

Revelation 12:1-6

“The Woman, the Dragon, &amp; the Child”

Intro: Genesis 3 and the first promise of the Messiah who was to come

- Satan’s goal in prompting Cain to murder Abel: Wiping out the line that the Messiah would come from.
- The influence behind Pharaoh’s command to throw every Hebrew baby boy in the Nile river: A Satanic influence.
- Revelation 12-14: Comes between the seven trumpets and the seven bowls and contains seven separate visions.

We must praise God for His protection of His \_\_\_\_\_ and His protection of His \_\_\_\_\_ in a world that is under the evil influence of the \_\_\_\_\_ himself.

- The Roman Catholic position: The ‘woman’ is clearly Mary the mother of Jesus.
- The language used to describe the woman: Clearly coming from the 37th chapter of Genesis.
- The woman: Representative of Old Testament & New Testament believers.

- The identity of the great red dragon: Clearly set forth in verse 9 as the devil or Satan.
- The great red dragon: Sought to devour Jesus the moment He was born.
- The ‘third of the stars of heaven cast to earth’: Likely draws from Daniel 8:10 and is symbolic of the dragon’s persecution of the people of God.
- The child who rules with a rod of iron: Clearly drawing from the language of the second Psalm.
- Verse 5: Speaks of Jesus’ ascension into heaven.
- 1,260 days, 42 months, and 3 1/2 years: All symbolic of the church in her wilderness years.
- One powerful reminder: The great red dragon is already a defeated enemy.

Personal application:

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