

CHAPTERS 12-14

The Woman and The Dragon – 12:1-6

How is this woman that appears in heaven described? What is she about to do? Who or what might she represent?

How is the great dragon described? Who does this dragon represent? (**v. 9**) What is he preparing to do?

Who does the woman give birth to? (*see Ps 2:7-9*) What happens to the child?

Where does the woman flee after this and how long will she stay there? (*compare 11:3*)

War from Heaven to Earth – 12:7-17

Who are the combatants in this war? What is the outcome?

What did Satan previously do day and night? (*compare Job 1:6-11; Zech 3:1-4*) Why is he no longer able to do this? (*compare John 12:31*)

In the context of this cosmic battle, how is the current persecution on earth explained? How would this give suffering Christians comfort?

How does the serpent try to destroy the woman? How is she protected? Who does the dragon proceed to make war with? What may all this represent?

The Sea Beast – 13:1-10

How is this sea beast described? What is its appearance similar to? (*see v. 3; Dan 7:3-7*) Where does its power come from? What may this beast represent?

What had happened to one of the beast's heads? How had this affected the beast? How do the people of earth respond to the beast?

How does the beast act towards God and His people? What authority is he given and for how long?

What motivates the saints to remain faithful and persevere through the persecution of the beast?

The Earth Beast – 13:11-18

How is the earth beast described? What is his mission? What type of power does he exercise? What may this represent?

What happens to those who do not worship the image of the sea beast? What happens to those who do not receive the mark of the beast?

What is the number of the beast's name? What might this symbolize?

The Lamb and His Saints – 14:1-5

Who is standing on Mount Zion and who is with Him? What mark have they received in contrast to the mark of the beast?

What are they singing? (*compare 5:8-10*) What are we told about this song and what does it indicate?

How are the 144,000 described here? What is the symbolic significance of this description?

The Gospel of Judgment – 14:6-13

What does the first angel announce? Why is this called the "eternal gospel"?

What does the second angel announce? How is "Babylon the great" described and what does she represent? (*parallel Is 21:9; Jer 51:7*)

What does the third angel announce? How do the rewards of worshipping and receiving the mark of the beast compare to the consequences described here? (*see 13:15, 17; 14:8*)

How does all this encourage the saints to persevere? (*compare 13:10*) What further message of encouragement is given to the faithful?

Harvests of Judgment – 14:14-20

Who now enters the scene and how is He described? (*compare Dan 7:13-14*)

What does He do with the sickle in His hand? What does this represent? (*compare Matt 9:36-38; 13:30*)

How is the second reaping described? What is done with the grapes gathered and what is the result? What does this represent?