

The Woman and the Dragon, Part 2
Revelation 12:1-9
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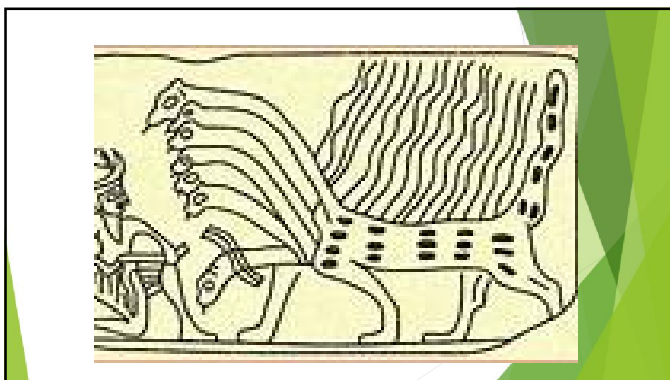
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1. Another sign appeared in heaven - not the great and wonderful sign
2. An enormous red dragon with seven heads and 10 horns and seven crowns on his heads

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- Note the theme of the dragon in Scripture:
- ▶ Ancient Near East Cultures associated the dragon with sea monsters and usually connected to demonic powers
 - ▶ Sumerian myth- 24th century B.C.
 - ▶ O.T. - serpent, Leviathan, Behemoth, Tannin, and Rahab





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- ▶ Serpent in O.T.
- ▶ Gen 3:1-24 - serpent in creation
- ▶ Exod 7:9-12 - rod of Moses turned into a serpent (drakon)

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Leviathan/Rahab:

- ▶ Job 9:13; 26:12; Isa 51:9;
- Ps 89:9-10

Tannin:

- ▶ Ps 74:13-14

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Leviathan of the deep:

- ▶ Job 3:8; 41:1-4; Ps 104:26; Isa 27:1

NOTE! The ancient sea monster symbolized the war between good and evil; the gods of order and chaos

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Leviathan of the deep:

- ▶ NOTE! Both Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar are referred to as Leviathan - Ez 29:3; 32:2;
- Jer 51:34

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Leviathan of the deep:

- ▶ Further: Both Leviathan and Behemoth are defeated at creation and the coming of the Day of the Lord. See Ps 74:13; 89:10; Isa 51:9; Isa 27:1-2

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- ▶ 7 heads - sovereignty over the earth, or the pretense of it
- ▶ 7 crowns - pretense of authority and victory - imitation of 19:12
- ▶ 10 horns - strength and military power - See Dan 7:7-8,20, 24
- ▶ Note also Rev 5:6 - The Lamb

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- ▶ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky
 - ▶ Echos of Dan 8:10
 - ▶ Original war in heaven? End times war?

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- ▶ War in heaven
 - ▶ Previous war or future war? Or both?
- ▶ Note! Michael the archangel and his angels overthrow satan
- ▶ Why is this? And not Jesus?

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- ▶ There is no contest between satan and Jesus. Jesus is far superior. There is no comparison or equality
- ▶ The angels war with each other
- ▶ See also Jude 9

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- ▶ Satan and his angels are hurled to earth
 - ▶ Isa 14:12-14
 - ▶ 1 Tim 3:6
 - ▶ Luke 10:18

Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ This is the epic story of good versus evil that is being played out in the heavenly realms
- ▶ In the final chapters of Revelation, we are told how the war ends
