

Revelation 12:1-10

I. Introduction

Summary of chapters 1-11 – explained with a chart

The interlude section from chapters 11-15 – explained with a chart

The two visions in today's passage:

The woman who gives birth and the red dragon

The war between Michael and the dragon

II. Main Points

1. The Labor Pains of the Woman Clothed with the Sun (vv. 1-2)

The woman represents both Israel and the New Testament church – the covenant community of God throughout both the Old and New Testament eras (Ephesians 5:27).

The woman mentioned in Genesis 3:15 also refers to Israel, through whom the Messiah would come.

The pain of childbirth symbolizes the opposition, attacks, and suffering endured until the coming of the Messiah.

Ishmael born through Hagar

Pharaoh's command to kill the Hebrew baby boys

Athaliah's attempt to destroy the royal descendants

Haman's plot to annihilate the people of Israel

2. The Red Dragon Tries to Devour the Child Born to the Woman (vv. 3-4)

The red dragon = Satan

The seven heads = dominion over all nations

The ten horns = authority over earthly kings

The dragon sweeps a third of the stars from heaven with his tail and throws them to the earth.

This symbolizes the fall of a third of the angels, who became evil spirits (Isaiah 14:12; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6).

The dragon tries to devour the child born to the woman.

This refers to King Herod's massacre of the male children.

3. Satan's Plans and Attempts Fail – Jesus Accomplishes Salvation Through His Resurrection and Ascension (v. 5)

The male child who will rule with an iron scepter (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 19:15) refers to Jesus Christ, who will come again as Judge.

4. God Protects, Leads, and Nourishes His Church (v. 6)

God faithfully preserves and cares for His people even in times of persecution and suffering.

5. The War in Heaven Between Michael and the Dragon (vv. 7-9)

The five names of Satan

a. The great dragon (Isaiah 27:1)

A sea monster symbolizing chaos and evil in opposition to God

b. The ancient serpent (Genesis 3:1)

The crafty deceiver who tempted Adam and Eve

c. The devil (Diabolos)

Meaning "the slanderer" or "the one who divides"

Wherever there is strife, conflict, and division, Satan is at work

d. Satan

A Hebrew word meaning "adversary" or "enemy"

e. The deceiver of the whole world

Satan's greatest weapon is lies (Matthew 24:4-5)

Satan and his angels are cast down to the earth (Luke 10:18, etc.)

6. The Salvation, Power, Kingdom of God, and Authority of Christ Are Revealed (v. 10)

Through the power of the cross, Satan can no longer accuse believers.

Satan has been defeated, and Christ has won the victory.

III. Conclusion

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“She gave birth to a son, a male child, who ‘will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.’ And her child was snatched up to God and to His throne.” (Revelation 12:5)

Bible Reading

5/25(Mon)	5/26(Tue)	5/27(Wed)	5/28(Thur)	5/29(Fri)	5/30(Sat)	5/31(Sun)
1 Chronides 27-29	2 Chronides 1-4	2 Chronides 5-6	2 Chronides 7-10	2 Chronides 11-14	2 Chronides 15-18	2 Chronides 19-21

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Quiet Time Passage

5/25(Mon)	5/26(Tue)	5/27(Wed)	5/28(Thur)	5/29(Fri)	5/30(Sat)	5/31(Sun)
1 Cor. 8:1-13	1 Cor. 9:1-10	1 Cor. 9:11-18	1 Cor. 9:19-27	1 Cor. 10:1-13	1 Cor. 10:14-22	1 Cor. 10:23-33

Sharing Questions

1. Share one new truth or blessing you received through today’s message.

2. The pastor explained that the woman’s painful labor symbolizes Satan’s opposition before Jesus came into the world as Savior. Discuss the difficulties and satanic opposition that occurred before the coming of Christ.

3. Satan is described by many different names in Scripture. Discuss what each name reveals about his character. In particular, talk about Satan as “the deceiver of the whole world” and “the accuser.”

4. What should we do in order to stand against Satan and overcome him? Share one personal thought or application.