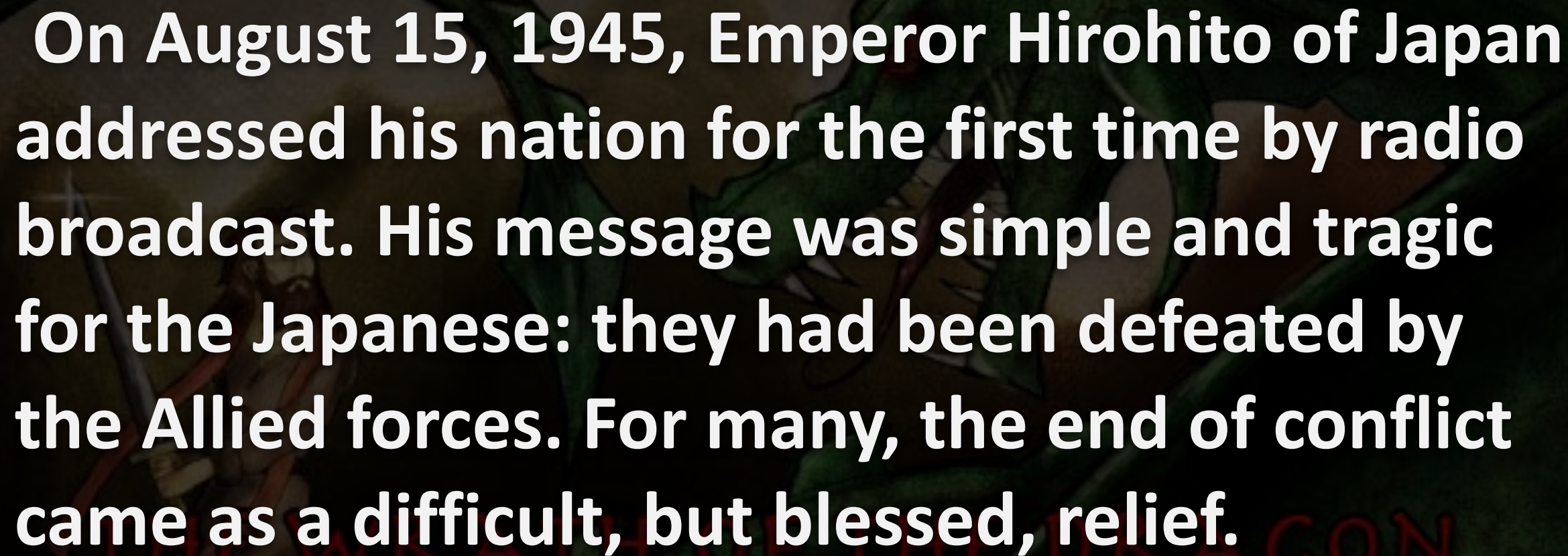




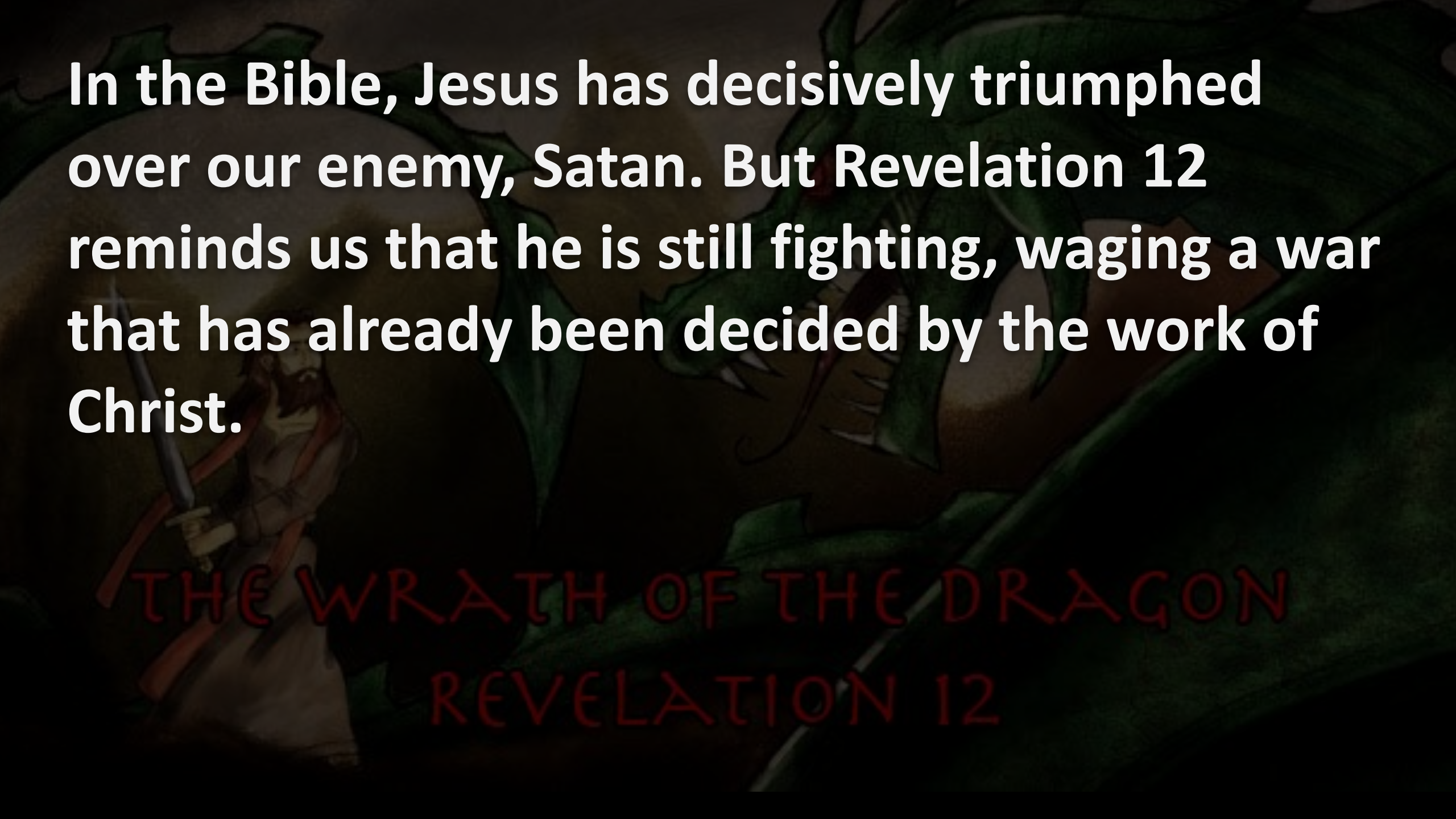
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**On August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito of Japan addressed his nation for the first time by radio broadcast. His message was simple and tragic for the Japanese: they had been defeated by the Allied forces. For many, the end of conflict came as a difficult, but blessed, relief.**

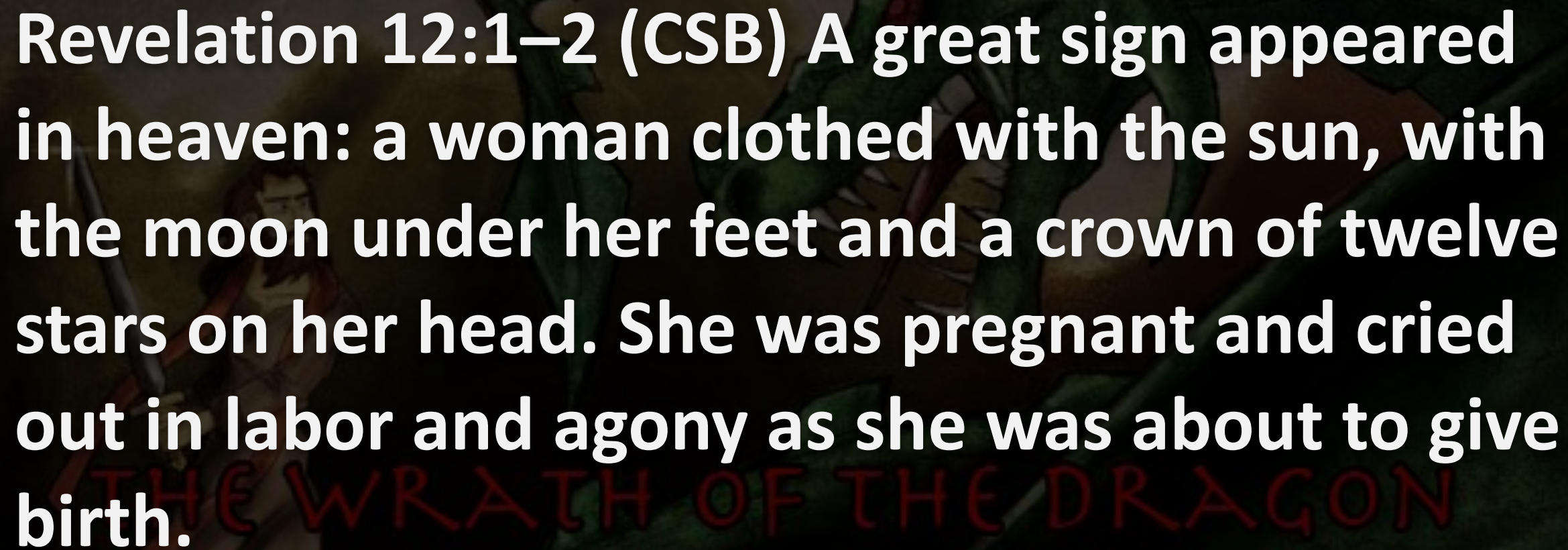
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**But for a small band of soldiers, the war was not over. Whether because they did not receive clear communications or because they simply refused to believe what they heard, a number of Japanese soldiers continued fighting ... for years. The last of these was Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda, who carried on fighting until March 9, 1974, and he surrendered only after he received formal orders from his government.**



**In the Bible, Jesus has decisively triumphed over our enemy, Satan. But Revelation 12 reminds us that he is still fighting, waging a war that has already been decided by the work of Christ.**

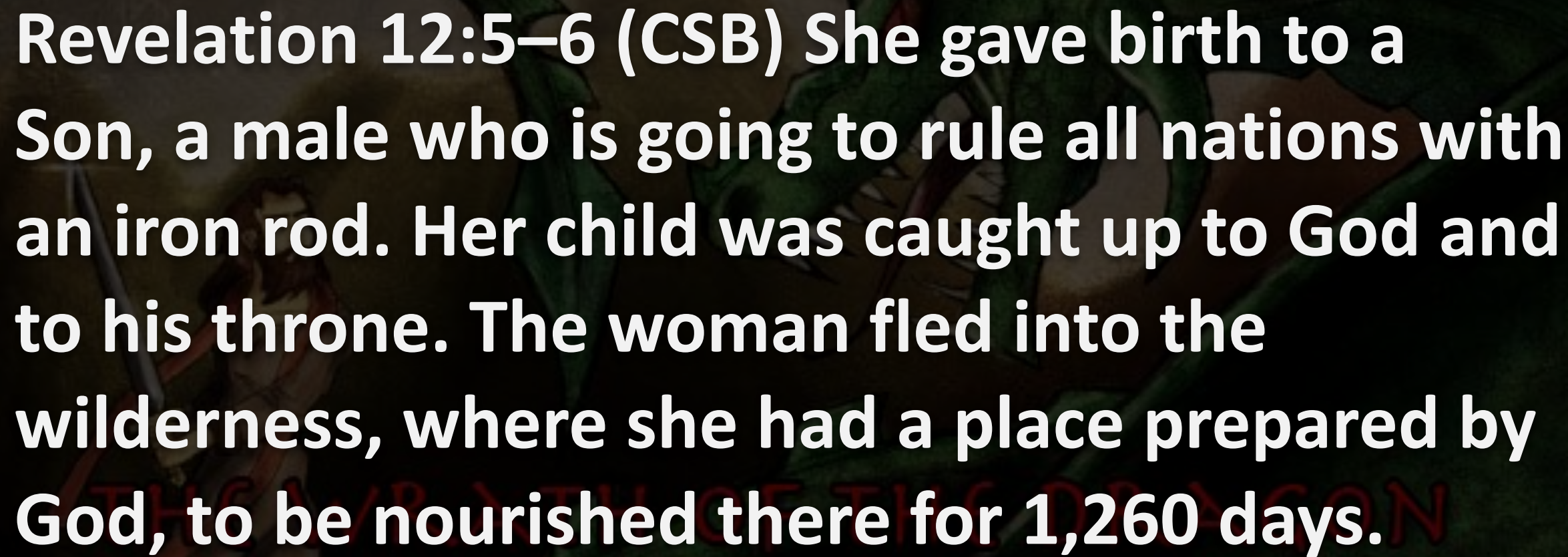
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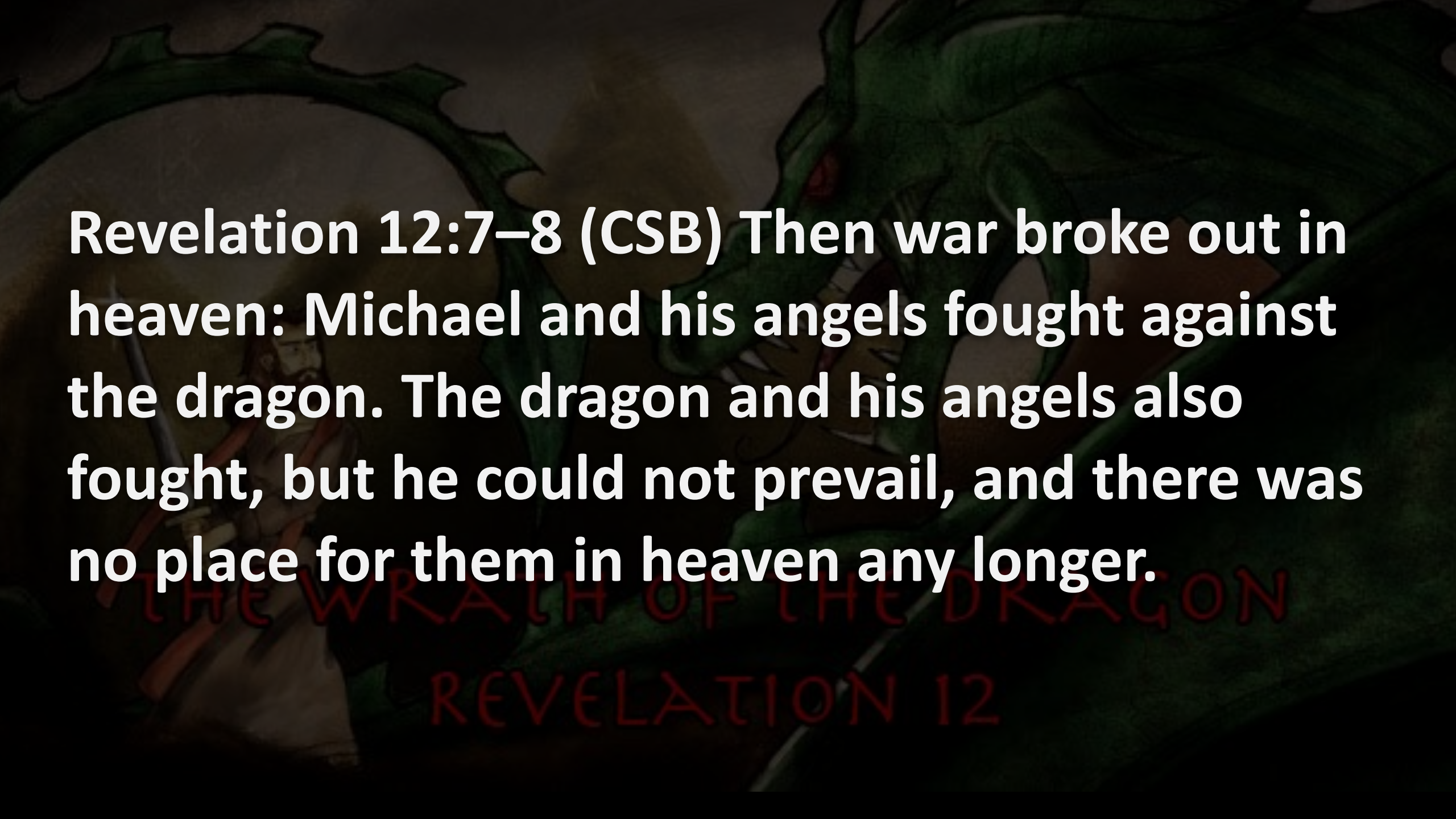
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**Revelation 12:5–6 (CSB) She gave birth to a Son, a male who is going to rule all nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be nourished there for 1,260 days.**

