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# The Man Child,12:2-5

 Remember, as it is a wonder (sign, token, symbol) it is intended to be interpreted figuratively. The woman in verse 1 is the Church. Let us focus now on her child.

If there is a message that the devil hates,

it is the message of the Man Child.

*Matthew 13:19 –…cometh the wicked one,*

*and catch it the way …*

**The Identity of the Man Child**

### Some believe the Man Child to be Christ. (i.e., Scofield)

Consider some objections to this theory:

#### This Wonder is Prophetic

#### This Wonder is Unlike the Nativity

#### This Wonder is Unlike the Crucifixion and Ascension of Christ

### The Man Child is a product of the Church.

The woman is in travail to bring forth) the woman which is the church is producing sons.

### The Man Child is a fully mature son.

*Ephesians 4:13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

*Hebrews 5:14But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

The Man Child is the Overcomer in Revelation 3:21 and the Bride of Christ in Revelation 19:7.

**The Revealing of the Man Child**

### The Seed

This seed is the Word of God presented much through the efforts of God's ministers which are God's gifts given to the saints (Ephesians 4:11-13).

### The Birth

To bring forth the child is to reveal (bring to light or manifest) the child. (Romans 8:17-19; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

### The Pain

Revealed with great pain. Vs. 2 cried travailing in birth. Pain to be delivered. (Romans 8:23)

#### The Man Child will be brought forth through intercessory prayer.

#### Revealed under great persecution. Vs. 4

### The Time

The Man Child is revealed in the last time. The 11th chapter ends with Christ ruling the kingdoms of this world which are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign for ever and ever. Chapter 12 brings us back to the third chapter and at the end of the church age.( Luke 21:28; one Peter 1:3) The time of the revealing is just before the tribulation. The church is still on the earth and will face 3 -1/2 years of tribulation(vs. 6 in the wilderness). Also, the Man Child is revealed before the Church is perfected (Verse 14).

**The Nature of the Man Child.**

A Man ChildArrhen or  Arsen - means male. It has to do with manhood and not gender.

### Manly characteristics -heroic virtues.

### Overcomers, vs. 5

### Humble, vs.11.

**The Characteristics of the Man Child.**

### A student of the Word.

To confess the Word, you must know the Word, vs. 11.by the Word of their testimony

### A believer in the Word.

To confess the Word, you must believe the Word They believed in the blood of the Lamb because of the Word.Vs. 11 overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.

### A lover of the Word.Vs 11

And loved not their lives They loved the Word more than their lives.

**The Development of the Man Child.**

There is a development here. The Scripture indicates a processsalvation, Holy Ghost Baptism and fully mature son. [Conceived.Gaster- Child.Teknon- Son.Huios]

In type in Gen. 2:21, Adam and Eve. Gen. 5:24 Enoch - Methuselah - Noah.The Word of truth (like seed) is being planted in the heart of the Church by His Spirit. The Body of Christ is not yet fully-grown or mature but God is nourishing it.

### The Position of the Man Child

As a child, the Believer does not differ from a servant (Galaitans 4:1).

Nepos infant, non-speaking, immature, childish. As the Believer develops and matures in Christ there awaits for him an adoption or positioning as son. This adoption is what we are waiting (Romans 8:23) for: the adoption the placing or positioning of sons (huiothesia). This positioning is a reward for MATURITY and OVERCOMING.