:20; Hosea 2:16–20**).
- The 70th week of Daniel (**Daniel 9:24–27**) centres around *Israel's destiny*, as did the first 69 weeks.
- Zechariah and Paul both anticipate Israel's national repentance and salvation:

Zechariah 12:10, *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."*

Romans 11:26, *"And so all Israel will be saved..."*

The Kingdom has been promised to Israel. According to the prophets, Israel will one day rule alongside the Messiah from Jerusalem, becoming the centre of global attention. So much so

that ten Gentiles will cling to the robe of one Jew, eager to be part of God's plan.

As we reach the seventh trumpet in Revelation, the final trumpet, things are accelerating.

The judgments it introduces, the seven bowls, will happen quickly.

We are now in the last stretch of the tribulation, just before Armageddon, Christ's return, and the beginning of the Kingdom. That's why the woman in Revelation 12, symbolizing Israel, appears prominently again.

Her salvation and the fulfilment of God's promises are close at hand.

Israel has always been at the centre of God's redemptive plan. Because of that, Satan has always targeted Israel. If he could destroy her then God's promise would fail.

That's why Israel becomes the focus of Satan's final rage in this last stage of spiritual warfare.

- Israel sits at the heart of redemptive history and the bullseye of Satan's rage.
- If Satan could destroy Israel, he could invalidate God's promise and thwart the coming Kingdom.

- That's why Satan's final fury, just before Christ's return, is unleashed against **her**.

V 1, "*Clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...*"

This rich symbolism immediately echoes something from **Genesis 37:9–11**.

This imagery mirrors **Joseph's dream** in **Genesis 37:9–10**:

- The *sun* = Jacob
- The *moon* = Rachel
- The *twelve stars* = the twelve sons of Israel (the twelve tribes)
- This strengthens the identification of the woman as the nation of Israel.

When we see a woman in Revelation with those same elements: The sun, moon, and twelve stars.

It points to *Israel*, the nation that emerged from Jacob's family line. This vision is full of meaning, tracing all the way back to Genesis and showing how the story of Israel plays a central role in God's redemptive plan.

The symbolism here is rich. The woman is Israel, God's chosen people, destined to be exalted through the Messiah.

Romans 9:4–5, *who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;*⁵ *of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.*

V 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.*

Connection to Joseph’s Dream: The imagery echoes **Genesis 37:9–10**, where the sun (Jacob), moon (Rachel), and stars (Joseph and his brothers) bow before Joseph.

- **Symbolism Interpreted:**

- **Clothed with the Sun:** Israel’s *glory and dignity*, especially as the redeemed nation.
- **Moon Under Her Feet:** Possibly a symbol of *covenant worship cycles*—new moons, feasts, and Sabbath festivals.
- **Crown of Twelve Stars (stephanos):** A crown of *struggle and perseverance*, marking the twelve tribes and their role in redemptive history.

V 2, *Then being with child, she cried out in labour and in pain to give birth.*

John then tells us the woman is *pregnant and about to give birth*. This reinforces Israel's identity not just as God's covenant bride, but also as the mother of the Messiah.

Israel in Labor: A Nation Longing for the Messiah

The image of Israel as a mother appears frequently in the Old Testament—in Isaiah, Hosea, and Micah. (**Isaiah 26; 66; Micah 4–5.**)

- The woman *Israel* is not merely a nation, but a *mother* agonizing through history to bring forth the Messiah.
- Throughout her history, Israel has suffered:
 - Due to divine discipline (chastening)
 - And due to *Satanic opposition*—seeking to cut off the promised Seed (Genesis 3:15)

The **Church is never described** in Scripture as a *woman, wife, or mother*.

In fact, she isn't pictured as the bride of Christ until **Revelation 19:7–9**, at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

In **Revelation 12**, the pregnant woman must represent *Israel*, not the Church.

V 2 describes her in labour, crying out in pain.

What is she longing to bring forth? *The Messiah*.

Throughout history, Israel has yearned for the coming of the promised Saviour. They were longing for the one who would defeat Satan, conquer sin and death, and establish God's Kingdom.

