**Glory to the Lamb** Session #7: The Woman, the Dragon and the Beast

# **Goals for Session #7**

- To recapture the significance of the birth narrative of Jesus in the end times drama
- To identify the chief characters in these two chapters
- To gain an understanding of the number 666
- To make personal application of the teachings in these verses

#### Last Week

 We "tasted" the little scroll We met the two witnesses •We heard the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sound We got our first glimpse of the beast • We heard the 2<sup>nd</sup> Woe ·We gained a sense of the timeline of the end times

# **This Next Section**

- This next section of Revelation (12:1-14-20) has 7 key events/people ·We take two weeks to look at these seven Again, note the repetition of "7" Seals, trumpets, now events (or mini-visions within the big vision) NOT a prediction of the future, but a recap
  - of what has already happened.

Mini-vision #1: **The Pregnant Woman** Read Revelation 12:1-2, 4b-6 "A great and wondrous sign" Something rare and unique is happening ... a woman is pregnant and about to give birth! What is rare and unique about that?

Mini-vision #1: **The Pregnant Woman**  Her description Sun is her shawl Moon is her footstool Crown with 12 stars Birth pangs • Gives birth to a son · Gives the child up to God

# Mini-vision #1: The Pregnant Woman

Her identity

- Virgin Mary
- •The Church
- Israel

Mini-vision #1: **The Pregnant Woman**  The flight into the wilderness Symbolic of the persecution of all Christians Reminder that may had to take the Baby Jesus to Egypt • For 1260 days

# Mini-vision #1: The Pregnant Woman

The Pregnant Woman	The Whore of Babylon
Clad in heaven's splendor	Clad in gaudy clothing
Pregnant	Full of fornication
Attacked by red dragon	Sits on a scarlet beast
Vulnerable	Strong
Child who rules	Seizes power from kings

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#### His actions

- Stands in front of the woman as she gives birth
- Attempts to devour the child

#### Read Revelation 12:7-13:1

- The back story
  - Dragon waged war on heaven; lost to Michael (12:7-8)
  - Dragon hurled "down" to the earth (12:9)
  - Dragon identified as Satan (12:9)
  - Dragon leads the whole world astray (12:9)

#### The back story continued

- Pause for a hymn that describes the victory (12:10-12)
- Dragon pursues the woman who is rescued by an eagle (12:14)
- She is safely transported beyond the reach of the dragon (12:14)
- Kept safe for "time, times, and half a time" (12:14)

#### The back story continued yet more

- Spewed river to overtake the woman (and child) (12:15)
  - Stopped by the earth (12:16)

 Dragon then wages war on the offspring of the woman (12:17)

Identified as those who are faithful

### Mini-vision #3: The Sea Beast

#### Read Revelation 13:1-10

#### His description:

- Ten horns
- Seven heads
- Animal characteristics
- Mortal would from which he was healed
- Blasphemous name

# Mini-vision #3: The Sea Beast

#### • His actions:

- The whole world was "astonished" and followed him (universal)
- •He was object of worship (as so the dragon)
- "No one like him!"
- Limited destructive power
  - 42 months; Worshippers only

# Mini-vision #3: The Sea Beast • A call for endurance and faithfulness

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints. (13:10)

### Mini-vision #4: The Land Beast

#### Read Revelation 13:11-18

#### His description:

- Resembles a lamb
- Speaks like the dragon
- Enforces worship/obedience to the sea beast
- Had miraculous power
- Forced everyone to get the mark (666)

# Mini-vision #4: The Land Beast

#### Read Revelation 13:11-18

•Identified by a number:

- •666 is the unholy trinity (falling short)
- Letters have numeric significance
  - (in Latin, X = 10; L = 50; C = 100; M = 1000)
    - Example: If A = 100, B = 101 ... then "Hitler" adds up to 666)





#### **Read Revelation 14:1-20**

**The Lamb**