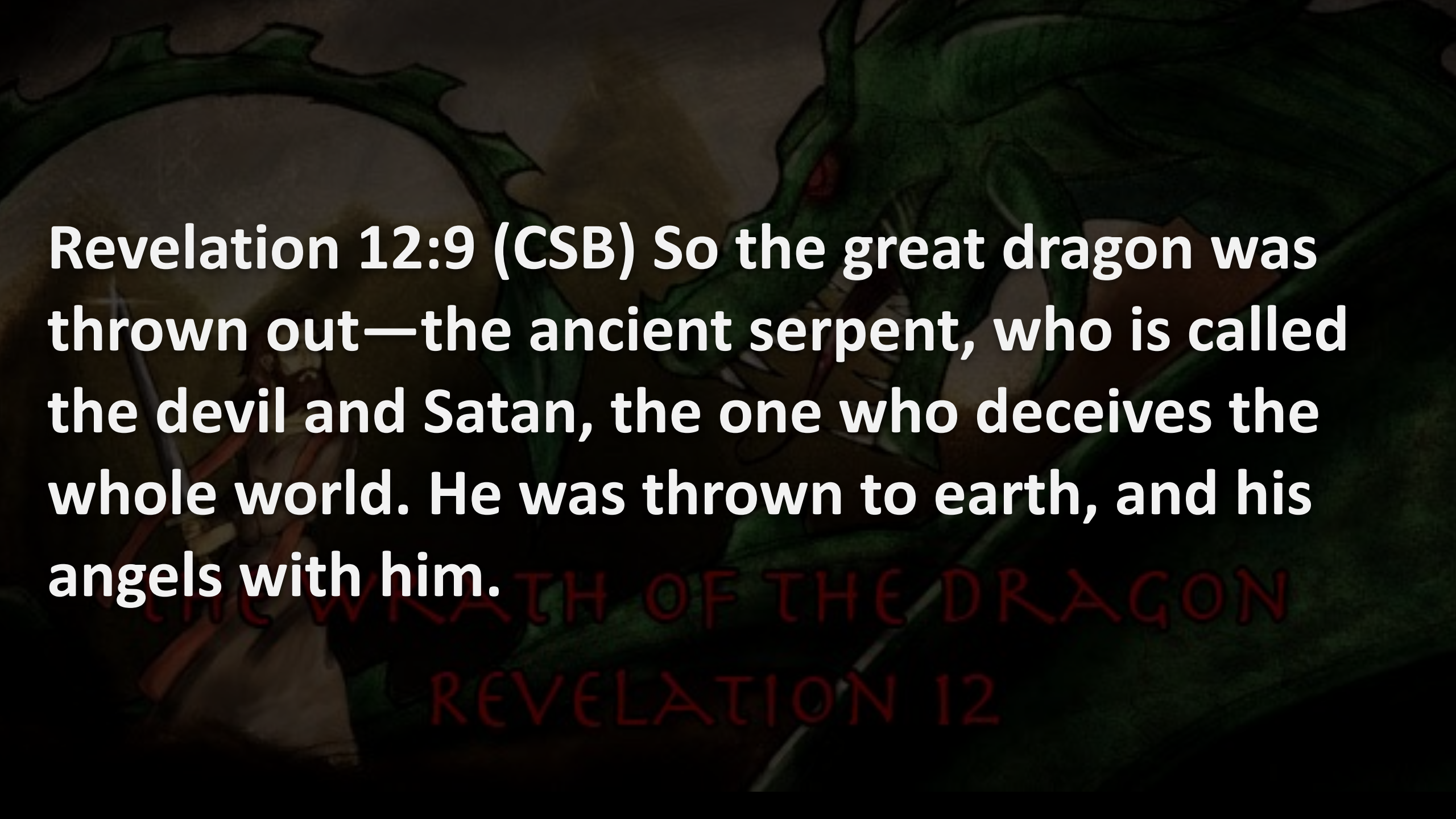
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**Revelation 12:7–8 (CSB) Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer.**

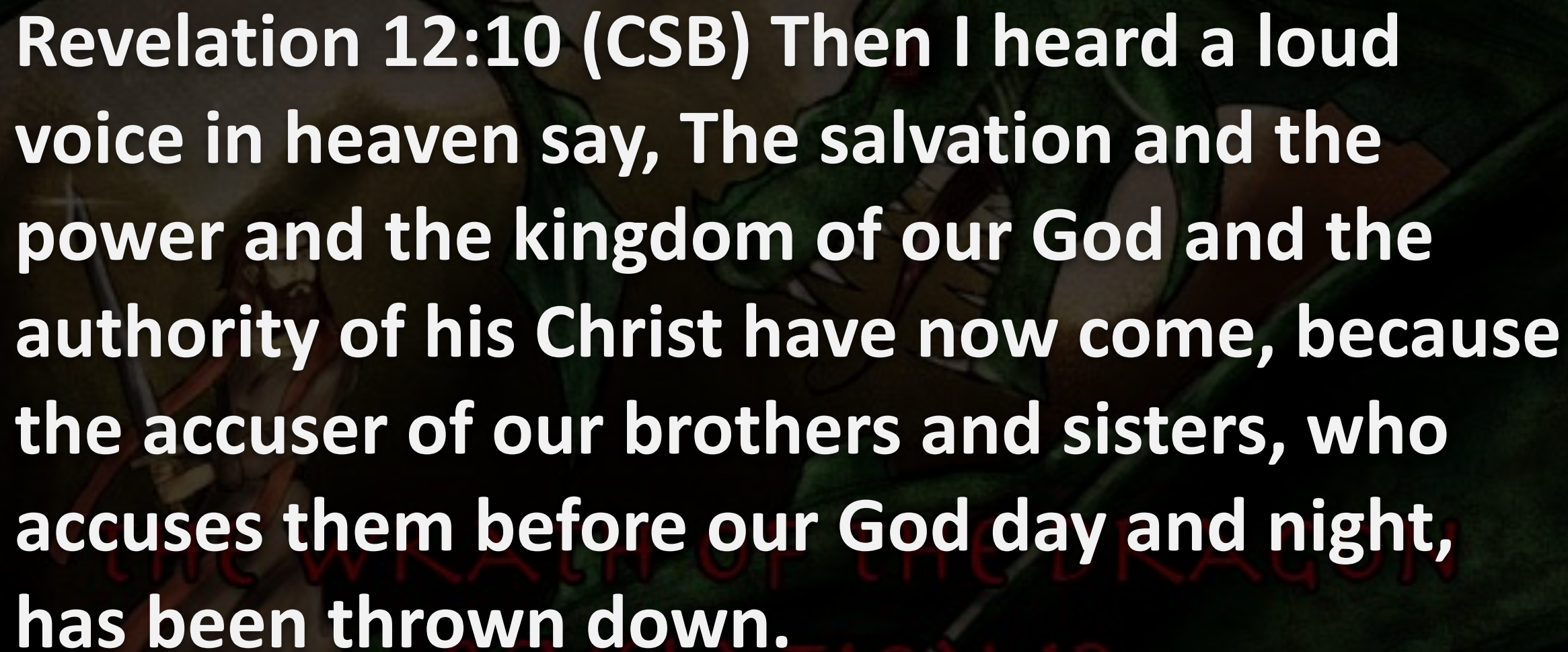
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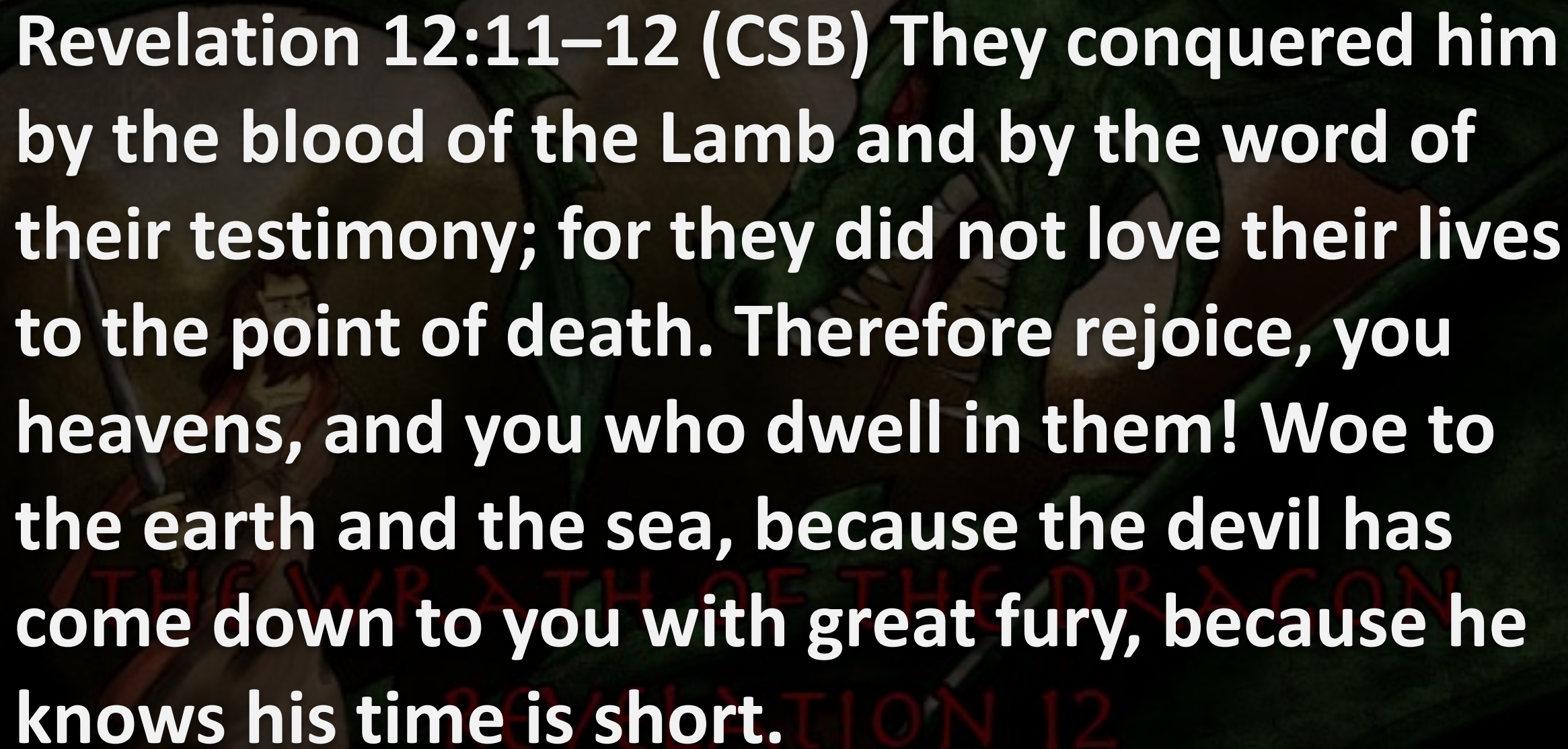
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**Revelation 12:9 (CSB) So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.**

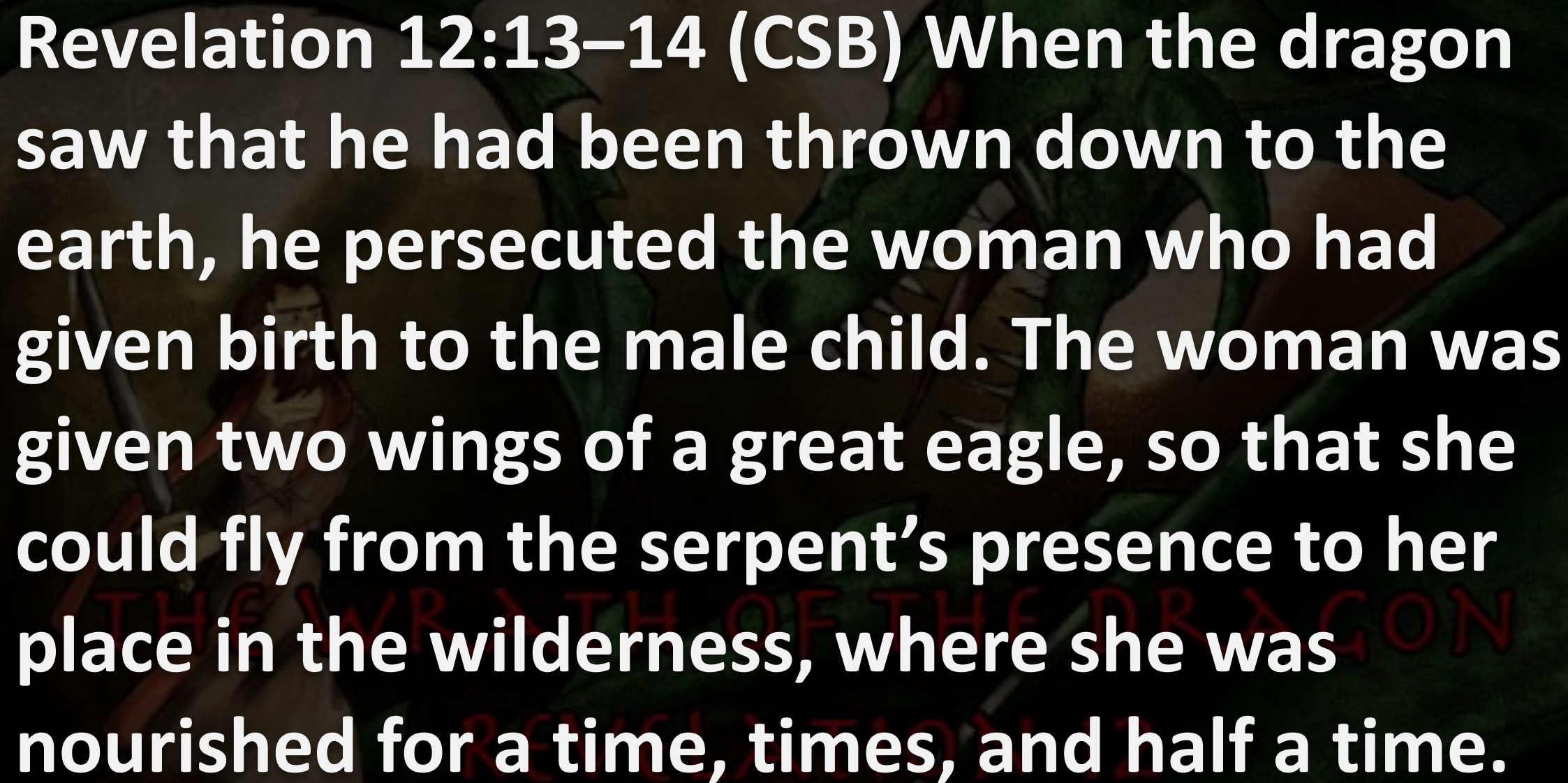
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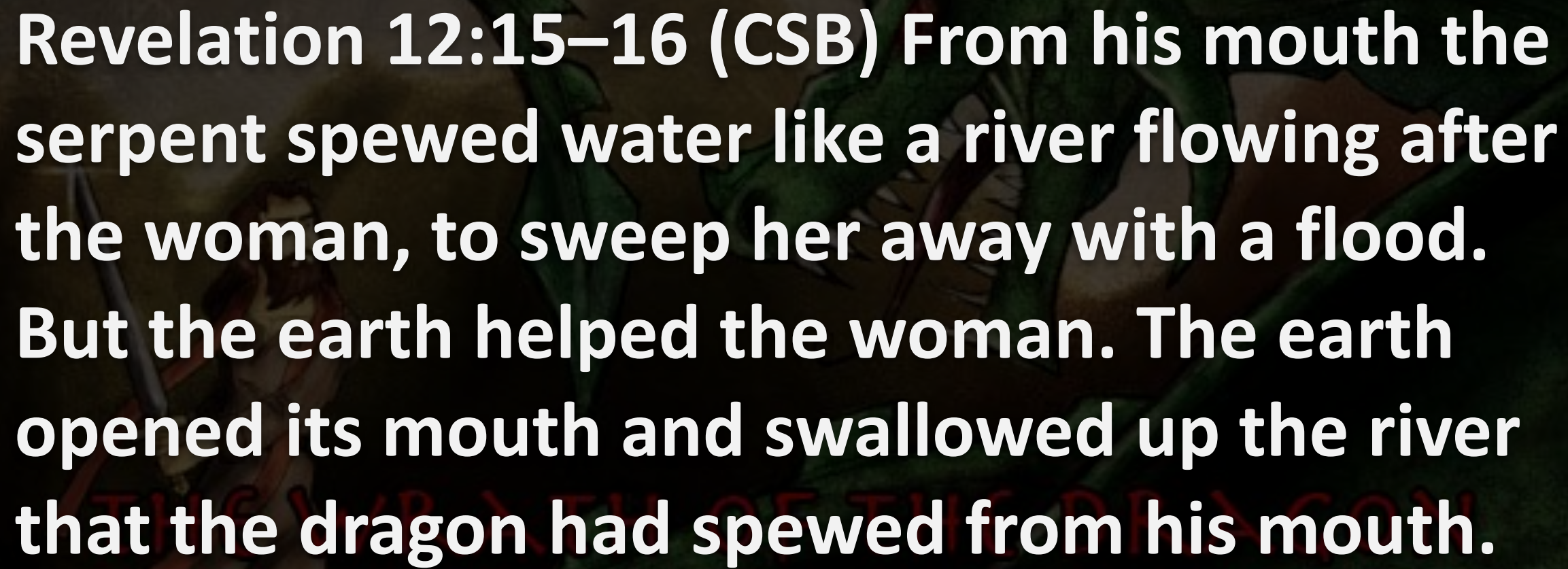
**Revelation 12:10 (CSB) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.**

The background features a dark, atmospheric illustration. On the left, a warrior in a red tunic and brown cloak is depicted in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose, holding a sword. On the right, a large, green dragon with a prominent horn and a fierce expression is shown. The scene is set against a dark, textured background with faint, glowing elements. The text is overlaid in a large, white, bold font.

