THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS Revelation 12

God always protects and provides for His people

I. A DEFEATED DEVIL (1-12a)

A. ON EARTH (1-6)

- 1. The scene (1-4)
- 2. The failure (5-6)

B. IN HEAVEN (7-12a)

- 1. A war in Heaven that Satan is too weak to win (7-8a)
- 2. The demons and the dragon were kicked out of having access to Heaven (8b-9)
- 3. Celebration singing by the tribulation martyrs brings humiliation to the dragon (10-12a)

II. A DESPERATE DRAGON (12b-13)

- A. MAD: Coming down to earth having great wrath
- B. MOTIVATED: Knowing that he has only a short time to work
- C. MISERABLE: Realizing that he has indeed lost access to heaven
- D. MALICIOUS: Returning to his old ways of persecuting the woman who birthed the child

III. A DELIVERED WOMAN (14)

A. HER FLIGHT

- 1. A speedy get-away
- 2. Eagles wings See Ex. 19:4, Dt. 32:10-11 and Is. 40:31

B. HER FORTRESS

- 1. A place See v. 6
- 2. This is a place prepared by God

C. HER FOOD

- 1. Nourished: Supported, caused to grow
- 2. Fed for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years > The later half of the Tribulation

D. HER FAVOR

- Kept from the presence of the the serpent

IV. A DETERMINED DRAGON (15)

A. THE ATTACT: Pouring out water

B. HIS ATTEMPT: Sweep her away

V. A DEFENDING EARTH (16)

A. RESPONSE

- 1. Helped: Focused on assisting her
- 2. Opened and drank up: Handled everything Satan could throw at her

B. REALITY

- 1. Water has never been a good weapon for Satan!
- 2. Consider the failures ...
- a. The flood didn't overcome Noah
- b. The Nile River didn't swallow Moses
- c. The Red Sea didn't hinder Israel
- d. The Jordan River didn't stop Joshua
- e. The Sea of Galilee didn't sink Jesus

VI. **A DEFIANT DRAGON** (17)

A. ENRAGED WITH ISRAEL

B. ENGAGED WITH OTHERS

- 1. He never quits trying
- 2. What follows in Rev. 13-18 is his attempts with others
- 3. He loses this contest also See Rev. 19:11-20:3

CONCLUSION:

A woe (v. 12) turns into another win for God and His people

- No matter how mad and motivated Satan is, he's always overcome!
- See Romans 8:31, 37