Israel has endured immense suffering, not only under God's discipline for sin, but also under relentless attack from Satan.

Why?

Because Satan knows that if he can destroy Israel, he could try to stop God's plan from unfolding.

This spiritual battle began all the way back in **Genesis 3:15**, *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

The promise was made of a future seed who would crush the serpent's head.

This labouring woman represents Israel's long and painful history of waiting, hoping, and struggling toward that moment of deliverance.

2. Dragon.

V 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.* ⁴*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.*

This is the second sign in John's vision a "*great, fiery red dragon.*" It's important to note that this dragon is **not** a literal creature. As with the woman earlier in the chapter, the dragon is a symbolic figure, an image that represents something real and powerful. In this case, it is **Satan**.

The **fiery red colour** likely represents *bloodshed*, violence, and the destructive nature of Satan's work. He is not just evil but *vicious*, pouring out wrath throughout human history, especially targeting God's people.

The description "*seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems*" on his heads echoes **Daniel's prophetic visions** of world empires.

The **seven heads** represent completeness in evil power, possibly pointing to successive world kingdoms under Satan's influence.

The **ten horns** signal authority and power used elsewhere in Scripture to speak of kings or rulers.

And the **seven diadems** (crowns) show that Satan claims **royal power**, though illegitimately.

Revelation 12:9, *“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.”*

Here, the symbol is **clearly explained**.

The dragon is **“that serpent of old”** a direct link back to **Genesis 3**, where Satan first appeared to humanity as the deceiver in the garden.

He is also called **“the Devil”** (meaning slanderer) and **“Satan”** (meaning adversary).

His role?

He deceives the whole world.

His strategy has always been deception, twisting truth, sowing lies, and leading people away from God.

He is not working alone either. It says *“his angels were cast out with him”*—a reference to the demonic realm that fell alongside Satan, often believed to be a third of the angels.

Old Testament Connections:

Psalm 91:13, *“You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.”*

The word “*dragon*” appears as a metaphor for something deadly and menacing:

Some translations render “serpent” as “dragon,” capturing the image of something powerful and threatening.

Ezekiel 29:3, *“Thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers...’”*

This shows the Pharaoh of Egypt described as a sea monster.

This type of dragon imagery is drawn from ancient Near Eastern symbolism, where sea monsters (*like Leviathan*) embodied chaos and opposition to divine order.

- The *dragon* represents **Satan**, revealed by name in verses **9 and 20:2**.
- His appearance is meant to evoke *terror, deception, and destruction*.
- His red colour signifies *bloodshed*, while his many heads and horns suggest *global influence and counterfeit authority*.

- He is the *ancient adversary*, and in the coming conflict of the tribulation, he will intensify his assault on **Israel (the woman)** and all who belong to God.

Symbol	Meaning	Scriptural References
Great, fiery red dragon	Symbol of Satan—fearsome, powerful, and associated with bloodshed. Represents his murderous and destructive character.	Revelation 12:3; John 8:44
Seven heads	Symbolize seven historic world empires influenced by Satan—spanning from Egypt to a future revived kingdom.	Revelation 17:9–10
Seven diadems (crowns)	Represent counterfeit authority and rulership over those kingdoms. These are royal crowns on his heads, claiming dominion.	Revelation 12:3
Ten horns	Represent ten kings or future rulers aligned under Satan’s final confederacy—interpreted as the end-times coalition.	Revelation 17:12; Daniel 7:7, 24
The dragon = Satan	The imagery is explicitly identified as the serpent of Genesis, the Devil, and Satan—the deceiver of the whole world and the enemy of God’s people.	Revelation 12:9; Revelation 20:2

Symbol-by-Symbol Breakdown:

“A great, fiery red dragon”

- **Great:** Indicates vast influence and power over the world.
- **Fiery red:** Symbol of **bloodshed**, aggression, and destructive violence—Satan is a murderer (John 8:44).
- **Dragon:** Evokes terrifying images of Leviathan or sea monsters from the Old Testament. In ancient cultures, dragons represented chaos and evil. Here, it emphasizes *ferocity, deception, and chaos*.

