

Study Notes for Revelation 12 and 13

- Chapter 12 begins with some “great signs” that John is given. What is the first sign in 12:1-2 and what does it represent?
- In the study, Pastor Paul referenced Genesis 37:9–11. How does that passage help us identify this first sign?
- Who is the “male child” referenced in verse 5 and what words in this verse help you make that identification?
- What is the second sign given to John in 12:3 and what does it refer to?
- What is the attitude of the dragon toward the male child?
- How does God protect the “woman” from the dragon in verses 6 and 14?
- How long in each case does God give protection to the “woman?”
- What is the result of the event that John describes in 12:7-9?
- How is Satan described in verse 10?
- How are the saints described as conquering Satan in 12:11?
- Since Satan can’t get at Israel, who does he then turn to destroy? (12:17)
- In 13:1 what does the “beast” have in common with the description of the dragon in 12:3?
- Who or what is this beast?
- Who gives power to this first beast? (13:2)
- In 13:4 what do the people of the earth say about this first beast?
- In 13:5 we’re told that the beast is given authority for a limited time. How long is that time?
- Who is the beast given authority to conquer during this time? (13:7-8)
- What else does John see rising up in 13:11?
- How do we know from what John writes that the second beast is subordinate to the first beast?
- In 13:12-14 what is required for the second beast to perform miracles and signs?
- What is the mark that the second beast requires of the people of the earth? (13:16-17)
- Why do you think so many people have erroneously claimed that other things like credit cards or bar codes or vaccinations were the mark of the beast?