

Revelation 12
An Allegory of Israel's History

Her Beginnings (1) – Sun, moon, 12 stars (Genesis 37:9)

Her Purpose (2 & 5) – giving birth to the Christ child (Isaiah 9:6-7; 49:6)

He will rule the nations (Psalm 2)
Heaven will snatch Him up (Acts 1:9-11)

Her Enemy (3-4) – the Dragon or Satan (see verse 9)

Stars removed from the sky – 1/3rd of the angels (Job 38:7/Isaiah 14:12-13/Rev. 9:1)
Seeking to destroy the Christ Child – the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15)

Her Victory (6-11) – the battle in heaven

Safety for God's people – Bozrah for 1260 days
Satan is hurled down
Saints have overcome the accuser – (I John 2:1-2 / John 14:25-26)
By the blood of the Lamb
By the word of their testimony
By not shrinking from death

Her Predicament (12-13, 17) – the fury of her enemy (I Peter 5:8)

The enemy knows that his time is short
The enemies purpose
Destroying the woman who gave birth to the Christ child
Destroying all her offspring (Romans 4:16)

Her Protection (6, 14-16) – the God who does not change (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8)

A place prepared for her – Bozrah (Isaiah 63:1-6)
Armageddon – the campaign against Israel
Antichrist revealed (Daniel 9:27 / II Thessalonians 2:7-8/Revelation 13)

Discussion questions for Revelation 12

For Israel: Jesus is:

Their Purpose (Isaiah 26:18)

Their Redemption (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Their Protection (Psalm 121:7)

Their Intercessor (Isaiah 53:12)

Their Hope (Isaiah 9:6-7)

In what ways are we like Israel?

(Acts 20:24)

(I Peter 1:17-19)

(II Timothy 4:18)

(Hebrews 7:25)

(Titus 2:13)

Consider how we are to be overcomers (I John 5:1-5)

1) By His blood (I John 1:5-7)

2) By our testimony (I John 5:9-12)

3) By not shrinking back (Hebrews 10:35-39)

How do these three things apply practically to our daily lives?

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Jacob (Israel), his wife (Leah) and his 12 sons

Her Purpose (2 & 5) – giving birth to the Christ child (Isaiah 9:6-7; 49:6)

The Redeemer of Israel and the Savior of the world was to come through Israel

He will rule the nations (Psalm 2) ***Men pose no threat to His rule***

Heaven will snatch Him up (Acts 1:9-11) ***returning to His place with the Father***

Her Enemy (3-4) – the Dragon or Satan (see verse 9)

Satan took 1/3 of the angels with Him in His fall

Stars removed from the sky – 1/3rd of the angels (Job 38:7/Isaiah 14:12-13/Rev. 9:1)

Seeking to destroy the Christ Child – the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15)

Many times he has sought to destroy God's people and/or God's seed

Her Victory (6-11) – the battle in heaven ***Michael the archangel is victorious***

Safety for God's people – Bozrah for 1260 days (***modern day Petra***)

Satan is hurled down – ***showing His power to be insufficient***

Saints have overcome the accuser – (I John 2:1-2 / John 14:25-26)

By the blood of the Lamb – ***trusting in the work of Christ on the Cross***

By the word of their testimony – ***agreeing with God's testimony (I Jn. 5:9-11)***

By not shrinking from death – ***the truly saved do not shrink back (Heb. 10:35-39)***

Her Predicament (12-13, 17) – the fury of her enemy (I Peter 5:8) ***He seeks to destroy***

The enemy knows that his time is short – ***no pretense of being able to overcome God***

The enemies purpose

Destroying the woman who gave birth to the Christ child (***Israel***)

Destroying all her offspring (Romans 4:16) (***all those who trust in Jesus***)

Her Protection (6, 14-16) – the God who does not change (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8)

His promise and His plan will not and cannot be thwarted (Proverbs 21:30)

A place prepared for her – Bozrah (Isaiah 63:1-6)

Armageddon – the campaign against Israel – ***all nation (Joel 3:14-17)***

Antichrist revealed (Daniel 9:27 / II Thessalonians 2:7-8/Revelation 13)

His deceitful rise to power after the church is removed

Discussion questions for Revelation 12

For Israel: Jesus is:

Their Purpose (Isaiah 26:18) – ***to bring salvation to the ends of the earth***

Their Redemption (Isaiah 53:4-6) – ***He bore their sins to bring them peace***

Their Protection (Psalm 121:7) – ***He watches over them day and night***

Their Intercessor (Isaiah 53:12) – ***all their transgressions are covered***

Their Hope (Isaiah 9:6-7) – ***the One who will one day rule in righteousness
YET THEY RESIST GIVING THEIR LIVES TO HIM!***

In what ways are we like Israel?

(Acts 20:24) – ***we are to testify to His grace – share the Gospel message***

(I Peter 1:17-19) – ***we have been redeemed from our empty lives by His precious blood***

(II Timothy 4:18) – ***we are protected by Him as we do His work***

(Hebrews 7:25) – ***He always intercedes for us – bringing us to completion in Him***

(Titus 2:13) – ***He is our blessed hope as we eagerly wait for His return
DO WE GIVE OUR LIVES FULLY TO HIM?***

Consider how we are to be overcomers (I John 5:1-5)

Only those who by faith have trusted in Jesus will overcome this world

1) By His blood (I John 1:5-7) – ***those who walk in His light are cleansed by His blood***

2) By our testimony (I John 5:9-12) – ***we agree with God's testimony, that Jesus is our
Savior and life is found only in Him***

3) By not shrinking back (Hebrews 10:35-39) – ***It is God who keeps us and gives us
courage to remain faithful to the end***

How do these three things apply practically to our daily lives?

***We confess our sins to Him and let His Word be the light for our path (Psalm 119:105)
In our words and our actions, we seek to bear testimony that our life comes from Him
We learn to stand faithfully with God, not compromising, but waiting on Him to help
us through every challenge we face.***