

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Unit 19: : **Attacks of the Satanic Anti-Trinity**

Revelation 12:3 - 14:20

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**YOUR CUES TO
UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

THE GREAT RED DRAGON (12:3-4)

REVELATION 12:3-4 **3** *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great **red dragon**, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems* **4** *His tail swept down a **third of the stars** of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might **devour** it.*

THE MALE CHILD (12:5-6)

REVELATION 12:5-6 **5** *She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a **rod of iron**, but her child was **caught up to God** and to his throne,* **6** *and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be **nourished** for **1,260 days**.*

THE GREAT RED DRAGON (12:3-4)

(3) *red dragon* - Satan "apes" God with counterfeit gifts and powers.

* 1 Corinthians 12:9-10 - Discern the spirits

(4) *third of the stars* - Some angels thrown down with Lucifer (Satan)

* Job 1:6 - Access to Heavenly Council

(4) *devour the child* - Destroy the Messiah and prevent Salvation

* Matthew 2:16-18 - Slaughter of Innocents

THE MALE CHILD (12:5-6)

(5) *rod of iron* - Sign of the Messiah (Psalm 2:9)

(6) *caught up to God* - Exaltation of Christ in NT

(6) *nourished* - Church survives and thrives

(6) *1,260 days* - The New Testament Era - from Ascension of Christ to Second Coming

THE ANGEL MICHAEL (12:7-17)

REVELATION 12:7-17 **7** Now **war** arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the **dragon** and his angels fought back, **8** *but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.* **9** *And the great dragon was thrown down, that **ancient serpent**, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.* **10** *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for **the accuser** of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.* **11** *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.* **12** *Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"* **13** *And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.* **14** *But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.* **15** *The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.* **16** *But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.* **17** *Then the dragon became **furious with the woman** and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he **stood on the sand** of the sea.*

THE ANGEL MICHAEL (12:7-17)

(7) *war* - Symbol of conflict and rivalry

(7) *Lucifer* - Means "Morning Star"

(9) *ancient serpent* - Finally identified as Satan
Genesis 3:1 and Revelation 12:9
Scripture interprets Scripture

(10) *accuser* - Satan accuses man before God ...
and God before man.
See **Job 1:9-11**

(17) *furious with the woman* - Satan can hurt - but
Never destroy - the Church.

(17) *stood on the sand* - Metaphor of furious anger