



First, Second, & Third Personages:
Sun-Clothed Woman, Child, and Dragon
Revelation 12: 1-6

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 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: ² And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

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. 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. 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.

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.

COMMENTARY

We are now introduced to two wonders in heaven. The first is a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, with a crown of twelve stars on her head. She is the nation of Israel.

God the father refers to Israel in the Old Testament as His unfaithful wife. ([Jeremiah 3:14](#)) The stars in her crown are the 12 tribes of Israel, identified in [Revelation 7:4-8](#). She is about to deliver a child to the world.

The second wonder is a great red dragon. It is red reflecting the blood of his murders. It is a dragon because he is vicious. He has seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his head. This identifies him with the beast in [Revelation 13:1](#) and [Revelation 17:3](#). The dragon is Satan. When he was cast out of Heaven because of his sin, he took one third of the angels with him, as described in [Isaiah 14:12-15](#).

The male child is of course, our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who will rule with a rod of iron as spoken of in [Revelation 2:27](#). He was caught up to His throne in heaven in [Acts 1:9](#) where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father (e.g. [Mark 16:19](#), [Acts 2:33](#), [Romans 8:34](#), [Colossians 3:1](#), [Hebrews 10:12](#), [1 Peter 3:22](#), etc.).

Israel will be under much persecution during the Tribulation period, but God will preserve a remnant of His people as He always does.