**Revelation 12:11–12 (CSB) They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows his time is short.**

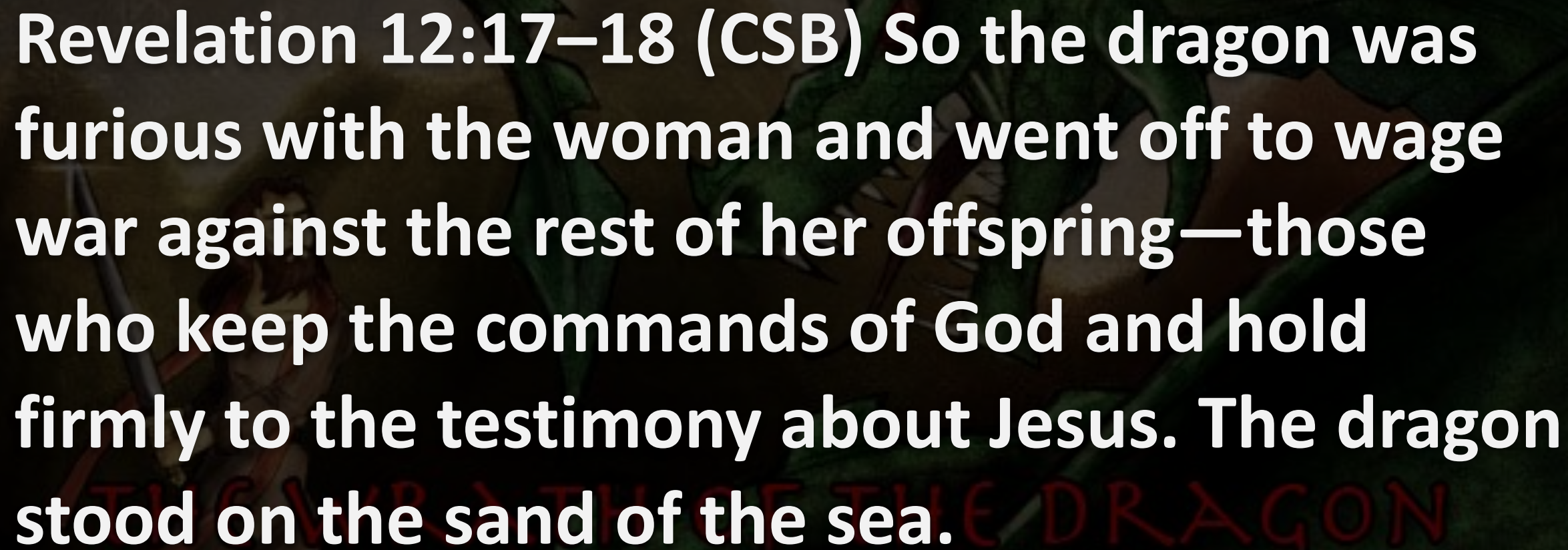


**Revelation 12:13–14 (CSB) When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent's presence to her place in the wilderness, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time.**



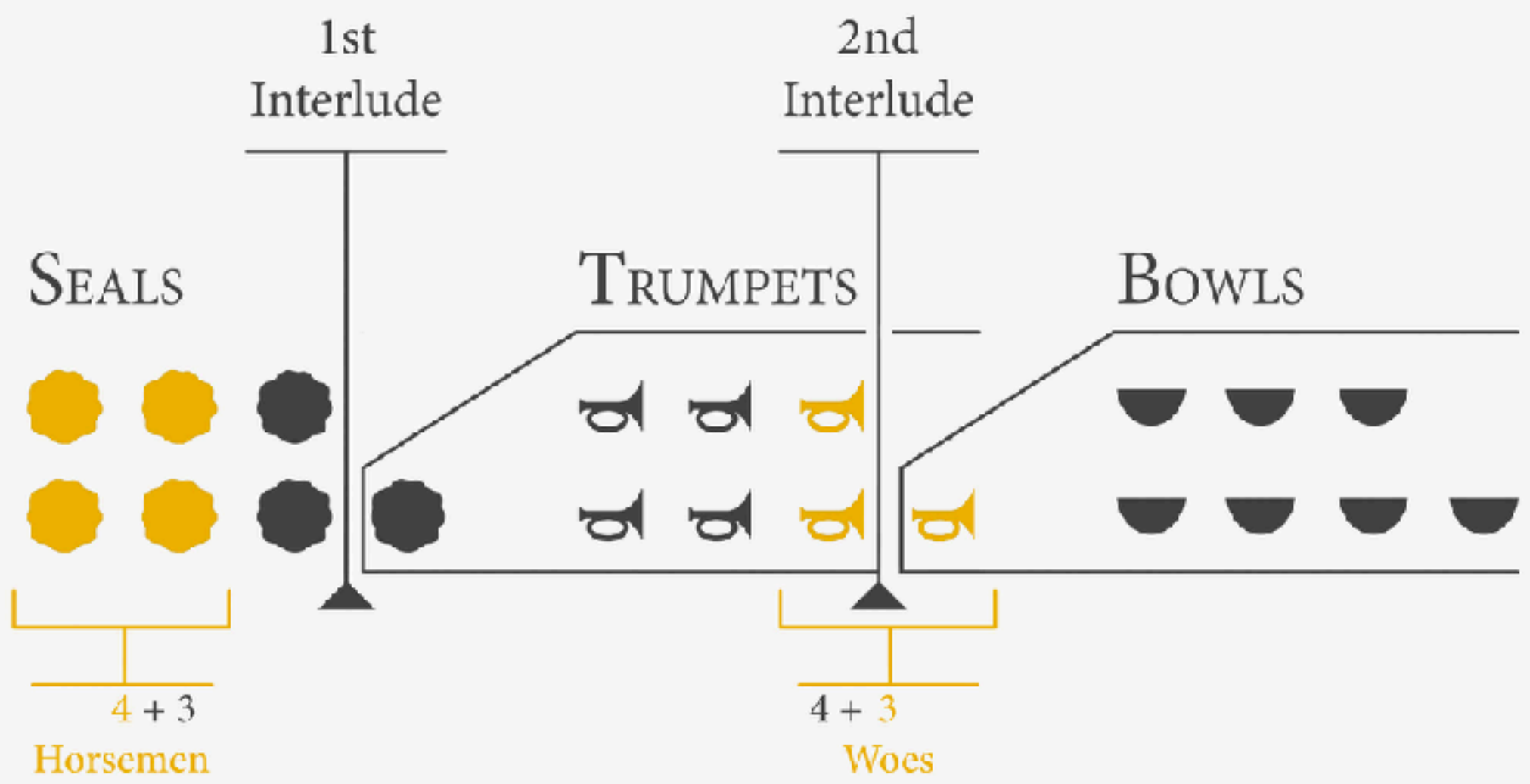
**Revelation 12:15–16 (CSB) From his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river flowing after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon had spewed from his mouth.**

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**Revelation 12:17–18 (CSB) So the dragon was furious with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus. The dragon stood on the sand of the sea.**

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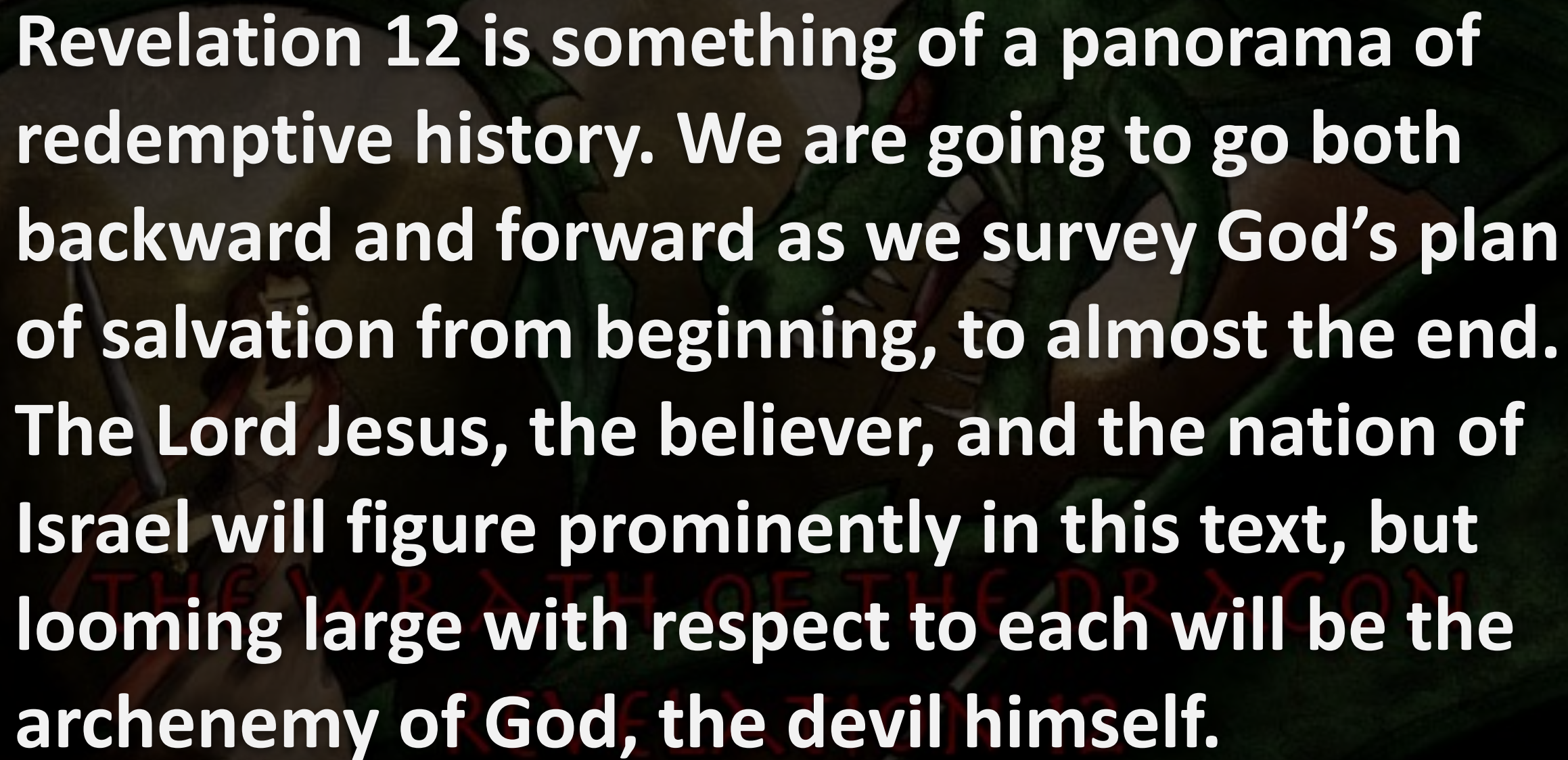
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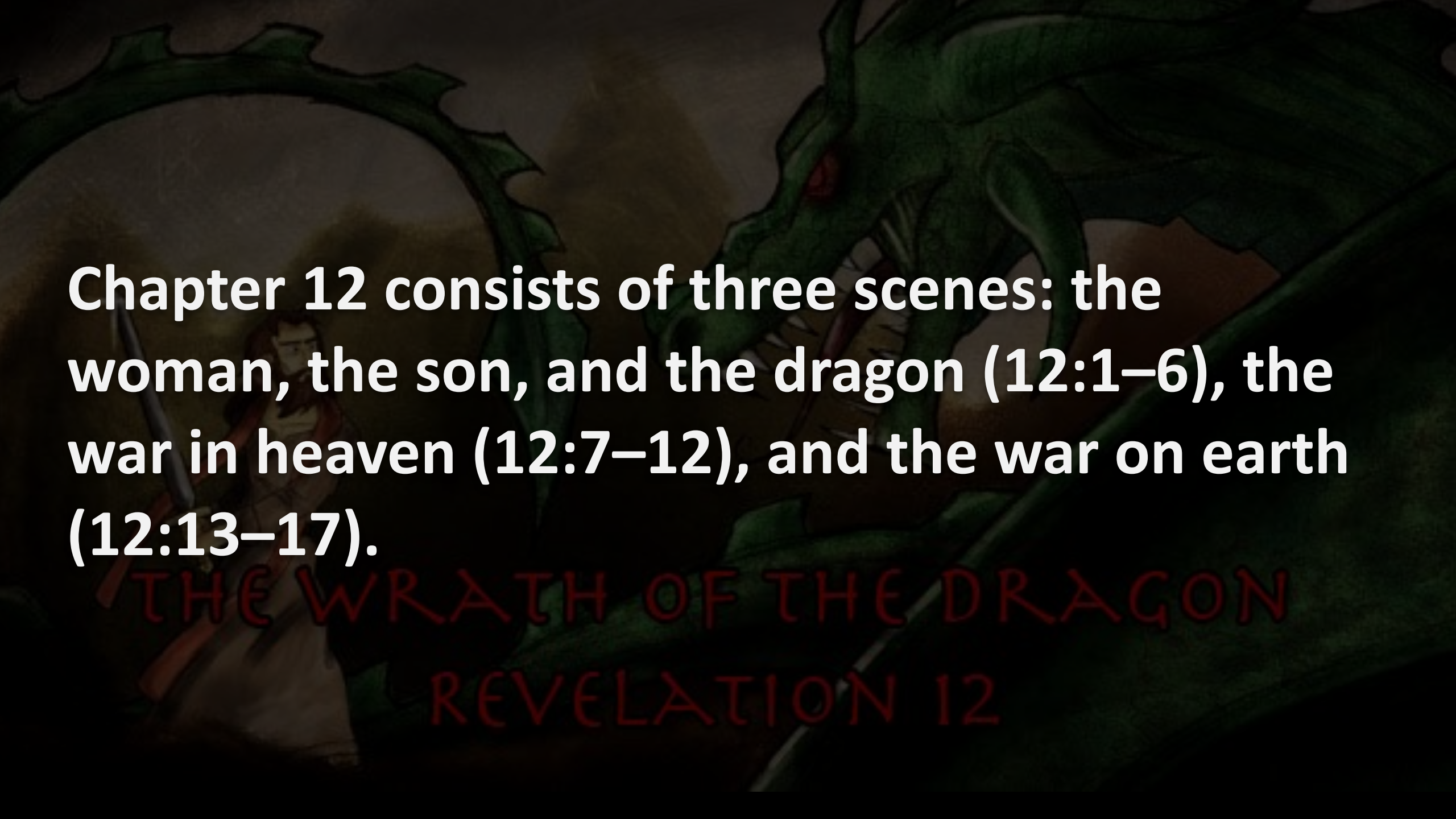
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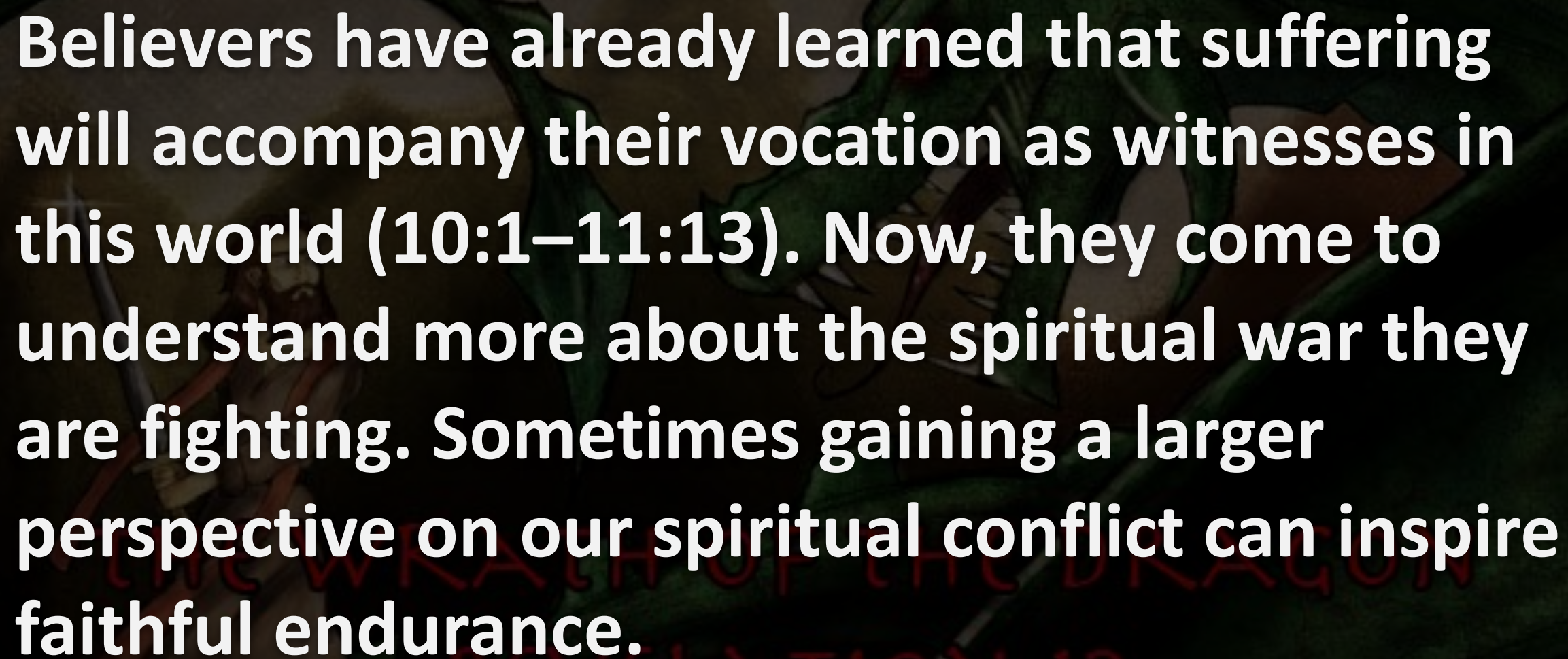
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**Revelation 12 is something of a panorama of redemptive history. We are going to go both backward and forward as we survey God's plan of salvation from beginning, to almost the end. The Lord Jesus, the believer, and the nation of Israel will figure prominently in this text, but looming large with respect to each will be the archenemy of God, the devil himself.**



