

Rev 12:1-14 KJV

Verse	Notes/Comments
(Rev 12:1) 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:	“heaven” = spiritual (ecclesiastical) control; “woman” = early gospel church; clothed with the sun = gospel light, gospel covenant; moon under her feet = heritage of God’s law, the law covenant; crown of 12 stars = the teachings of the 12 apostles
(Rev 12:2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.	Many in the early church wanted relief from bitter persecutions (Smyrna stage of the church) (especially under Diocletian) and desired a favorable union with the empire.
(Rev 12:3) 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.	Red dragon (pagan empire) claimed to be Pontifex Maximus, seven heads – forms of government – ten horns – divisions of power
(Rev 12:4) 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.	Some teachers in the early church wanted favor or union with Rome and were led away by the Dragon. Pagan Rome would take over this “Christian” church which wanted Rome’s approval.
(Rev 12:5) And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.	Man child – the beginnings of what would become Papacy – Church united with the world – with a man at its head – initially Constantine
(Rev 12:6) 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.	Woman – the true church – wilderness – separate from the world, disrespect, outcast – God would feed her for 1260 years – 539-1799 (the false City (then) was Babylon, the true city (future) is the New Jerusalem)
(Rev 12:7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,	War in over ecclesiastical control, Michael (“who as God”, note 2Th 2:4 ...he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God) fought pagan Rome
(Rev 12:8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.	Pagan Rome lost to Papal Rome for ecclesiastical control – Pope became Pontifex Maximus
(Rev 12:9) 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.	Great dragon – pagan roman empire – lost the conflict – their station was now civil control at the direction of the papacy
(Rev 12:10) 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.	Papacy claimed that the Power of God and Christ had gotten this victory to bless the world through them.
(Rev 12:11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;	Papacy claimed that their victory was because of their own sacrificing spirit, and

and they loved not their lives unto the death.	the support of Christ and the word of God.
(Rev 12:12) 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.	Supporters of papacy are glad – they who were persecuted by pagan Rome will not persecute pagans and heretics
(Rev 12:13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.	The dragon – not the military power of the “Holy” Roman empire – is used to persecute the true church in the wilderness
(Rev 12:14) 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.	The true church was given the truths of the scriptures (two wings – old and new testaments), as much as then due, to support her in this wilderness for 1260 years

Rev 17:1-5 KJV

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(Rev 17:1) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:	Br Russell has showed us the Judgment of the great whore that was supported by the world. (See Dan 12:7 ...And I heard the man clothed in linen...it shall be for a time, times, and an half)
(Rev 17:2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.	She committed adultery with the kings, (she was to be chaste virgin) and made the kings accept and live by her false doctrines
(Rev 17:3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.	The returned Lord, through Br Russell enabled us to be carried in the spirit (through our understanding) to the time when the true church was in the wilderness, as this woman (papal church) was supported by and controlled the world (“holy” Roman Empire)
(Rev 17:4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:	The claimed royalty of the apostate church, with the scriptures in her hand, which were misused to control the people.
(Rev 17:5) And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.	The great whore (papacy) and the mother of other church systems which would also seek the favor of the world rather than of their claimed Lord and Head.