

## DISCUSSION QUERIES

### Revelation 11:19–13:10

#### READ 11:19

11 19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

#### DISCUSS

How does this scene set the stage for the narrative that follows?

- Heaven remains directs the play on earth.

Why mention here the Ark of the Covenant?

- New Testament eschatology fulfills Old Testament promises.

#### READ 12:5b-7

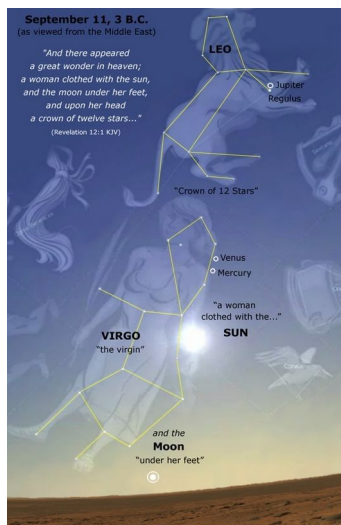
12 1 And a great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

#### DISCUSS

What or whom does this woman represent?

- The constellation Virgo?
- Israel, the messianic nation?
- Mary mother of Jesus?
- Mary Mother of God reigning in heaven?

Stellar configuration of Wednesday, September 11, 3 B.C., 18:18 P.M. til 19:39.



## DISCUSSION QUERIES — 2 TIMOTHY 3:1–4:8

### READ 12:3-4

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

#### DISCUSS

What or whom does the dragon represent?

- The 'nakhsh' serpent of Genesis 3?
- The Roman empire and its emperors?
- The devil who conquers some of God's angels?

### READ 12:5-6

5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,  
6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

#### DISCUSS

What or whom does this child represent?

- Abraham and his male descendants?
- Enoch or Elijah?
- Jesus the crucified, risen, ascended Christ?

### READ 12:7-9

7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

#### DISCUSS

Where did the dragon's angels come from?

- Angels joined with him in rebellion at Eden?
- They are souls of Nephilim (Gen. 6)?
- They are fallen gods placed over the nations (Deut. 32:8)?
- It was a Jewish myth cited in Revelation?

## DISCUSSION QUERIES — 2 TIMOTHY 3:1–4:8

When is the devil cast down to earth?

- When he tempted Eve (Gen.3)?
- At some rebellion in the heavens (Isa. 14:12-13)?
- After Jesus' crucifixion (John 12:31)?
- When the apostles began preaching (Luke 10:17-18)?
- When Jesus shall return in glory and power (Rev. 20:2)?

### READ 12:10-12

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

DISCUSS

When does the kingdom of God and Jesus' authority start?

- These have existed since creation?
- It is all spiritual in human hearts?
- When Satan is cast out of heaven?
- At the start of the messianic reign on earth?

How do believers resist Satan's authority?

- They invoke the blood of Jesus.
- They speak their testimony.
- They are willing to die for their faith.

### READ 12:13-16

13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. 15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

DISCUSS

Against whom has the devil not prevailed?

The devil has failed to conquer:

- Heaven
- Messiah
- Israel

## DISCUSSION QUERIES — 2 TIMOTHY 3:1–4:8

### READ 12:17

17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

### DISCUSS

Against whom does the devil imagine he will prevail?

Israel's other 'offspring', those who

- keep the commandments of God and
- hold to the testimony of Jesus.

### READ 13:1-4

13 1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. 2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. 3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. 4 And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

### DISCUSS

From whence does the end-times government draw its authority over the whole earth?

- All authority if from god?
- From the dragon, the devil.

### READ 13:5-8

5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

### DISCUSS

What lies ahead for Christians in the end times?

42 months of

- Anti-christian religious and political rhetoric
- Military or police action against resisters
- Legal restrictions on Christian worship

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READ 13:5-8

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear:  
10 If anyone is to be taken captive,  
to captivity he goes;  
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,  
with the sword must he be slain.  
Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

DISCUSS

With what will Christians be threatened?

- FEMA camps?
- The guillotine?

How can Christians stand till Jesus return?

- Heed the call to endure.
- Remain faithful to Jesus.
- Lead a holy life.

**Revelation 11:19-13:10**

 <p>Ark of God's covenant in heaven</p>	 <p>Satan and his angels cast down to earth</p>	 <p>Haughty</p>	 <p>Her child will rule all the nations</p>
 <p>Child caught up to God on his throne</p>			

**War in heaven   War on earth   The beast   Endurance**

 <p>September 11, 3 CE</p>	 <p>Lamb slain</p>	 <p>The woman in a place prepared by God</p>	 <p>Hold to the testimony of Jesus</p>	 <p>Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.</p>
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