**Chapter 12 consists of three scenes: the woman, the son, and the dragon (12:1–6), the war in heaven (12:7–12), and the war on earth (12:13–17).**

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**Believers have already learned that suffering will accompany their vocation as witnesses in this world (10:1–11:13). Now, they come to understand more about the spiritual war they are fighting. Sometimes gaining a larger perspective on our spiritual conflict can inspire faithful endurance.**

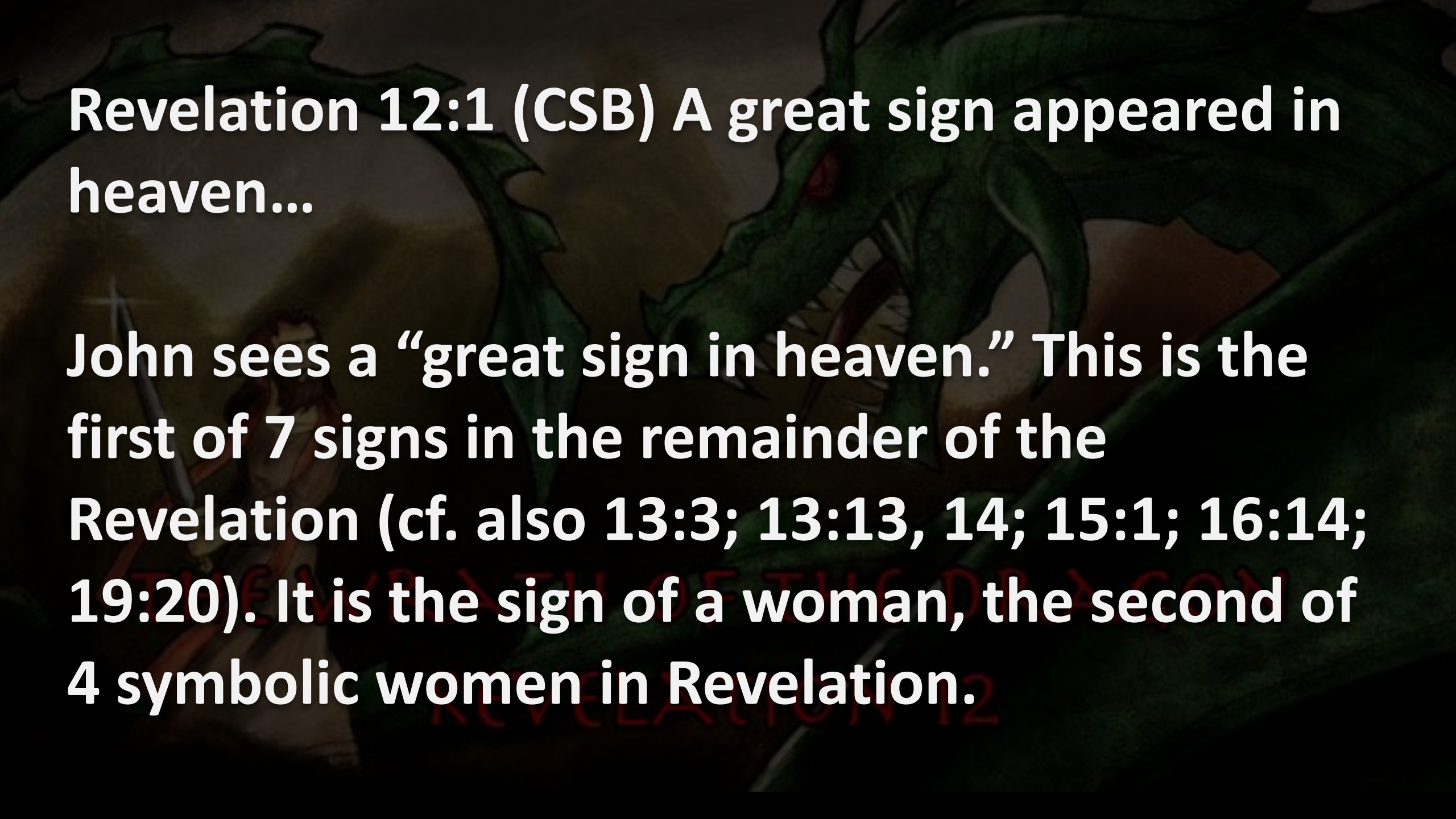
**Satan hates the Lord Jesus. 12:1-6 Many Bible students have noted that 11:19 is something of a hinge in that it brings chapter 11 to a conclusion, but it also opens the door for the beginning of chapter 12. The lightnings, noises, thunderings, earthquake and great hail tip us off that something troubling is on the horizon, and indeed that is exactly what we discover as we move into chapter 12.**



**In studying the wrath of the dragon...**

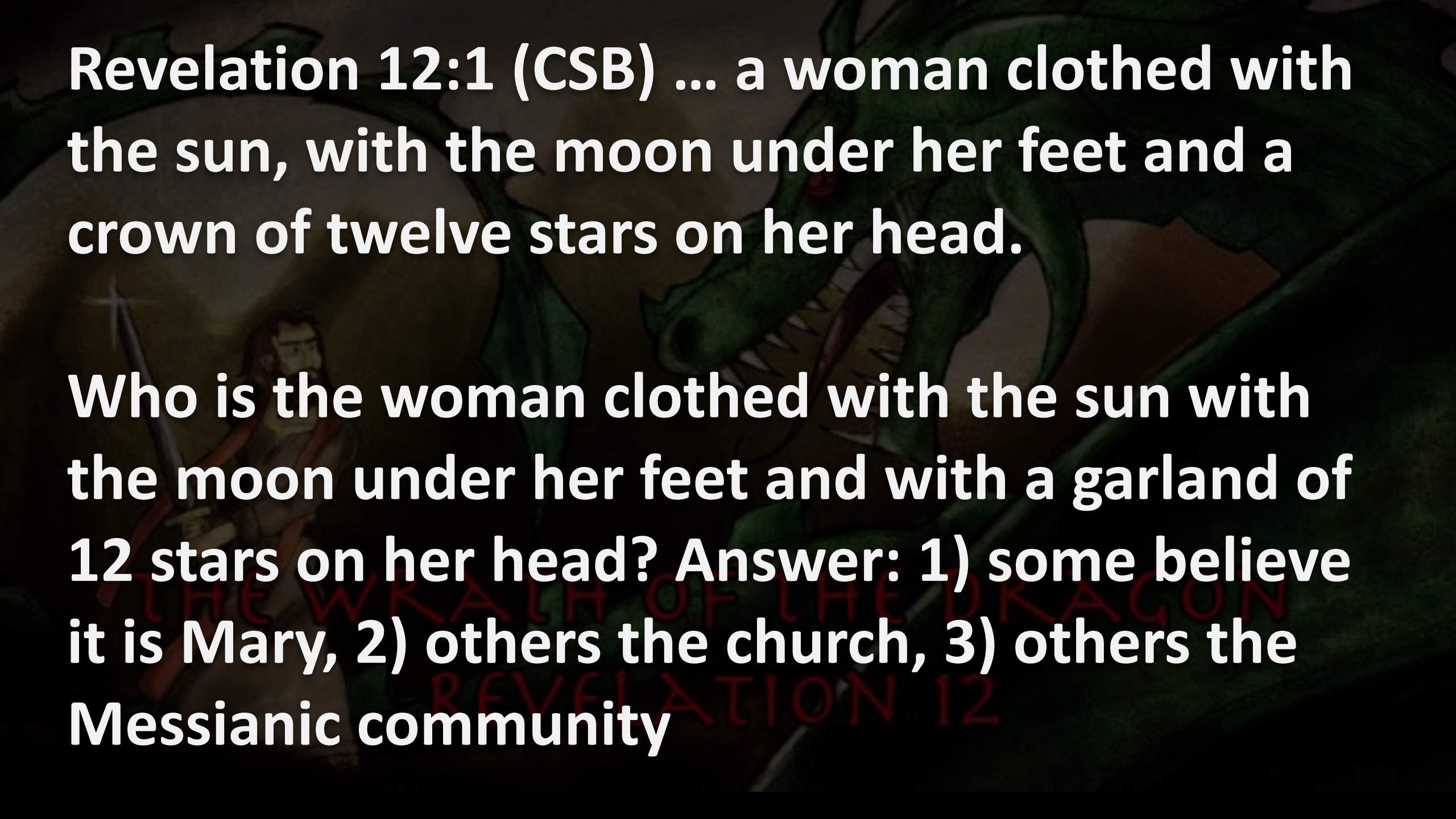
**1. Survey the war in heaven (vs. 1-8)**

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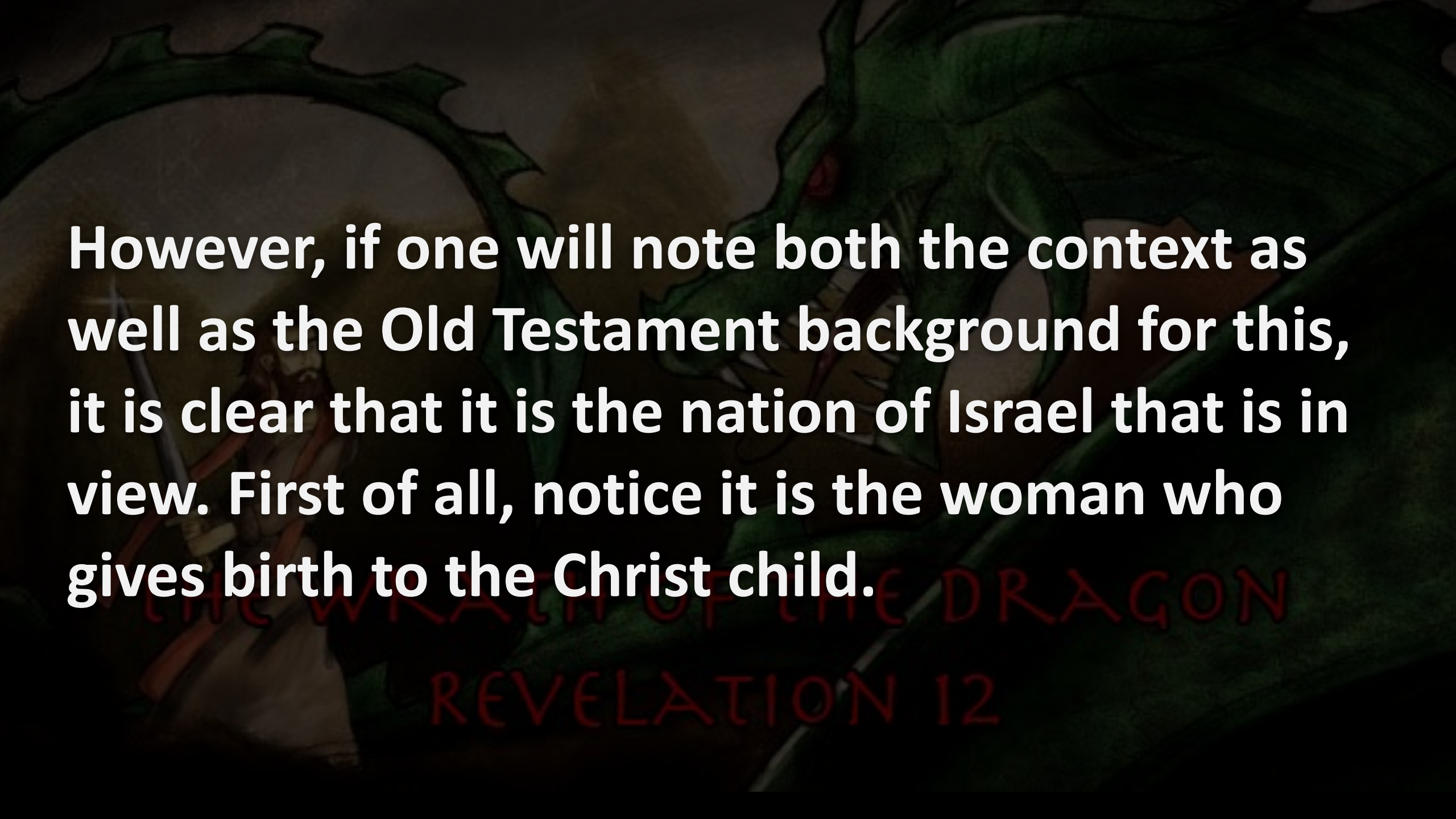
**Revelation 12:1 (CSB) A great sign appeared in heaven...**

**John sees a “great sign in heaven.” This is the first of 7 signs in the remainder of the Revelation (cf. also 13:3; 13:13, 14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20). It is the sign of a woman, the second of 4 symbolic women in Revelation.**

The background features a dark, atmospheric illustration. On the left, a woman is depicted with a glowing sun on her chest and the moon at her feet. On the right, a large, green dragon with a crown of stars is shown. The overall scene is set against a dark, textured background.

