**CHAPTER 12**

*The vision of the woman clothed with the sun: and of the great dragon her persecutor.*

**1** And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars:

**2** And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.

**3** And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his heads seven diadems:

**4** And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son.

**5** And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod: and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne.

**6** And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, that there they should feed her a thousand two hundred sixty days.

**7** And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels:

**8** And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

**9** And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

**10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: because the accuser of our brethren is cast forth, who accused them before our God day and night.

**11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death.

**12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you that dwell therein. Woe to the earth, and to the sea, because the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

**13** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman, who brought forth the man child:

**14** And there were given to the woman two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the desert unto 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 after the woman, water as it were a river; that he might cause her to be carried away by the river.

**16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river, which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

**17** And the dragon was angry against the woman: and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**18** And he stood upon the sand of the sea.