“Having seven heads”

- **Seven heads** represent **seven historic empires or kings** under Satan’s influence.
- Interpreted in light of **Revelation 17:9–10**, *“Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.*

Many scholars identify these kingdoms as:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome (the “one is”)

7. A future revived kingdom

“Ten horns”

- Horns = **power and authority**. In the Bible, horns are a frequent symbol of rulers or military might.
- Linked to **Daniel 7:24** and **Revelation 17:12**, *“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.*
- Represents a **final ten-king alliance** in the last days—likely a global coalition under the Antichrist, empowered by Satan.

“Seven diadems on his heads”

- These are **royal crowns**, symbolizing rulership and dominion.
- The crowns on the *heads* (not horns, like in **Revelation 13:1**) suggest Satan’s claimed authority over the historic empires.

To summarize the imagery:

- **Seven heads** = Seven successive world empires
- **Seven crowns** = Claim to royal authority over them
- **Ten horns** = Future kings under Satan’s final reign

Throughout history, Satan has used these kingdoms to **persecute Israel**, represented by the woman. His long campaign of violence against God’s chosen people has been relentless.

Daniel 8:24, *“His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.”*

That verse reveals the extent of Satan’s malice in the final age destroying **“to an extraordinary degree,”** especially targeting God’s people.

But Revelation makes clear: Satan’s rule has an expiration date.

After the sounding of the **seventh trumpet**, the tide will turn.

Revelation 11:15, *“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’”*

Until that moment, Satan holds sway over the world system. But his reign is crumbling, and the rightful King is soon to reclaim what is His.

Sweeping Away a Third of the Stars:

A reference to the *angelic rebellion* Lucifer led a third of the heavenly host astray.

V 4, *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.*

The Dragon's Stance:

Stands before the woman... to devour her Child—a picture of Satan's long-standing attempt to destroy Christ:

- Pharaoh's genocide (**Exodus 1**)
- Herod's massacre (**Matthew 2**)
- The Cross—though it became Satan's defeat

Satan's War Against the Woman: A Pattern of Persecution

From Pharaoh's genocide to Hitler's Holocaust, from Haman's plot to the Antichrist's fury, Satan has continually sought to **destroy Israel**.

Why?

Because Israel is the **womb of the Messiah**, the keeper of God's covenant promises, and the future people of the Kingdom.

Satanic rage is also aimed at the **church**, those grafted into the promise (**Romans 11**), who hold the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 12:17, *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.*

The Dragon's Time Is Limited

Though his power is vast, **his authority is on a clock.**

The seventh trumpet marks a shift—from *his* global grip to the unchallenged reign of Christ.

Cain and the First Martyr:

A Glimpse of Hell's Hand in Early History

1 John 3:12, *not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.*

Satan's hostility toward the righteous appears early inspired jealousy, and murder becomes spiritual warfare.

Abel's obedience and sacrifice stirred Satan's wrath through Cain, "*of the evil one.*" From the start, Satan targets those through whom **God's redemptive plan would advance.**

Genesis 6: A Corrupted Lineage, A Drowned Race

Through illicit demonic-human interaction, Satan attempts to **pollute the bloodline.**

Genesis 6:1–4, *Now 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. ³And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days*

shall be one hundred and twenty years.”⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

God responds with judgment: the flood wipes out a corrupted world—preserving the Messianic line through Noah.

Satan’s Rebellion Foretold: His Desire for God’s Throne

Isaiah 14:12-15, *“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!¹³ For 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;¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

Ezekiel 28:12–17, *“Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.¹³ You 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. ¹⁶“By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. ¹⁷“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendour; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

His rebellion wasn't passive resistance, it was a **cosmic coup**, an attempt to seize God's rule.

Failing in heaven, he redirected his fury toward God's image-bearers *especially the chosen line*.