**Revelation 12:1 (CSB) ... a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.**

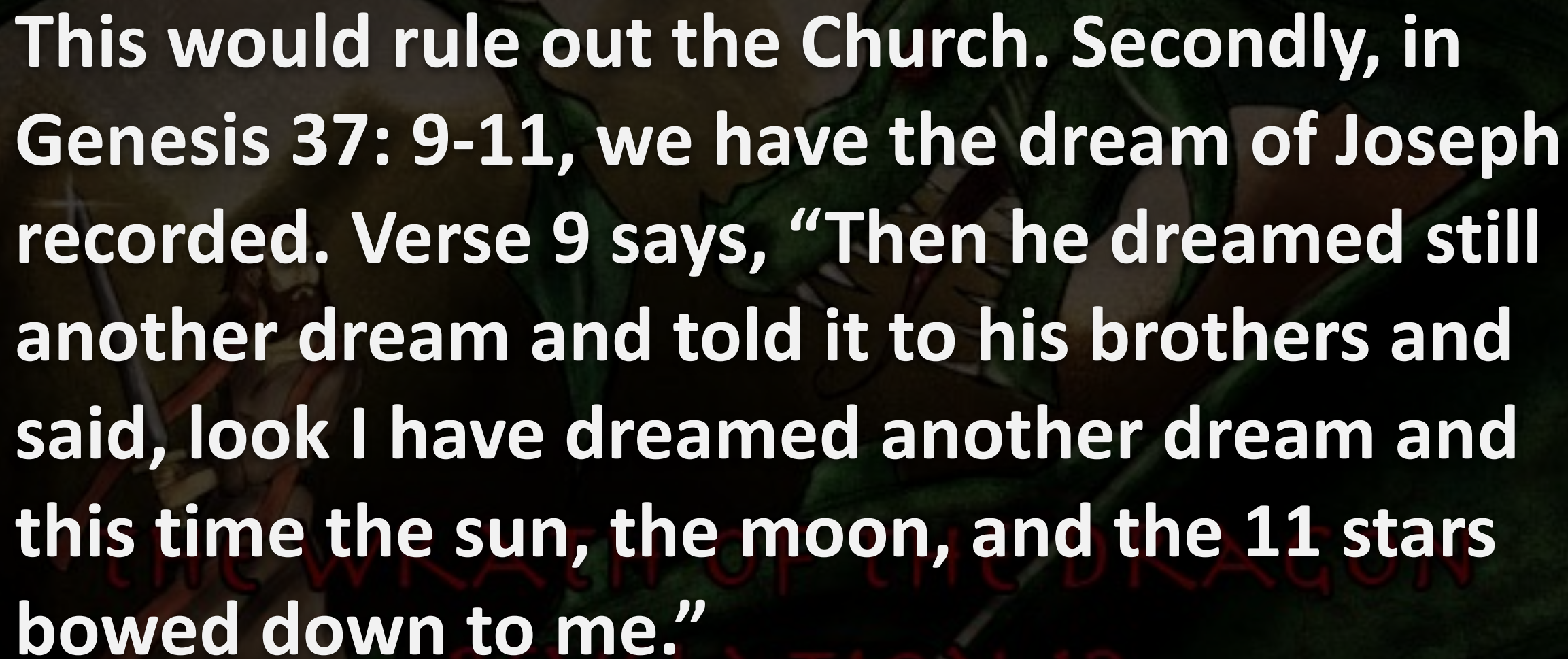
**Who is the woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet and with a garland of 12 stars on her head? Answer: 1) some believe it is Mary, 2) others the church, 3) others the Messianic community**



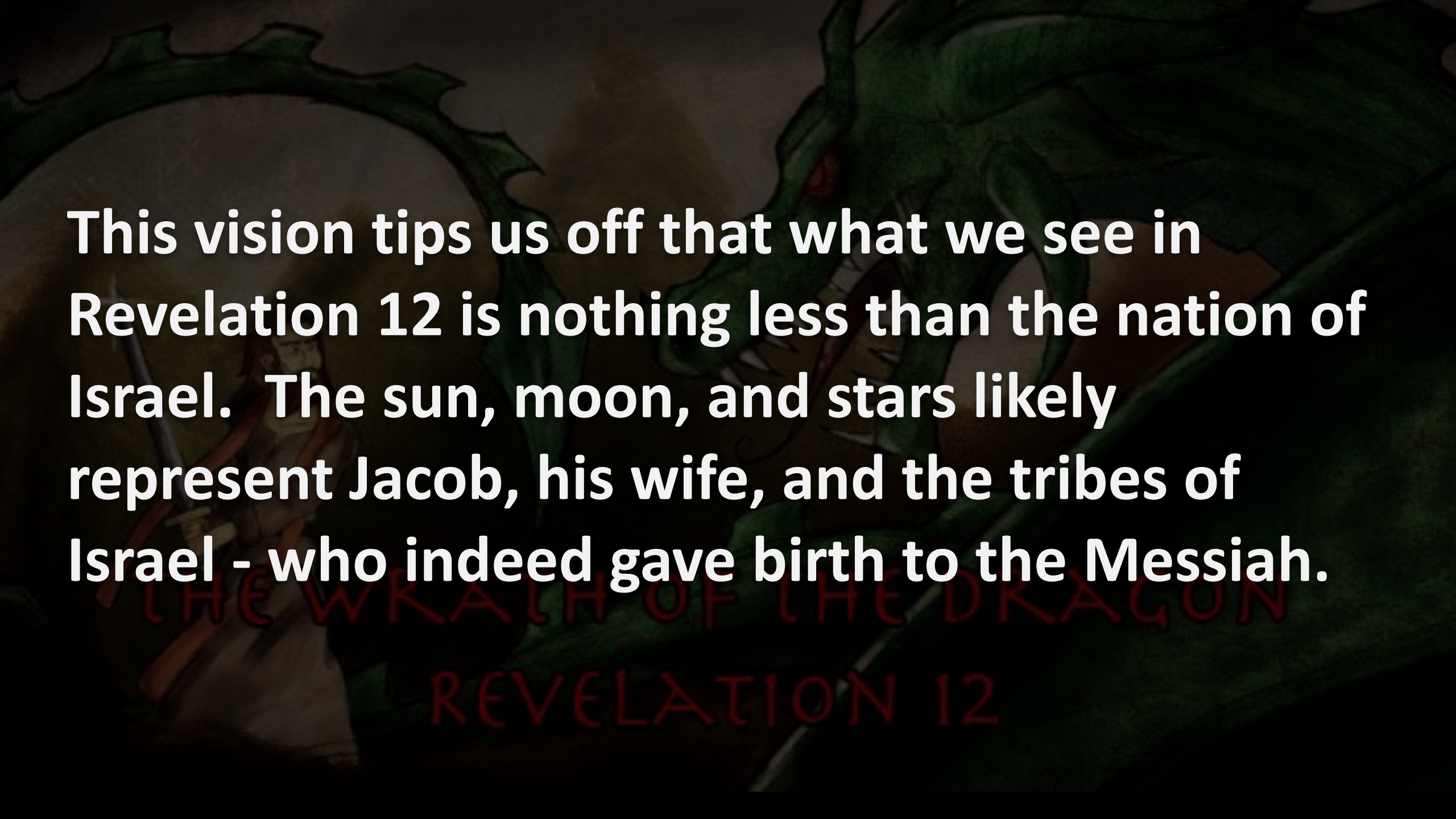
**However, if one will note both the context as well as the Old Testament background for this, it is clear that it is the nation of Israel that is in view. First of all, notice it is the woman who gives birth to the Christ child.**

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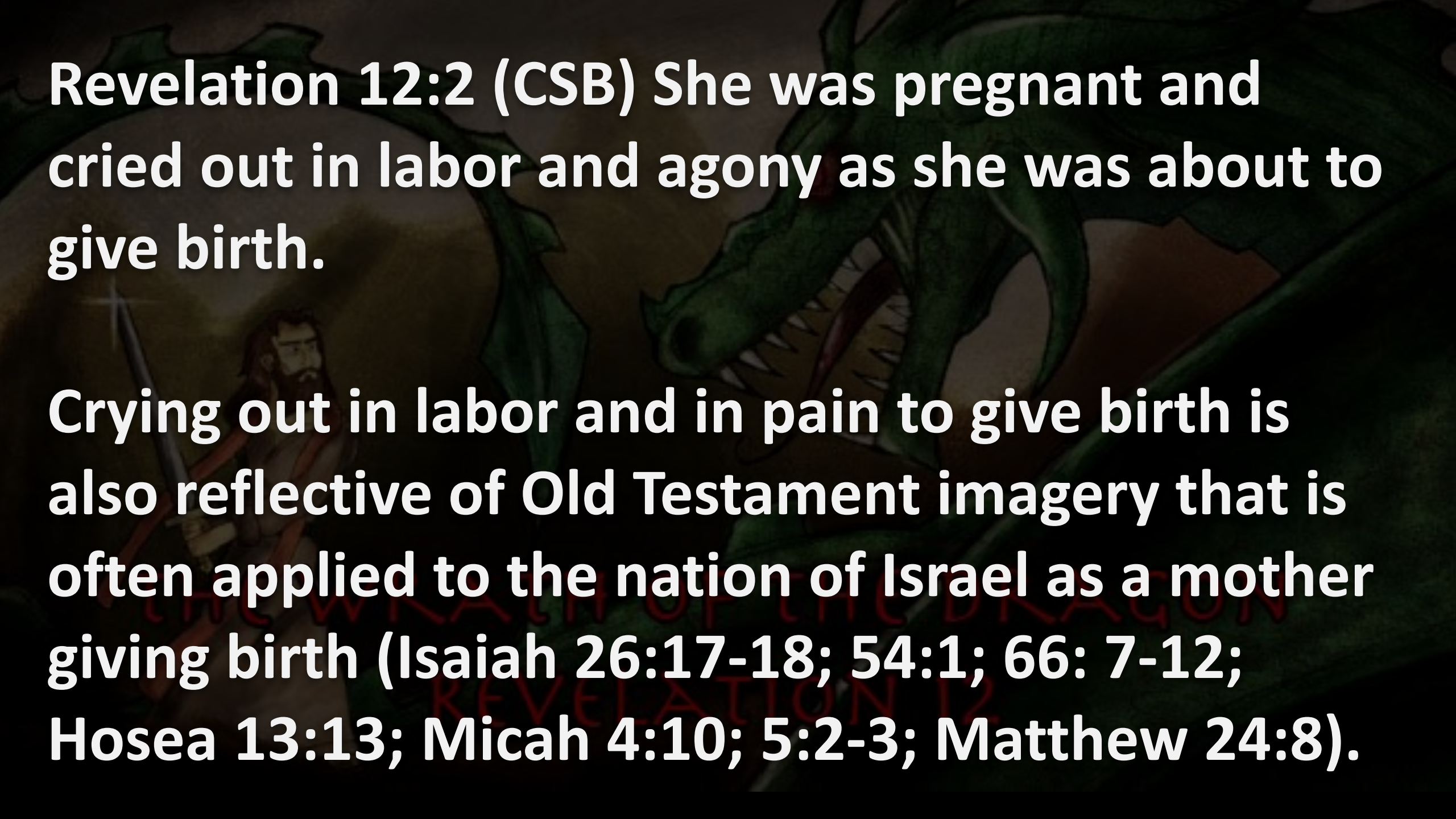
**This would rule out the Church. Secondly, in Genesis 37: 9-11, we have the dream of Joseph recorded. Verse 9 says, “Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, look I have dreamed another dream and this time the sun, the moon, and the 11 stars bowed down to me.”**



**This vision tips us off that what we see in Revelation 12 is nothing less than the nation of Israel. The sun, moon, and stars likely represent Jacob, his wife, and the tribes of Israel - who indeed gave birth to the Messiah.**

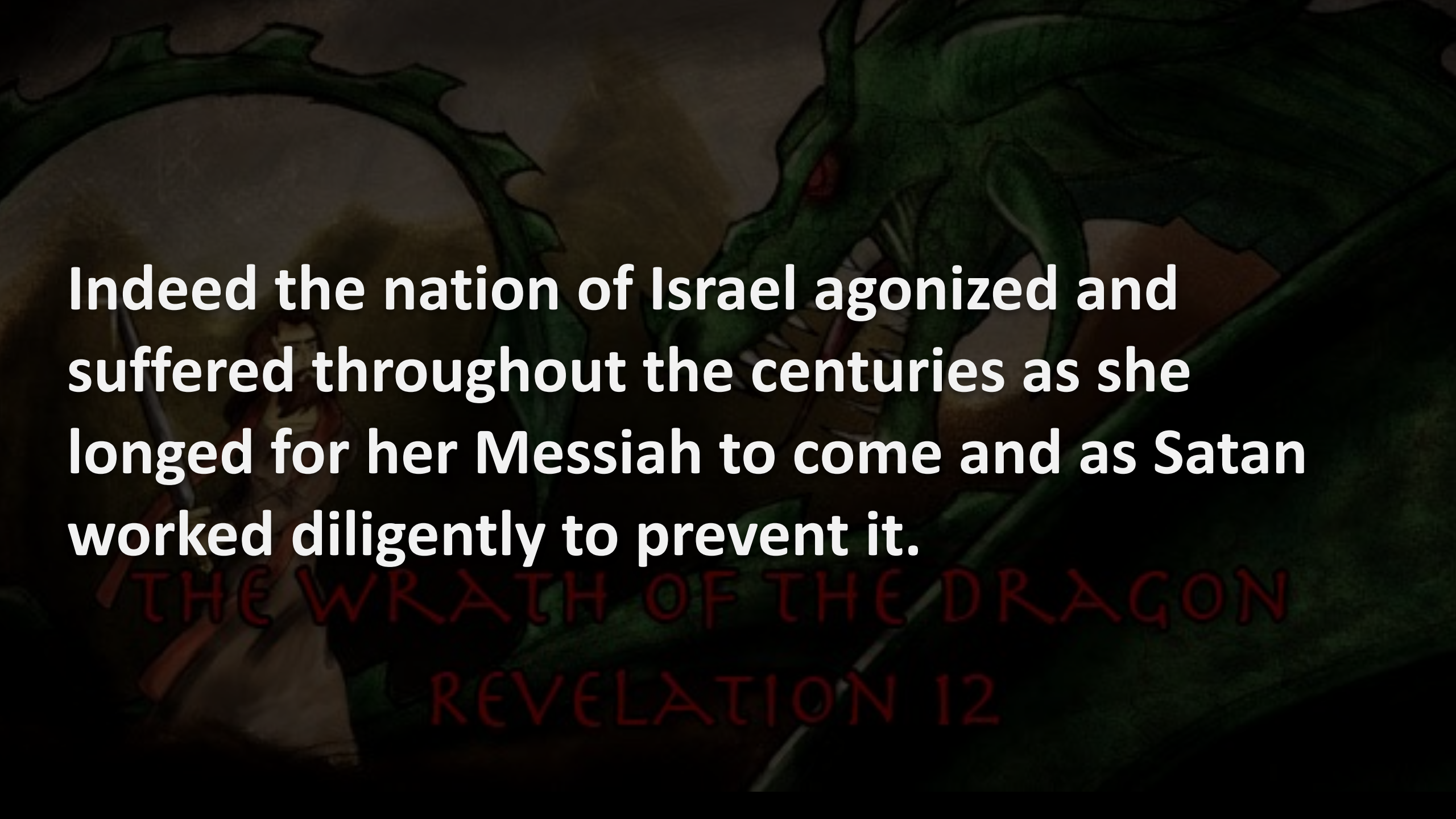
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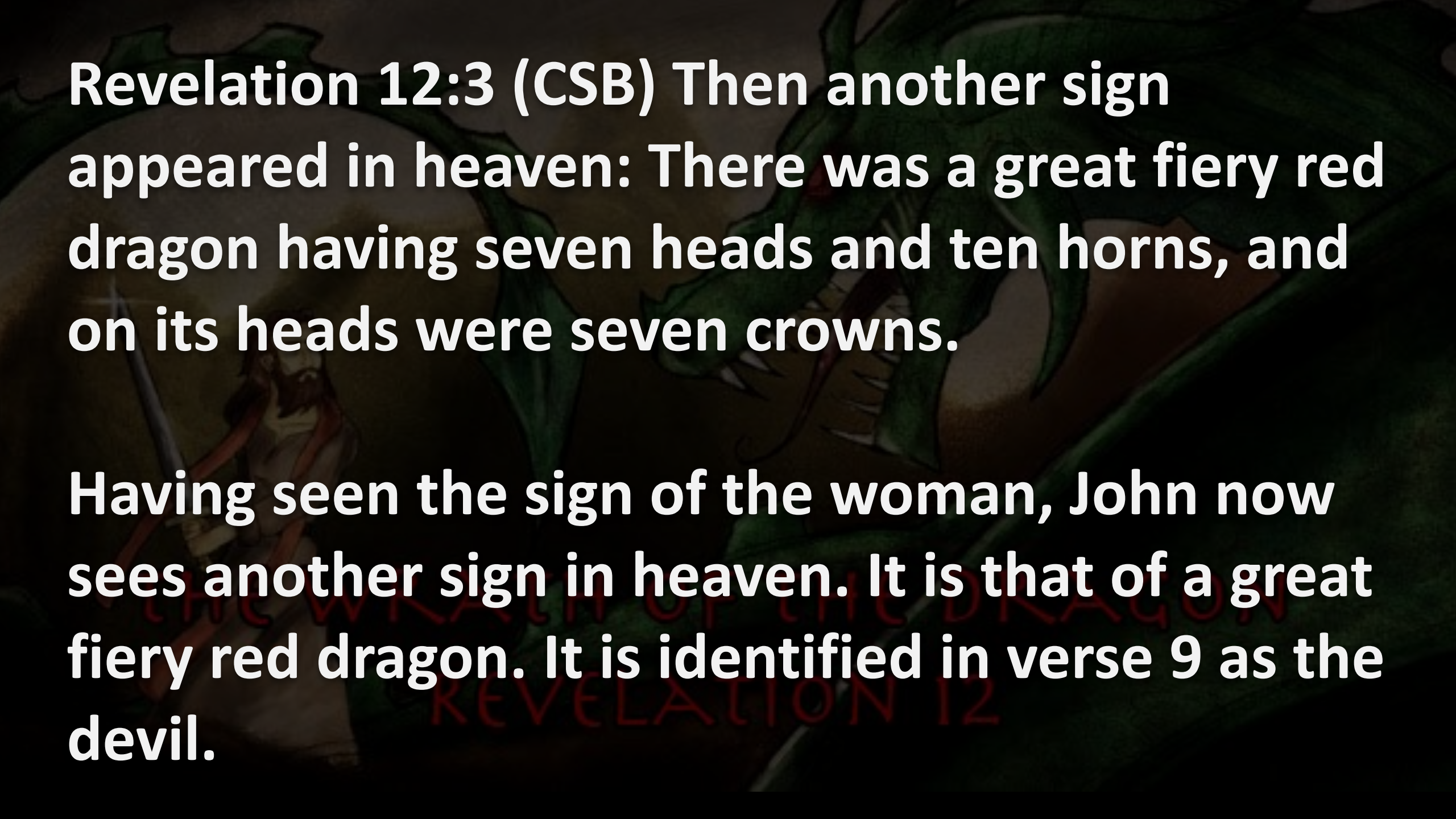
**Revelation 12:2 (CSB) She was pregnant and cried out in labor and agony as she was about to give birth.**

