

1. What does the red dragon want? _____
2. Who is the dragon? _____
3. When he was unsuccessful against the child, whom did he begin to pursue? _____

4. Describe the beast of the sea? _____

5. What did the dragon give him? _____
6. Describe the beast of the earth _____

7. What was his mission? _____
8. What did the three angels in 14:6-12 proclaim?
 - a. first
 - b. second
 - c. third
9. What did the angels that came out of the temple do? (14:14-20) _____

Memory Verse

“A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” Revelation 14:8

Keys for Understanding Revelation

Chapter 12 begins part 2 of the apocalypse. Rome has gone beyond the point of no return. God’s wrath will now come without delay.

Woman giving birth - physical Israel

Dragon - Devil

Child - Messiah

Woman on earth, in the wilderness - Spiritual Israel (the church)

When Satan’s plan to devour the child was foiled by God’s intervention he stormed the gates of heaven. He was defeated and cast down to earth. He turned his rage against the church collectively and on individual Christians whom he tries to tempt and torment.

Beast from the sea - Imperial Rome (as personified by the emperors)

Horns - power

Nero redivivus - a myth had arisen that Nero was not dead and that he would reappear and take control of Rome again (ie the head that appeared dead but was alive again).

Beast from the land - priesthood of the emperor cult worship (presents himself as a lamb, a religious figure, speaks lies and falsehoods that originate with the dragon).