

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 – 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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?