

The Participants in the Apocalypse

(Introduction of Major Characters) (Revelation 12:1-14)

I. The Radiant Woman

(Not Mary (v6, v. 13f) - Not the Church (Jesus gives birth to the church, not the church giving birth to Him.)

Genesis 37:9 - The Sun - Israel; Moon - Rachel

Stars - 11 Tribes of Israel

Child - Messiah - Jesus!

II. The Red Dragon - Satan

7 - Complete Head - Intelligence

10 Horns - of Kings of Daniel 7:24 - Rulership (given him)

(1) Swept away 1/3 of the stars - Rebellion in Heaven - Fallen Angels

(2) Dragon stood before the woman to devour her child. Why? Satan listens well!

(a) He heard that the seed of woman would bruise his head.

He prompts Cain to kill Abel - Seth

He causes the world to be so wicked that God destroys it by the flood. - Noah

(b) He heard the promises and prophecies about Abraham's offspring. (Numbers 24:17; Genesis 12:3)

He puts in the heart of Esau to kill Jacob.

(Pharoah seeks to kill all the boys.)

Esther - Haman destroy the Jews

(3) The Male Child - Christ

(a) Bethlehem - (Matthew 2:16) Herod kills all the baby boys

(b) Temptation of Jesus

(c) City of Nazareth - Cast Him down.

(d) Pharisees and Saducees seek to kill Him.

* Finally on a Friday at 3:00 he killed Him.

* God caught Jesus up until His enemy becomes a footstool.

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* The Prophetic Gap - A season of time between events in the same prophetic word!

↘ (v.5 and v. 6)

vs 5 - Birth, Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus

(v.6) After the rapture of the church and the first 3 1/2 years of tribulation when the AntiChrist seeks to rule over the world.

[Petra - A Canyoned Fortress] This sealing of God's people - Protection!

III. Michael - The Archangel and the War in Heaven!



This is the epitome of Satan's arrogance and pride - He seeks to make war with God and overthrow His throne!

Why such arrogance? - His successes!

- (1) Deception of Man - Sin in the World -
- (2) Depravity of the People of Israel -
- (3) His Dominion and Destruction Over the Earth
- (4) His Success in Blaming God -
- (5) His hindrance of the Church from using her Great Power!

* Why not take the throne?!

Michael prevails against the dragon in the power of the Lord's name!

(Jude 9) Did not pronounce against him but said "The Lord rebuke you."



The dragon and his angels were thrown down - (to earth)

- (1) Heaven rejoices because the dragon cannot come there any more!
- (2) Earth Warned - Satan comes down with great wrath - Time is short!

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Satan persecutes the woman - Israel.

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Gives birth to the man child -

* Miraculous Deliverance and Protection -

- (1) A place in the wilderness (Petra)
- (2) Dragon went off to make war with the rest of her offspring (a) those who keep commandments and (b) those who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

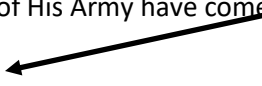
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Truth to Live By:

(1) Salvation, Power, Kingdom of God, Authority of His Army have come!!


(Accuser has been thrown down.) - End is near! 

His most fearful presence  He can be overcome!

(1) Blood of the Lamb (2) Testimony (3) Love their life until death

(2) Atonement gives believers access to the throne of the Almighty!!

* Talmud - Satan accuses except on the Day of Atonement!

 Live constantly under the blood!

(3) Redemption gives a word of power to the believer - A Testimony!

(4) Regeneration - (made new) Gives believers a new heart that has a love and passion for God - greater than life!