

The Woman and The Dragon  
Revelation 12:1-6  
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Rev 12 - The Heart of Revelation

- ▶ This chapter expounds upon the core theme of Revelation and the whole of Scripture - the war between God and Satan.
- ▶ Every religion had some sort of myth stories about the epic tale of good versus evil.

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Rev 12 - The Heart of Revelation

1. Egypt myth
2. Ugaritic myth
3. Mesopotamia myth
4. Greco-Roman myth

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

1. A great and wondrous sign - refers to the woman, not the dragon.  
As great as the dragon is, the woman is greater
2. Sun, moon, and stars

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

- ▶ Sun - symbol of the glory of God
- ▶ Moon - dominion and authority
- ▶ Twelve stars - royalty and victory.

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

- ▶ Twelve stars - royalty and victory.
  - ▶ NOTE! Babylonian mythology
  - ▶ The stars are likely the 12 tribes and the 12 apostles - the sign of the universal church
  - ▶ Rev 1:20 - seven stars are the 7 churches , so here the 12 stars represent the whole people of God

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

3. Pregnant and about to give birth - see v. 5
  - ▶ Gives birth to a son
  - ▶ One who would rule the nations with an iron scepter - See Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27
  - ▶ See also Isa 26:17-27:13

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

4. Fled to the desert place prepared for her for 1,260 days.
  - ▶ Satan could not destroy Jesus so he turned his attention to the woman - the people of God
  - ▶ Desert Place - a place of safety and nourishment - See 1 Sam 22:1-2; 1 Kings 19:3-9; Mark 1:12-13

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## The Woman - vs 1-2;5-6

4. Fled to the desert place prepared for her for 1,260 days.
  - ▶ A place of intimate fellowship with God - See Hos 2:14; 1 Kings 17:2-3
  - ▶ This is symbolic of God caring for His people during the 3 ½ years of the Great Tribulation.
  - ▶ Spiritual nourishment and refuge

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