Pharaoh: Dragon in the Nile

Exodus 1:22, *So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”*

Pharaoh functions as a **satanic agent**, determined to destroy Israel's male children. Yet amidst royal decrees and demonic schemes, a child is saved not with a sword, but with a **single tear**.

Moses becomes the deliverer through whom God initiates Israel's rescue—pointing forward to **Christ**.

The Unrelenting Fury of the Dragon

- Satan tries to destroy the **woman before she births the child** (Revelation 12:4).
- Fails.
- Then he seeks to devour the **child Himself**—but Christ rises and ascends.
- Now Satan turns to **those who follow the child**—the saints, the remnant, and the Church.
- The **pattern is consistent**:
attack the seed → attempt to corrupt or kill → God intervenes.

The drama of Exodus 2 isn't random but a **spiritual warfare in swaddling clothes**.

- That moment encapsulates God's sovereign power to save in the midst of genocide.

This is truly an awe-inspiring sweep of redemptive history woven with precision, deeply rooted in Scripture, and profoundly Christ-cantered.

What we have drawn out isn't just an academic reading of Revelation 12—it's the unveiling of the **dragon's relentless hunt for the Messiah**, and the unwavering faithfulness of God to protect His promise down to a single child.

The Dragon's Hunt for the Messiah: A History of Hell's Resistance.

Satan's Old Testament Onslaught: Keeping the Seed from Coming

- Tried to prevent **Abraham** from receiving a son of promise (**Genesis 16–21**)
- Warred against **Jacob**, deceiver turned patriarch of promise
- Targeted **Judah**, the Messianic tribe, with scandals and famine (**Genesis 38, Ruth 1**)
- Attempted to obliterate the ten tribes—but **God preserved the remnant** through Judah
- Worked through **pagan kings and nations** to annihilate the Jews—but God raised up judges and deliverers
- Influenced **Saul** to kill **David**, the royal ancestor of Christ (**1 Samuel**)
- Inspired **Haman** to attempt genocide, but **Esther** stood in the gap
- Nearly wiped out the Messianic line in **2 Chronicles 21–22**—twice, it hung by a **single infant**

But God never let the line snap. The promises hung by a thread and the thread held.

The Dragon's Fallen Army: Satan and a Third of Heaven

V 4, *"His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."*

Satan's rebellion in heaven wasn't solitary it was a **mutiny**.

- One-third of the angelic host fell with him (**Revelation 12:7, 9; Matthew 25:41**).
- These unholy forces are joined by:
 - Demons bound in the pit (**Revelation 9**)
 - 200 million demonic cavalries unleashed (**Revelation 9:16**)
 - Earthly accomplices like **Athaliah, Herod, Pharaoh**, and more

Herod and the Sword of Satan

Matthew 2:16, *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.*

- Herod's massacre was not just political, but it was **diabolical**.
- Satan, unable to prevent the Child's birth, sought to devour Him at infancy.
- Yet again, **divine intervention preserved the Seed**— Jesus and His family fled to Egypt (**Matthew 2:13–15**).

Nazareth Rejection: Another Strike Thwarted

Luke 4:29, *"They led Him to the brow of the hill... so that they might throw Him down the cliff."*

- In the hometown of Jesus, **rage incited by Satan** stirred the crowd into murderous fury.
- But the Child, now grown, **passed through their midst** untouched, unharmed, unstoppable.

The Child Was Born, But Not for Defeat

- Satan couldn't kill the Child.
- He couldn't derail the cross—he only **fulfilled it**.
- The dragon's appetite for destruction is vast—but **God's promise is fireproof**.
- And the next move in Revelation 12:5 is the **King caught up to God's throne**, where Satan can no longer touch Him.

That was a thunderous finale to a sweeping exposition stunning in scope and rich in biblical precision.

We have traced the cosmic thread from Genesis to Revelation, showing how the incarnation, ascension, and eventual coronation of Christ form the centrepiece of all history. How Satan's wrath, though fearsome, is forever thwarted by divine decree.

3. The Male Child.

V 5-6, *“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.”*
“Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God...”

The Child Is Born: The Incarnation

- Fulfilment of Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6.