**Crying out in labor and in pain to give birth is also reflective of Old Testament imagery that is often applied to the nation of Israel as a mother giving birth (Isaiah 26:17-18; 54:1; 66: 7-12; Hosea 13:13; Micah 4:10; 5:2-3; Matthew 24:8).**



**Indeed the nation of Israel agonized and suffered throughout the centuries as she longed for her Messiah to come and as Satan worked diligently to prevent it.**

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**Revelation 12:3 (CSB) Then another sign appeared in heaven: There was a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven crowns.**

**Having seen the sign of the woman, John now sees another sign in heaven. It is that of a great fiery red dragon. It is identified in verse 9 as the devil.**



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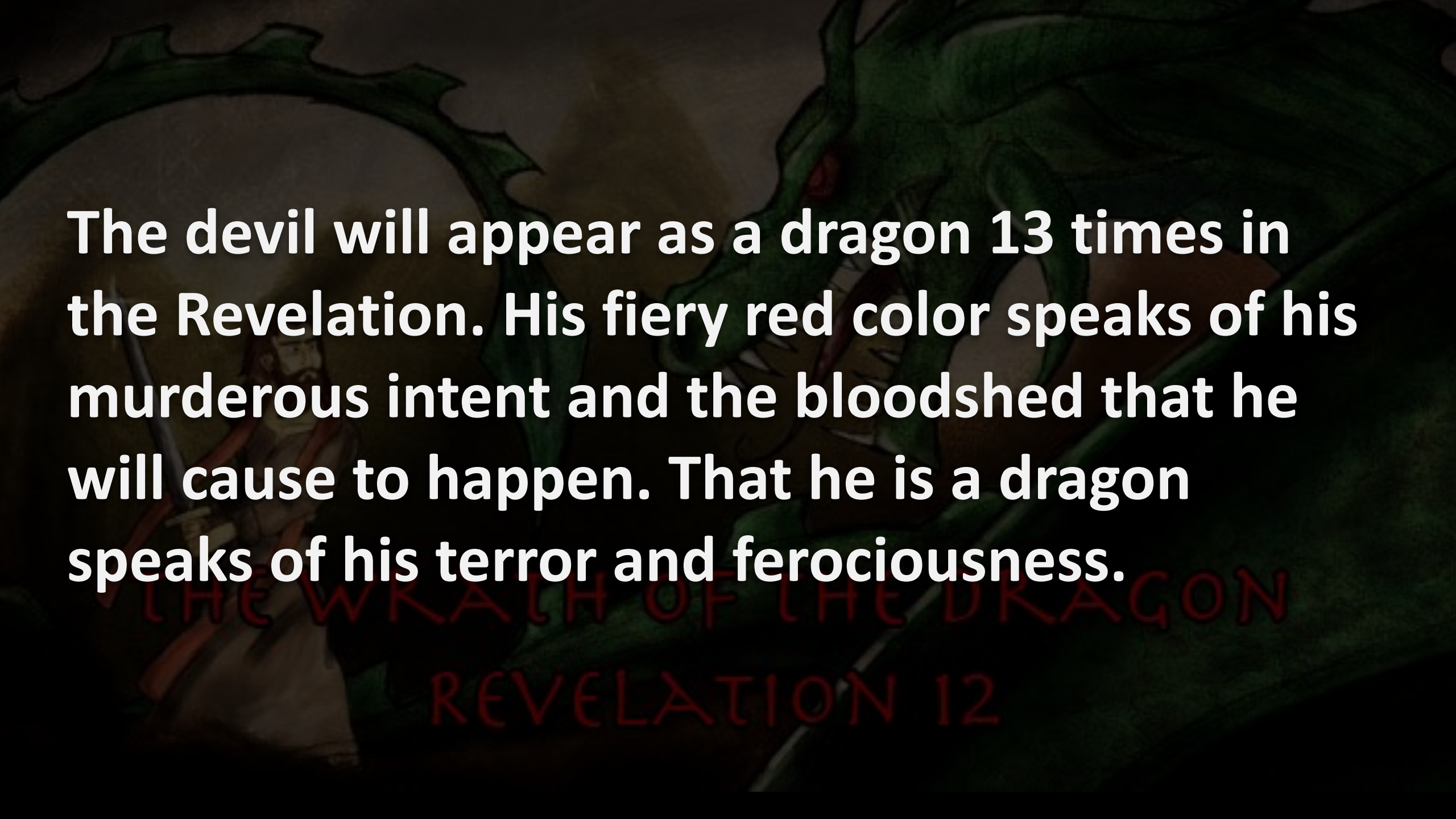
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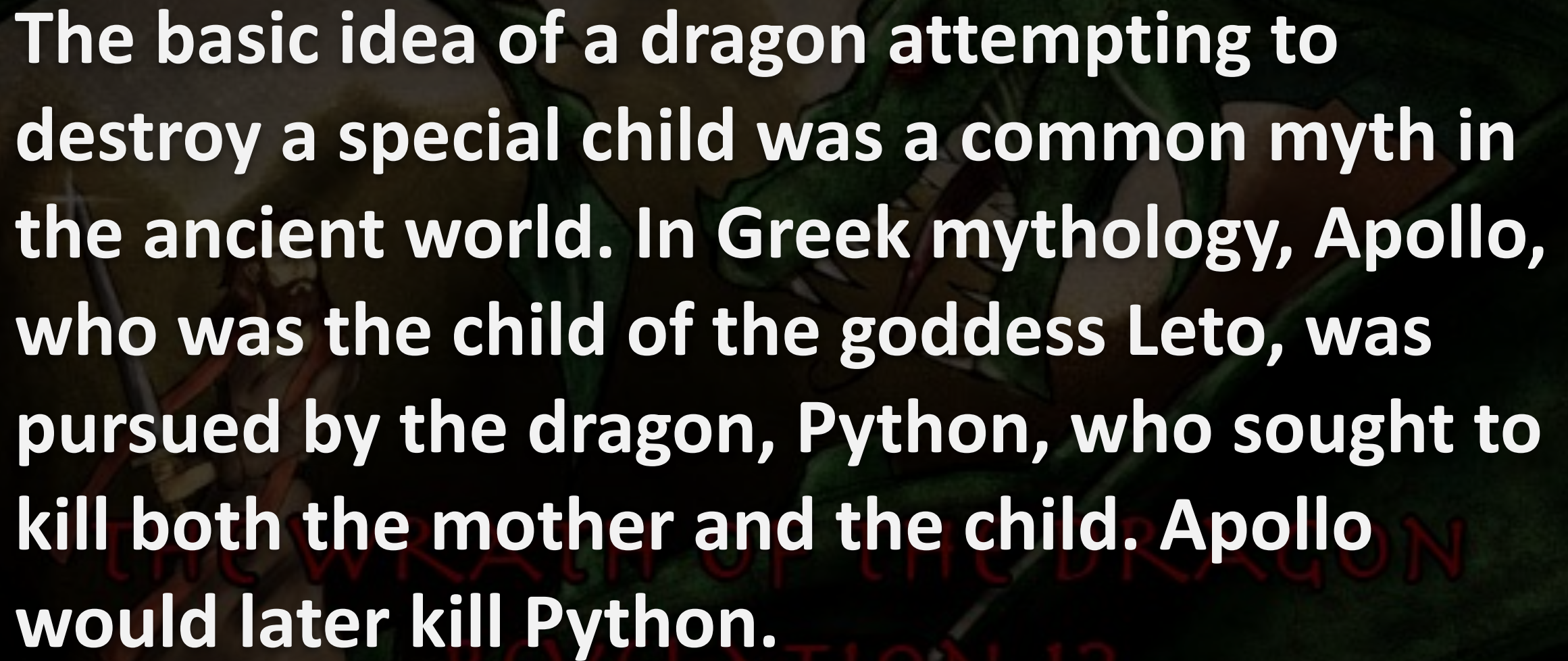




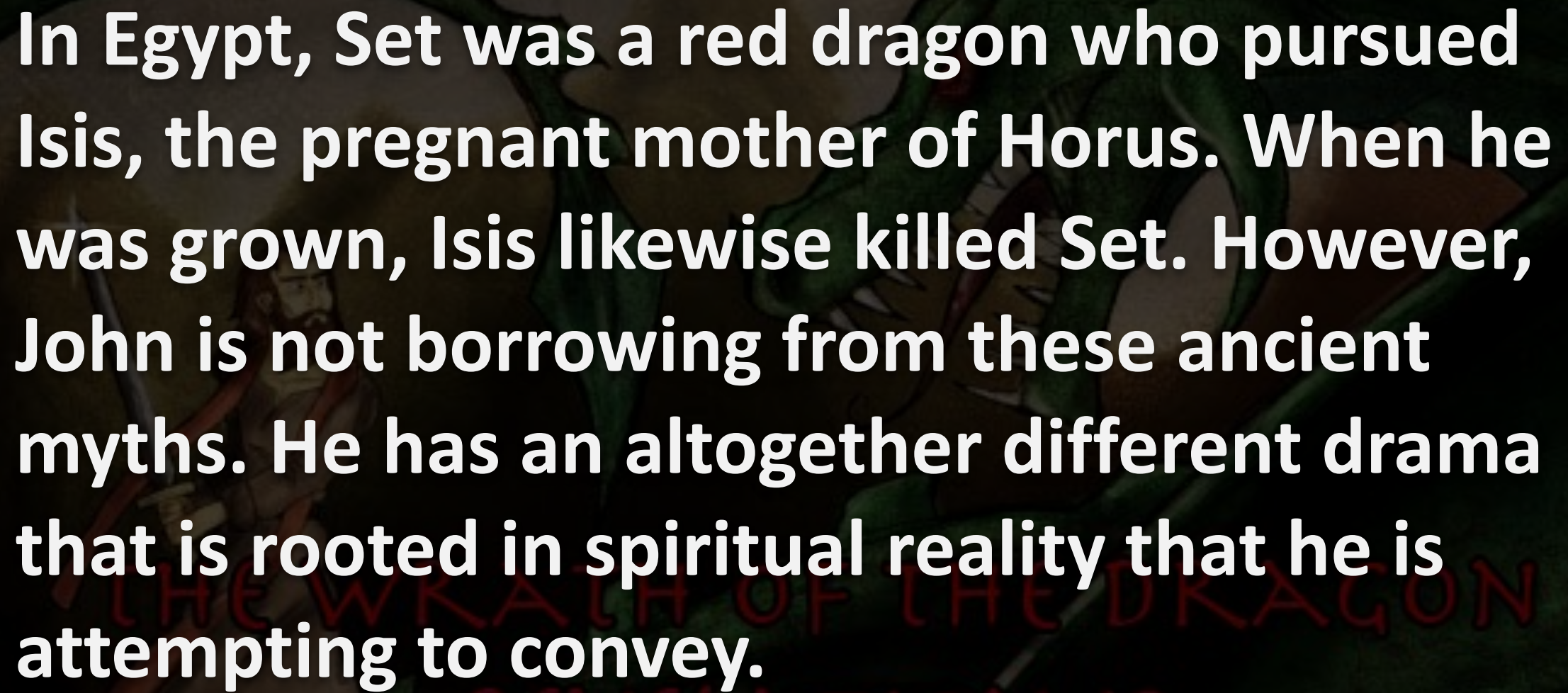
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**The devil will appear as a dragon 13 times in the Revelation. His fiery red color speaks of his murderous intent and the bloodshed that he will cause to happen. That he is a dragon speaks of his terror and ferociousness.**

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The basic idea of a dragon attempting to destroy a special child was a common myth in the ancient world. In Greek mythology, Apollo, who was the child of the goddess Leto, was pursued by the dragon, Python, who sought to kill both the mother and the child. Apollo would later kill Python.

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**In Egypt, Set was a red dragon who pursued Isis, the pregnant mother of Horus. When he was grown, Isis likewise killed Set. However, John is not borrowing from these ancient myths. He has an altogether different drama that is rooted in spiritual reality that he is attempting to convey.**

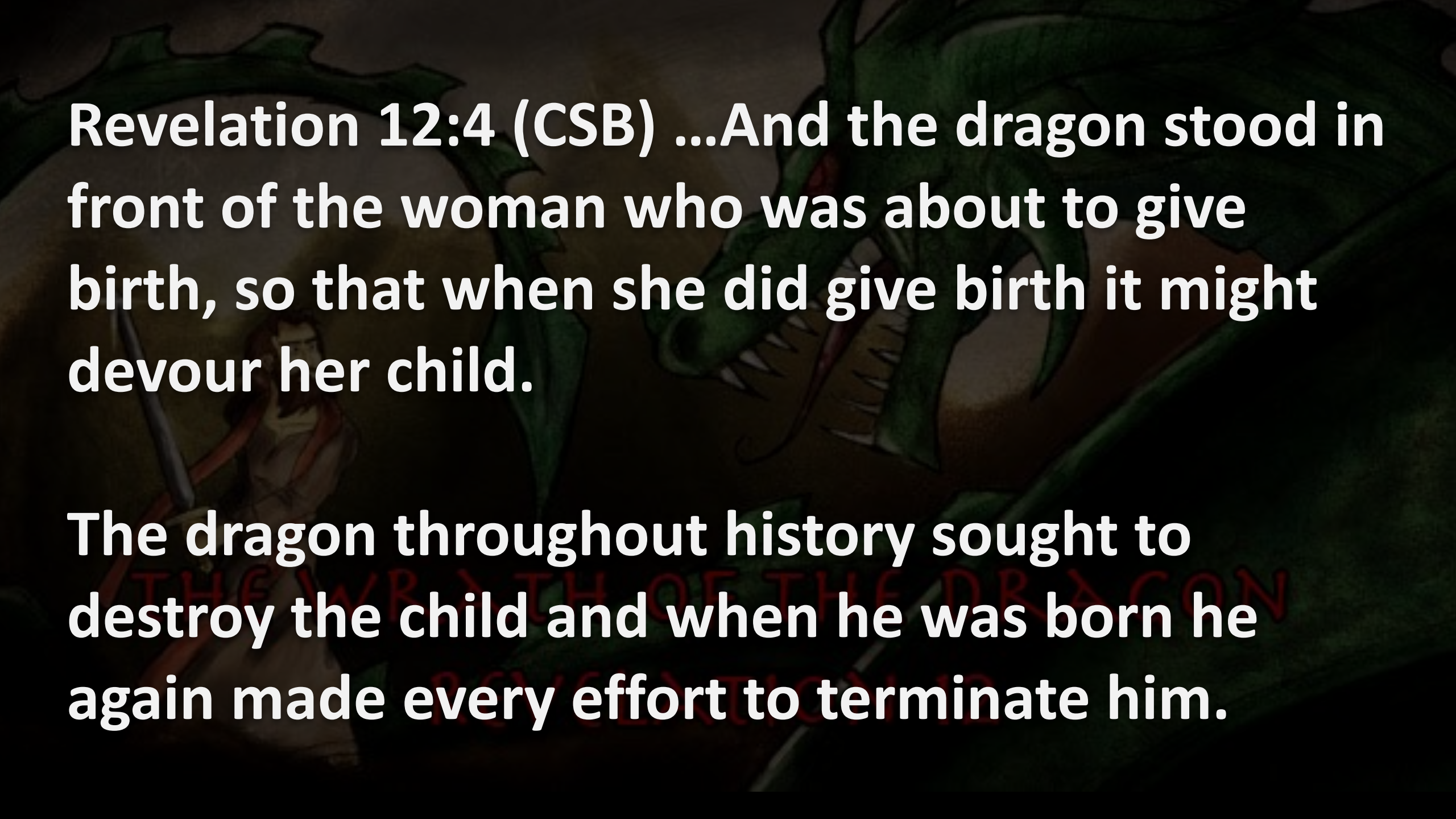
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**The 7 heads and 10 horns will appear again in chapters 13 & 17 and will address both Satan's control of 7 worldly kingdoms of the past, as well as his future control of 10 future kingdoms. That he has 7 diadems on his head, unlike the 10 crowns on the head of the beast in 13:1 is an indication of his attempt to completely usurp the royal rights that belong only to Jesus Christ.**

A green dragon with wings and a long tail, set against a dark background with faint text. The dragon is the central focus, with its head turned towards the right. The background features faint, semi-transparent text in red and white, including "THE WRATH OF THE DRAGON" and "REVELATION 12".

