

# Revelation 12:1-15:4 (Part 1, ch. 12)

## Seven Scenes

### Thematic and Literary Structure of Revelation

From William Hendriksen

(Conflict on earth)

Section 1: 1:21-3:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 2: 4:1-7:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 3: 8-11 \_\_\_\_\_

(Conflict in spiritual world)

Section 4: 12-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 5: 15-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 6: 17-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 7: 20-22:21 \_\_\_\_\_

(He sees a series of 7 parallel yet progressive sections.)

I'm proposing:

(Remembering it's in letter form with opening and closing)

1-5 Praise to the Lord God Almighty and to the Lamb

6-16 The Conflict

6-8:5 7 Seals

8:6-11:19 7 Trumpets

12:1-15:4 7 "Scenes"

15:5-16:21 7 Bowls

17-21 The Victory

Format in both cases:

6:12-17, 8:5, 11:19, 11:19, 14:14-20, 16:18-21, all bring to the brink of the end.

The story is being told and retold with increased detail and intensity.

### Structure of 12:1-15:4 (7 Scenes)

12 The battle (introduction to section?)  
13:1-10 The beast of the sea  
13:11-18 The beast of the earth  
14:1-5 The 144,000  
14:6-13 The three angels  
14:14-20 The harvest  
15:1-4 Victory song

## Beginning Observations

This marks the second half of the book and takes readers to the beginning.  
The conflict deepens; the intensity increases.  
Going behind the scenes into the spiritual realm.  
Some see this as a parody of Christ and the Trinity.

## Three Basic Approaches to chapter 12

### A Dispensational Reading

Believers were removed from the earth in 4:1. So the rest of Revelation has nothing to do with the \_\_\_\_\_.

The woman is \_\_\_\_\_.

The time is the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
the final 3.5 years of history. It begins with the war in heaven.

Puzzling (to me):

The Revelation is written to the \_\_\_\_\_  
or the \_\_\_\_\_.

The message, theme, center is the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!

The message of the entire \_\_\_\_\_  
(See especially: **Gal. 3:26-29, Col. 1:15-18, Eph. 3:6**)

Revelation is the story of \_\_\_\_\_!

### A Symbolic Interpretation

The picture depicted in Revelation 12 is \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ battle which lies behind history  
(Eph. 6:12). It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the battle  
between God and satan. Shows satan as an angry  
power who then gives an all out assault on the church.

Does not see the birth as the birth of Christ.

Purpose is to show that satan has been \_\_\_\_\_.

## A Recapitulation or Progressive Parallelism Approach

Takes the reader back to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the NT. The woman is \_\_\_\_\_.

Shows the attack on \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and persecution from the opening of the NT. Remember Jesus in conflict with satan and evil spirits.

Christ has already \_\_\_\_\_ satan. He has already been \_\_\_\_\_.

Satan is waging war on the \_\_\_\_\_ and will more intensely until the end.

## Re-reading Revelation 12 (in light of the three approaches)

11:15-19 takes the reader to the brink of the \_\_\_\_\_ (again). Chapter 12, chronologically must take place \_\_\_\_\_ to this. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ from another angel and with more intensity.

12:1-6 The woman and dragon

The woman is \_\_\_\_\_. In OT \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, NT the \_\_\_\_\_.

The dragon clearly is \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 20:2).

The child \_\_\_\_\_ (Psm. 2:9, Rev. 2:27, 19:15).

Desert is the place of God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Psm. 55:6-8).

1,260 days (Rev. 11:3) = 42 months (11:2) = times, time, half a time (Dan. 7:25, 12:7, Rev. 12:14). Literal or not. If literal \_\_\_\_\_ happen, if symbolic \_\_\_\_\_ happening.

12:7-12 The war in heaven

Has the \_\_\_\_\_ already been fought or is it \_\_\_\_\_?

What is it that satan is hurled down?

If not symbolic, still must be connected to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
He no longer can \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The victory is by the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The conflict on earth is \_\_\_\_\_ .

**See: Col 1:22, 2:13-15, Eph. 2:1-2, 6:11-12.**

**12:13-13:1**

**12:13** Satan pursuing the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**12:14** Even as Pharaoh pursued Israel, yet Exodus 19:4.  
Protection in the wilderness: Deut. 2:7, Hos. 2:14.

**12:15-16** Flood = force, also \_\_\_\_\_ .

**12:17** Who satan is after? (Jn.14:15, 1 Jn. 3:22,24, 5:2,3)

## **Two Major Themes**

**Since the \_\_\_\_\_ has taken place and believers have  
Overcome through the blood of the lamb we are already  
\_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A \_\_\_\_\_ continues, satan  
assaults God's \_\_\_\_\_ .**