

- Dragon stood to devour woman's child _____

And the woman brought forth the Man child (vs.5)

- Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron _____
_____.
- Her child _____.
- was caught up to God, and to His throne _____
_____.

And the woman fled into the wilderness (vs.6)

- a) meaning: _____.
- b) time frame: _____.
- Where she hath a place prepared of God _____
_____.
- They should feed her there (who is the 'they?') _____
_____.
- 1260 Days _____.

Regarding the Woman who was "clothed with the sun," that "fled into the wilderness" we have this inspired commentary:

This prophecy is to reach its complete fulfillment in the gathering out from all nations of a people prepared for the second coming of Christ. The remnant of Israel is symbolized by a woman, representing the Lord's chosen church on the earth. {RH Feb. 26, 1914, par 7}

The "church in the wilderness," and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital, was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God has committed to His people to be given to the world. {GC 64}

Regarding the *Great Red Dragon*

Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamb-like horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. {ST Nov. 1, 1899, par 3}

In closing, the Lord would have us thoroughly understand this chapter and prayerfully consider what has fallen upon the remnant in this last days. We need to be of good courage, for as we will focus next week on this war which has been waging for 6,000 years and the victory of the **Cross**, we will see that it behooves us to be on the winning side.

I'm providing a link of a Review and Herald article Mary and I read on this theme of the Great Controversy. It is well worth reading and Holy Spirit gave me a couple new thoughts on it. The reference is RH Sept. 7, 1897:

{Just click on the Great Controversy EGW Article at the website.}

<https://www.themindofchrist.net/revelation-12>

A good prayer to conclude with:

Eternal Father, again we thank Thee for Thy matchless Word. We thank Thee for this challenging invitation to study. We thank thee for the trust Thou hast placed in us to proclaim this topic. Day by day, first may we live the reality of Calvary, the reality of the ministry of Christ in the heavens above, and the reality of the standard set for us. May we live them according to those standards and may the unconscious witness of our lives attract others to Thee, to Thy glory and Thy soon coming. We pray it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

End Part 2