**Revelation 12:4 (CSB) Its tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them to the earth....**

**His tail drawing a third of the stars of heaven and throwing them to the earth would seem to indicate 1/3 of the angels falling and becoming demons when Satan rebelled against God. We have already seen in 9:1 that a star indeed can represent a fallen angel.**

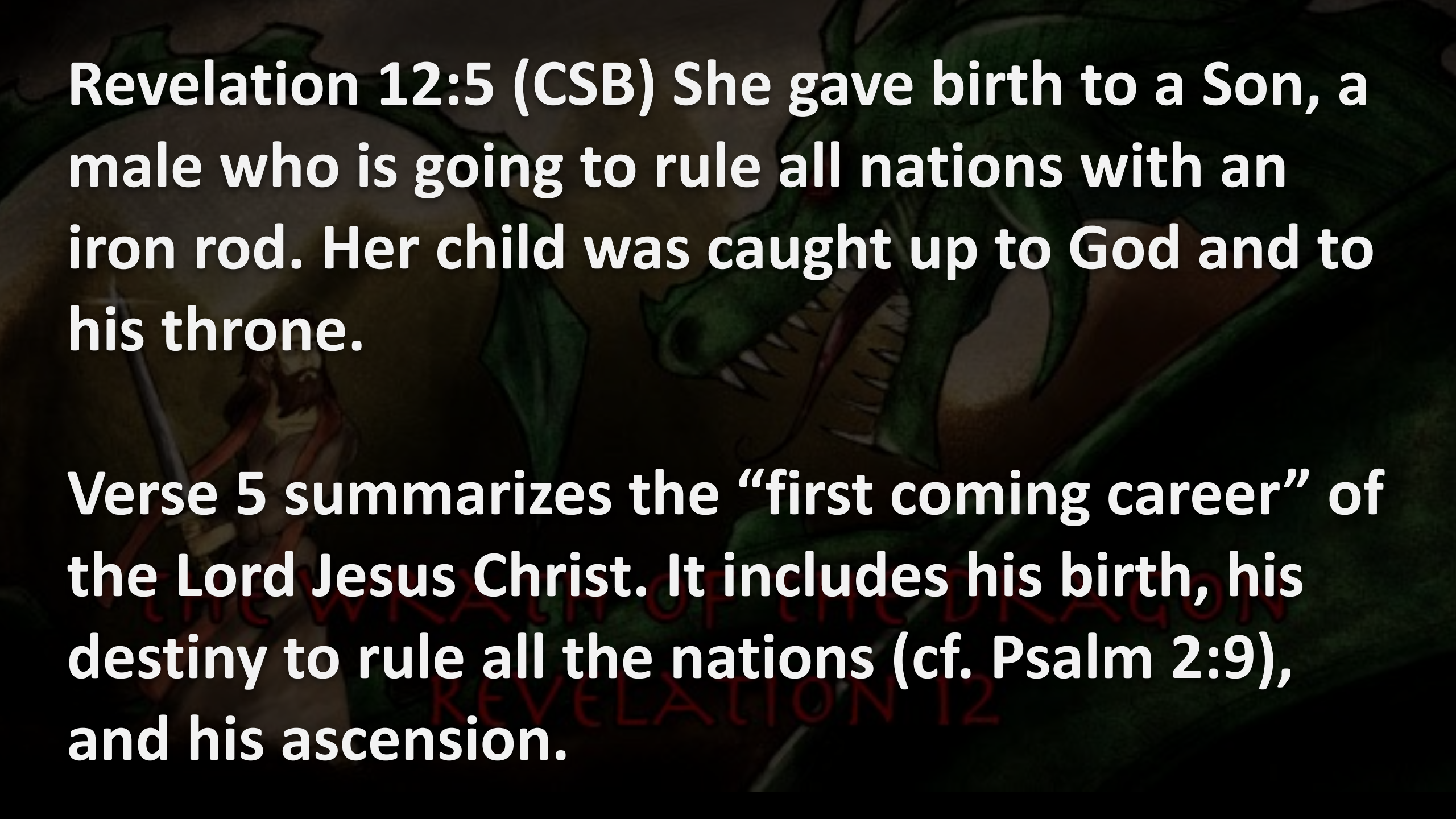


**Revelation 12:4 (CSB) ...And the dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she did give birth it might devour her child.**

**The dragon throughout history sought to destroy the child and when he was born he again made every effort to terminate him.**

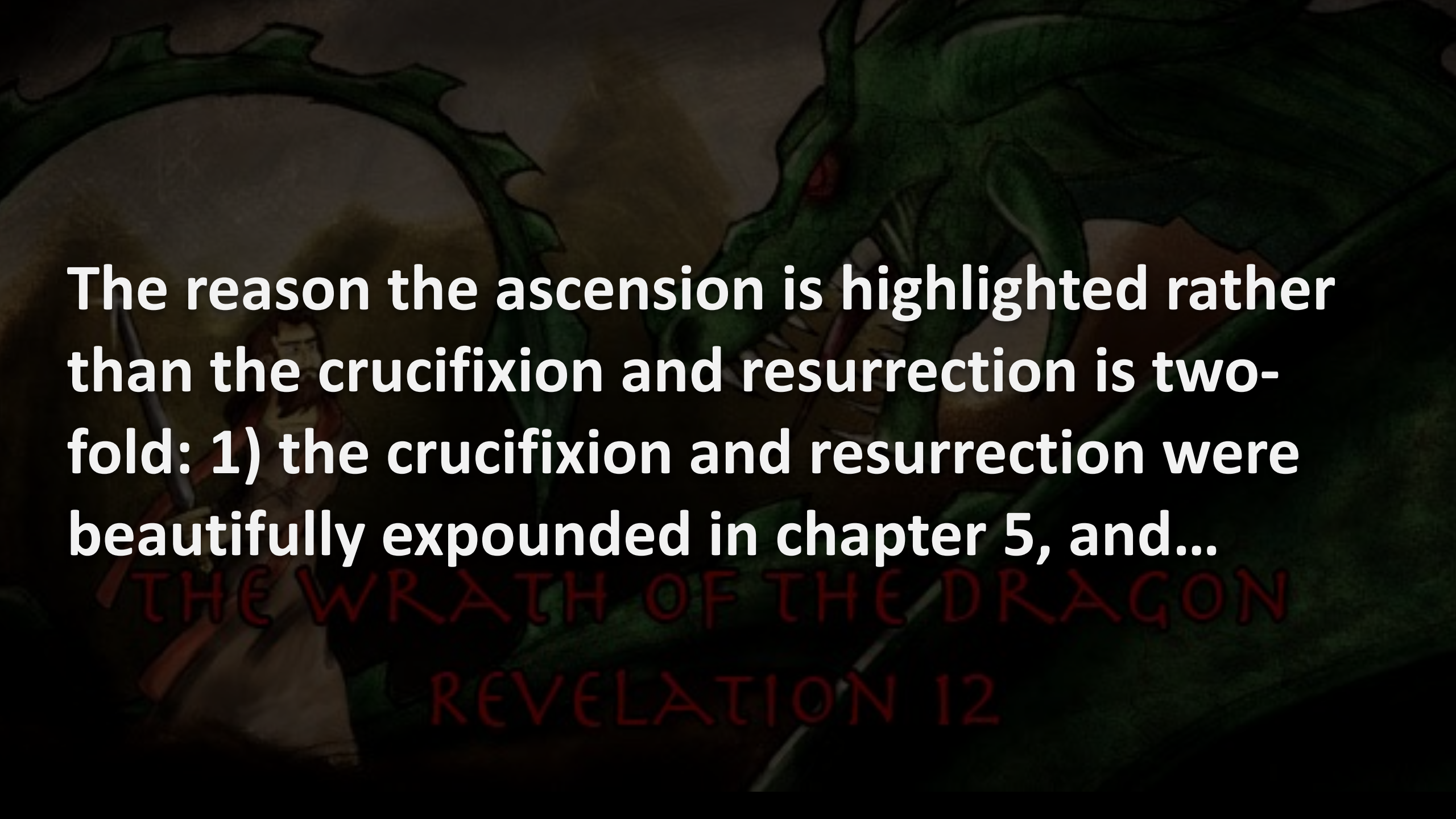
**He moved Cain to kill Abel (1 John 3:12). He moved Pharaoh to kill Hebrew boys (Exodus 1-2). He moved Saul to kill David (1 Samuel 18:10-11). He moved wicked Athaliah to destroy all the royal heirs of the house of Judah (2 Chronicles 22:10). He moved Haman to plot genocide against the Jews (Esther). He moved Herod to kill Jesus (Matthew 2).**





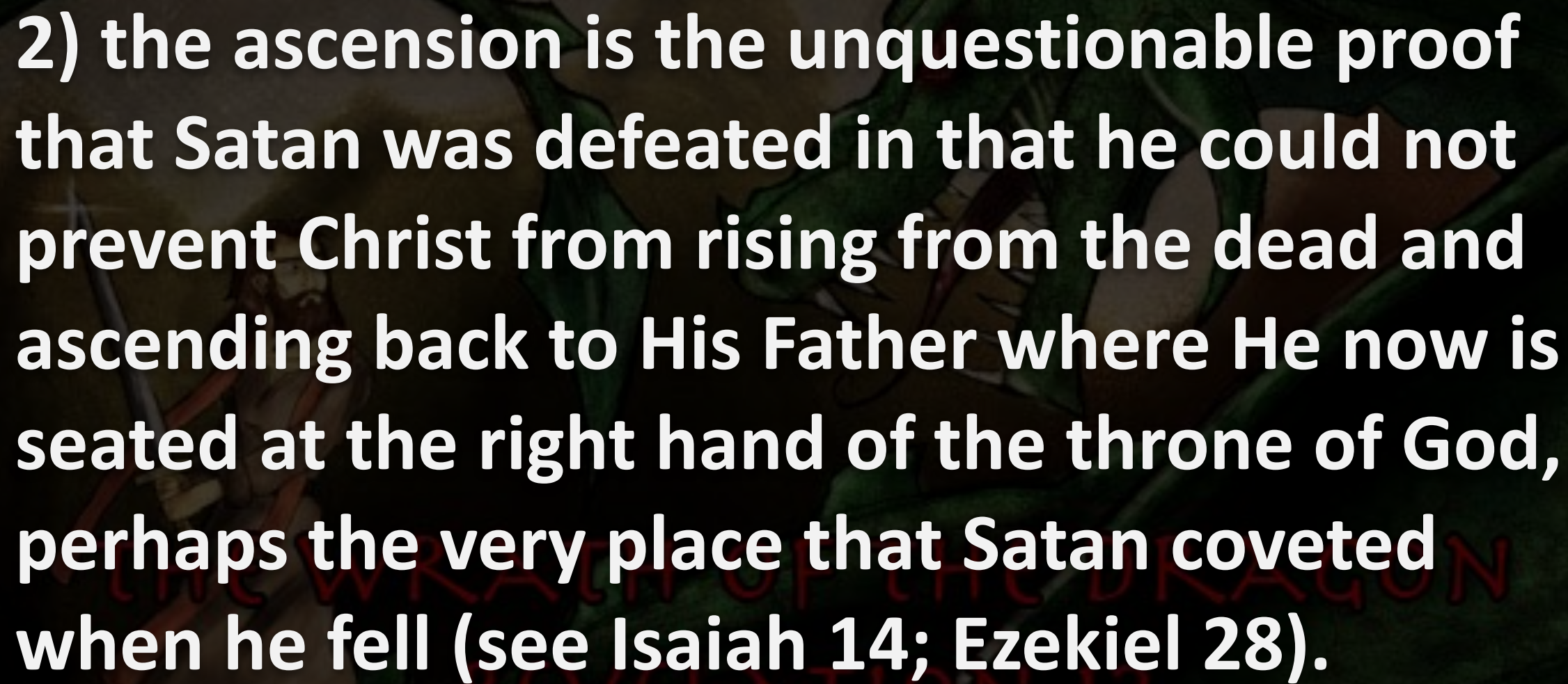
**Revelation 12:5 (CSB) She gave birth to a Son, a male who is going to rule all nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne.**

**Verse 5 summarizes the “first coming career” of the Lord Jesus Christ. It includes his birth, his destiny to rule all the nations (cf. Psalm 2:9), and his ascension.**



**The reason the ascension is highlighted rather than the crucifixion and resurrection is two-fold: 1) the crucifixion and resurrection were beautifully expounded in chapter 5, and...**

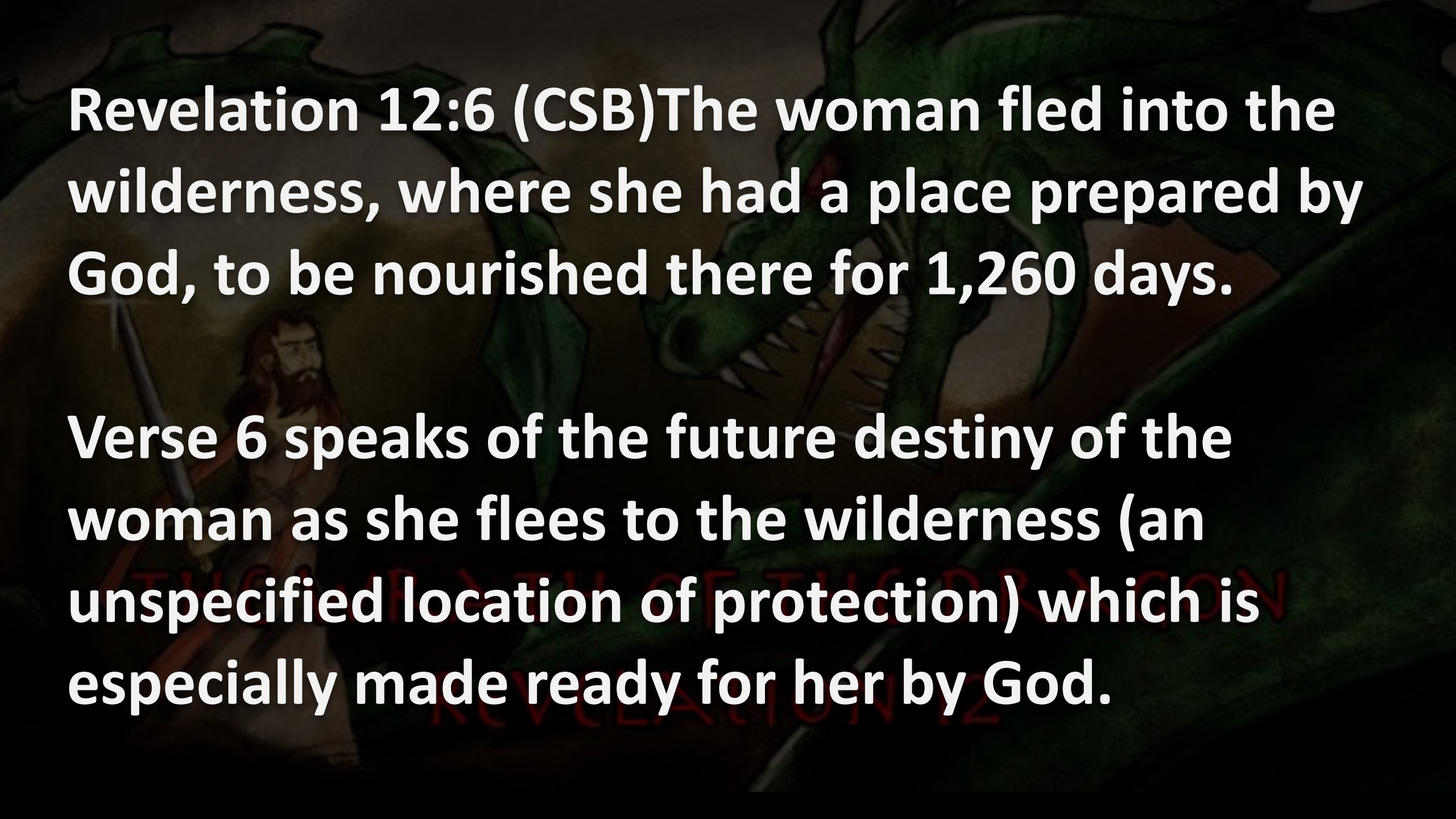
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**2) the ascension is the unquestionable proof that Satan was defeated in that he could not prevent Christ from rising from the dead and ascending back to His Father where He now is seated at the right hand of the throne of God, perhaps the very place that Satan coveted when he fell (see Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28).**

