

## Two Signs that Give Amazing Clarity

### Two Amazing Signs

**12:1, 3**

Something amazing, noteworthy, significant

### What Are They?

A woman... 12:1

A dragon... 12:3

***What does all this mean?***

This is an insert that points back in history and forward toward the future. The whole point of all history, in some senses, is in this chapter! When you understand this, you will understand the seventh seal.

### What Does This Mean?

***The history of the conflict, 12:1-5***

Who is the woman, v 1?

Only possible conclusion that makes sense is the nation Israel, compare Genesis 37:9-11.

*What is she doing, v 2?*

She (not Mary) is giving birth to the Messiah/savior.

*Salvation is of the Jews (John 4:22), Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8,  
9*

Unto "us" a child is born, Isa 7:14; 9:6-7; Psalm 2

*What did she do, v 5?*

She gave birth to a son "who will rule the nations with an Iron scepter," see Psalm 2, Jesus Christ.

Who is the dragon?

*It is obvious that this is Satan, 12:9*

Seven heads = 17:9, governments energized by him

Ten horns = ten kings of end times, 17:9

***Note 13:1***

*What does he do?*

His tail 1/3 of stars, 4a

*Most think this is his original fall and sweeping away 1/3 of holy angels with him*

He wants to devour the child of the woman, 4b

*Throughout history Satan has tried to thwart God's purposes and destroy God's savior*

*Her child was "snatched up to God," v 5b*

The cross and the tomb were not all.

*He was taken up and awaits his enemies to be his footstool, Heb 2:9; 10:13; Psalm 110:1*

### ***The conflict in heaven, 12:7-12***

The picture now focuses on war

*When isn't certain but Daniel 12:1, 2 gives us a clue*

*Satan is banned from heaven, most likely the middle of the tribulation*

*Remember that he has had access to God for centuries, Job 1*

*Now he in his rage makes specific war with the believers on the earth*

This seems to be simultaneous with 11:15

### ***The impending conflict of the future, 12:6, 13-17.***

Warned in 12:12

When Satan finds himself cast to earth, he mobilizes all of his energy against Israel's believers

*Some believing Jews flee to the wilderness for the last 3.5 years (some think this place is Petra, but that cannot be proven 12:13-16) Matt 24:15-22*

Satan pursues these believing saints

*Some stay in Jerusalem, 12:17 (Zech 14:1-14?).*

## **The Conflict Of The Ages And The Explanation For It Are Upon Us.**