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1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 and there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation of Jesus Christ – The great wonders in heaven

The seventh trumpet has sound (see Rev.11:15), and the voices that John heard make a declaration. How does this declaration relate to this chapter, and what John is given to witness?

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John sees what he calls a "great wonder in heaven", which includes a woman with child, and a great red dragon. Why does John describe this as a wonder?

Use biblical references to explain the significance of John's vision of the woman with child.

Use biblical references to explain the significance of John's vision of the great red dragon.

How does the image of the woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars connect to your understanding of contemporary church doctrines, i.e. God, Mary, Christ, the Church, the world?

What is the significance of the dragon having seven crowns, ten horns, and seven heads?

What can we learn about Satan from his description as the dragon, and what does his final defeat signify?



Who can we without a doubt identify the male child as? Give some scripture references to support your claim.

What is the significance of the woman fleeing into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, and being fed there one thousand two hundred and sixty days?

What does the war in heaven (Michael and his angels fighting with the dragon and his angels) represent at this point in the revelation?

What does the outcome of the dragon (the devil/satan and his angels) being cast out into earth signify for the purpose of mankind?

In V10, satan is referred to as “the accuser of our brethren”. Besides the use of the “accuser” label elsewhere in scriptures, what makes it significant here in the Revelation context, and what else can we learn about God’s sovereignty? In what ways does it help us?

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What does the image of the dragon being cast unto the earth to persecute the woman with child signify towards the "Lamb of God" and the church as a whole?

How would you summarize the purpose of Christ's revelation in this chapter? How does it help to understand the destruction and the wrath that He ultimately brings upon all unbelievers? (Make your argument Revelation-relevant, not just a "God-is-good" statement.)
