

Revelation Study
Vision 3
The Woman, The Dragon, and the Child
Revelation 12:1-17

- I. A Sweeping Story
 - A. God's eternal plan (child to be born to people he made)
 - B. A great deceptive enemy
 - C. A conflict marked by redemption
 - D. An on-going struggle with her "other children"
- II. The Woman
 - A. The people of God
 - B. Progressing from Adam, to Abraham, to Israel, to all the redeemed
- III. The Red Dragon
 - A. Identified in the text as Satan
 - B. The cycles described
 - 1. First "fall" from heaven to earth to plague mankind
 - 2. Takes 1/3 of the stars
 - 3. Second "war" in heaven – his "imprisonment" at the resurrection of Jesus
 - 4. No longer able to deceive whole nations, must actively pursue the people of God
- IV. The Child
 - A. The Christ
 - B. The alpha and omega, first and the last, beginning and end
- V. An Anchor
 - A. After the previous vision, there is a distressed mind

- B. What do we cling to? The crucified and risen one
- C. How do we overcome the lies of the dragon?
 - 1. By the blood of the lamb
 - 2. By the word of the testimony
 - 3. It is Jesus and His gospel that gives us hope