Isiah 7:14, *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

Isiah 9:6, *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

- The promised seed—Son of Abraham, tribe of Judah, star of Jacob, heir of David
- Born *despite* the dragon’s every attempt to destroy Him

The Child Will Rule: The Coronation

- *“To rule all nations with a rod of iron”* (**Psalm 2; Revelation 19**)
- **Poimainō** (rule) speaks not only of sovereign dominion but of *shepherding care and authority*
- The rule will be swift, righteous, and unmistakably just.

Psalm 2 presents a powerful vision of the Messiah—the Son—who is given authority over all nations.

Psalms 2:8, *Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

This establishes Christ's rightful dominion over the whole earth.

Psalms 2:9, *You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."*

This imagery depicts His rule as one of strength and uncompromising justice. Those who rebel will face swift judgment.

Psalms 2:12, *Kiss the Son, lest ^[i]He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.*

Psalm 2 then urges a solemn call for submission and reverence. Those who honour the Son will find refuge; those who resist face destruction.

This same imagery resurfaces in **Revelation 19:15**, *Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

This passage portrays Jesus, not only as Savior, but as Warrior-King executing judgment swiftly, ruling with absolute authority, and fulfilling the promises of Psalm 2.

The Child Is Exalted: The Ascension

V 5, *And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.*"

Jesus was a Jew, and the woman gave birth to the child. This refers to the birth of the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God.

The child was born, and the incarnation occurred. Then immediately you see His coronation.

This child will have the nations as His inheritance, the very ends of the earth as His possession, and will break them with a rod of iron and shatter them like earthenware.

Through all tribulation, persecution, and genocide, God preserves His covenant people not just for their sake, but to glorify His unbreakable promises.

This is the Son to whom you do homage, or you perish in the way, says Psalm 2.

His ascension and exaltation affirm:

- Redemption was complete
- Satan was defeated
- The Father accepted the Son's perfect work

They are a little out of chronological sequence.
It was incarnation, exaltation, and coronation.

The exaltation, the child was caught up to God and to His throne, we call that His ascension.

What does it signify?

What is the signification of the ascension?

It is the Father saying that the Son has accomplished redemption!

Satan's Futility, God's Sovereignty

- Satan couldn't stop:
 - The birth
 - The cross
 - The resurrection
 - The ascension
 - The Kingdom
- Now he turns to assault *God's people*, and Israel in particular

Satan has never been able to stop God's plan. Not in the past, not now, and not in the future.

Even in Christ's death, Satan failed because Jesus rose again, having accomplished redemption for mankind.

He couldn't block the resurrection.

He couldn't stop the ascension.

He couldn't prevent Christ from being exalted to the right hand of the Father as the perfect Saviour.

No matter how hard he tries, he cannot stop Christ from being crowned King and ruling with a rod of iron over all creation.

This truth is vital, especially when we think about the future. Satan knows his time is short, and he will intensify his attacks during the tribulation.

Even though Satan is a defeated enemy, he is still relentless.

If he can't destroy the Messiah, he will go after God's people. He will persecute the saints, martyr believers, and aim to annihilate Israel, just as he has tried throughout history, from ancient times to the horrors of Hitler and Stalin.

His aim is to stop anyone from inheriting the Kingdom. But he will fail because God's promises stand.

Just five verses, we have come from eternity past and the fall of Satan all the way to verse 6, to the end of the tribulation.

V 6, *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 Woman in the Wilderness: God's Protection

- *1,260 days*—a literal 3½ years, the second half of the Tribulation
- *Matthew 24* prophesies Israel's flight following the abomination of desolation
- Many believe Petra or the ancient wilderness of **Moab, Ammon, and Edom** may serve as refuge (Isaiah 16; Daniel 11)
- **God nourishes her**, just as He did in the desert of Sinai.

They are going to run to the wilderness.

Most likely the wilderness always has been to them Moab, Ammon, and Edom, and that's just east, over the Jordan River, across the Dead Sea.

Conclusion:

A Burning Bush Never Consumed

"Israel burns but is never consumed... because God is in her midst."