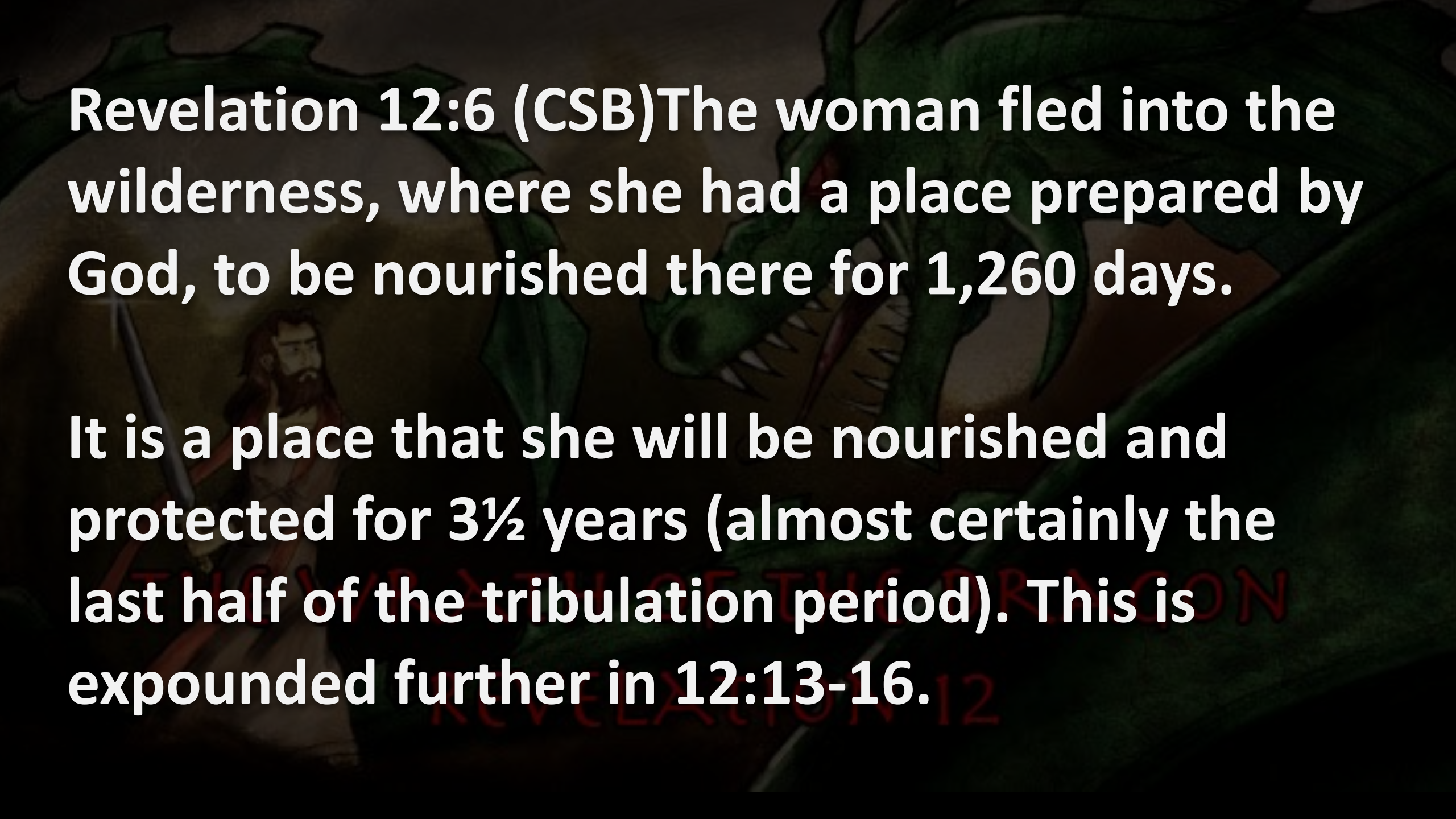


**Satan has been decisively defeated through the life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. This painting by Vasili Vasilievich Vereshchagin, entitled Night at Golgotha, depicts the crucifixion of Christ.**



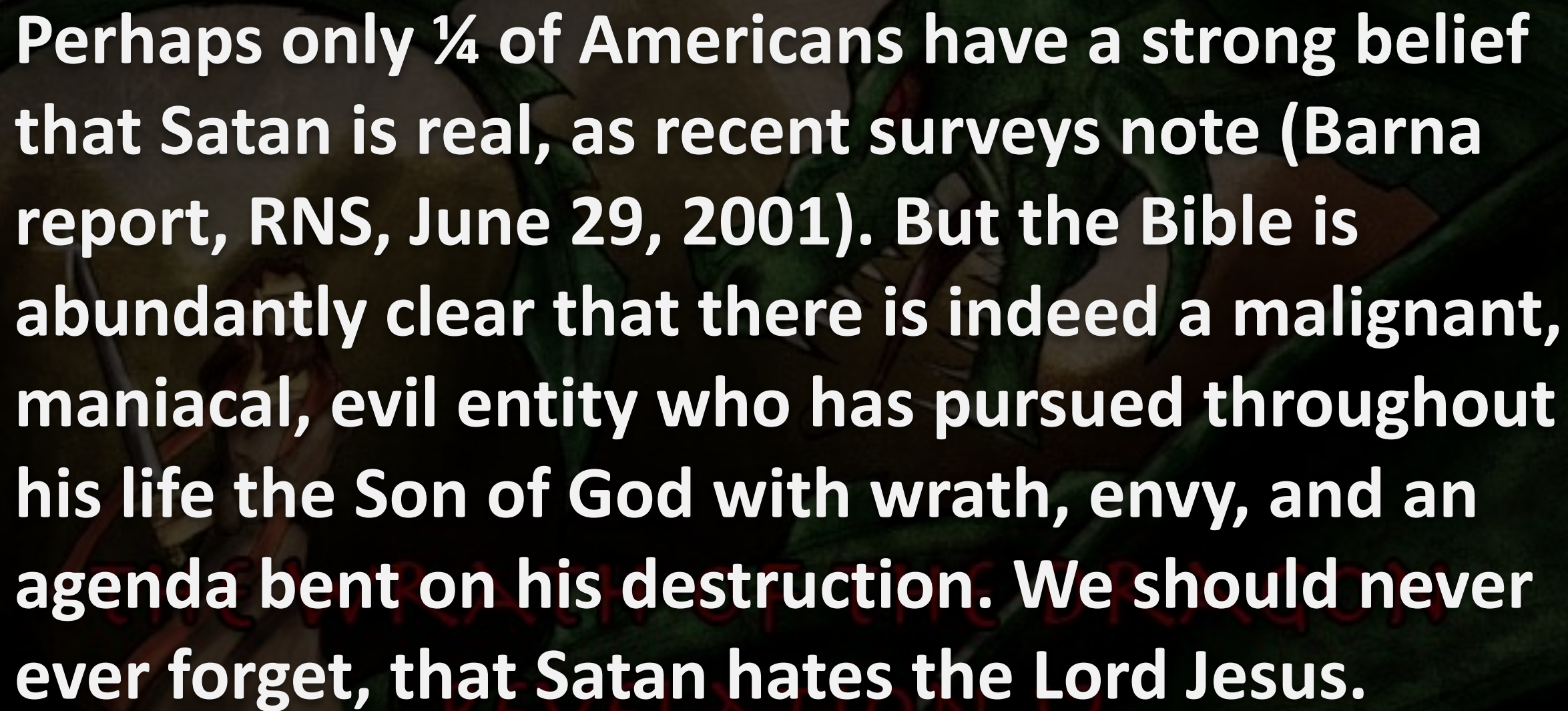
**Revelation 12:6 (CSB) The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be nourished there for 1,260 days.**

**Verse 6 speaks of the future destiny of the woman as she flees to the wilderness (an unspecified location of protection) which is especially made ready for her by God.**

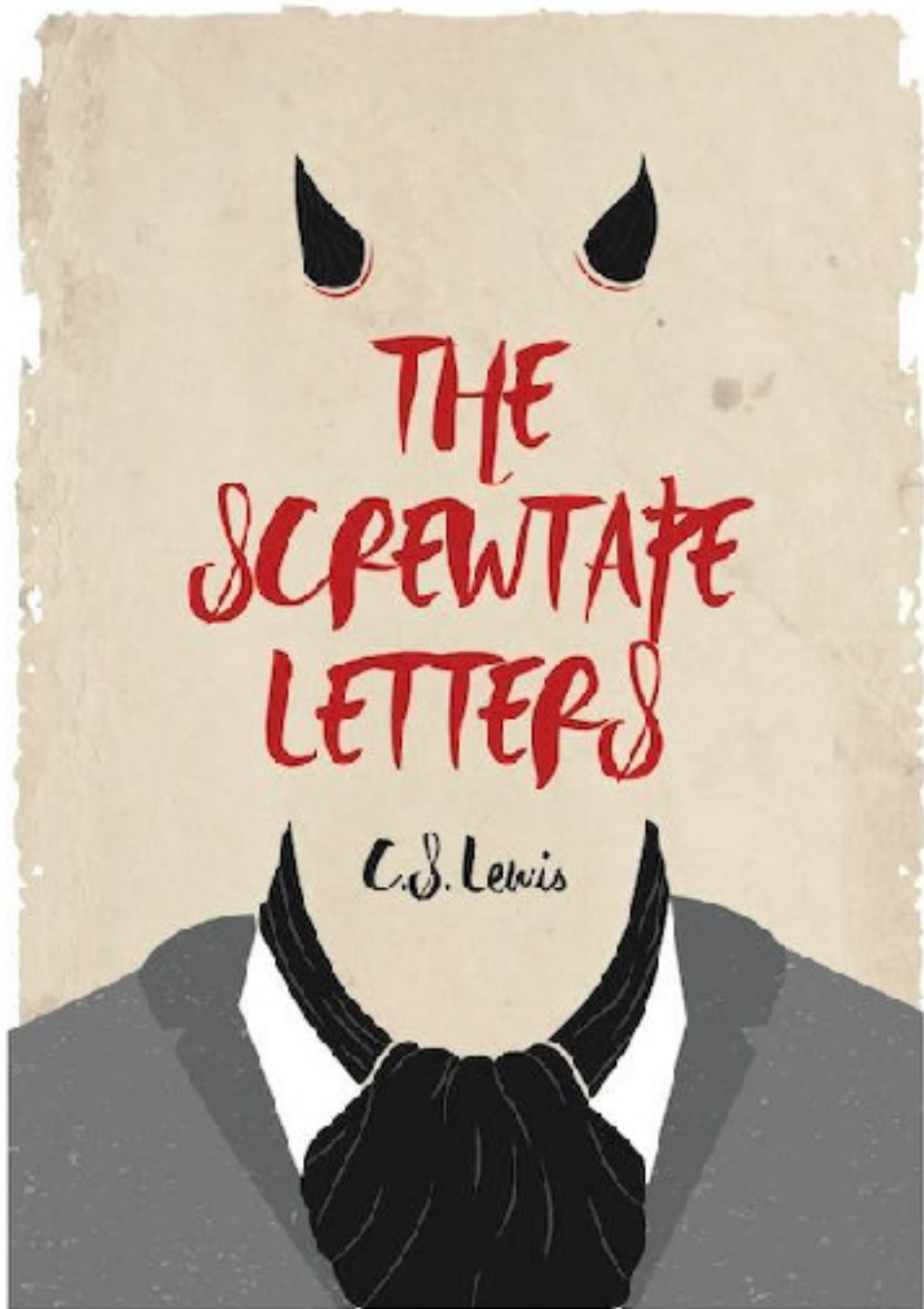
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**Revelation 12:6 (CSB) The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be nourished there for 1,260 days.**

**It is a place that she will be nourished and protected for 3½ years (almost certainly the last half of the tribulation period). This is expounded further in 12:13-16.**

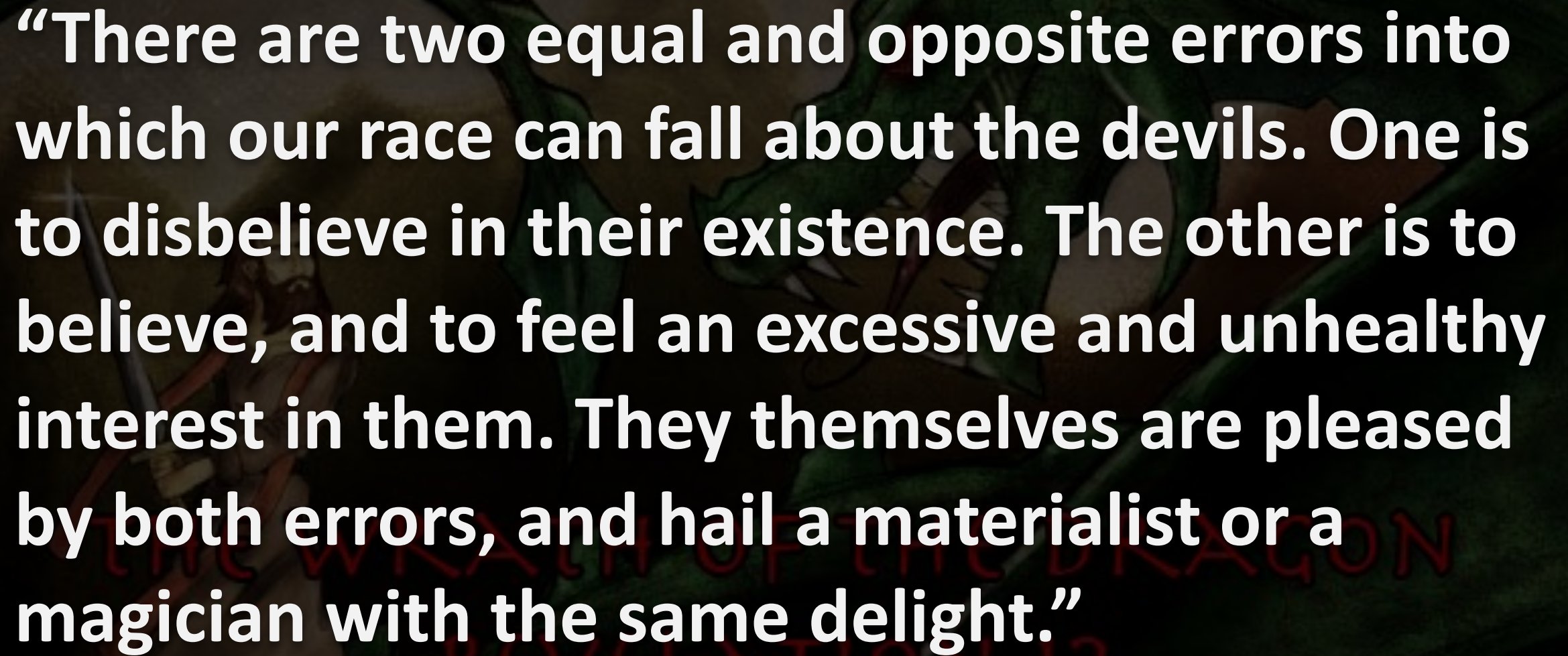


**Perhaps only ¼ of Americans have a strong belief that Satan is real, as recent surveys note (Barna report, RNS, June 29, 2001). But the Bible is abundantly clear that there is indeed a malignant, maniacal, evil entity who has pursued throughout his life the Son of God with wrath, envy, and an agenda bent on his destruction. We should never ever forget, that Satan hates the Lord Jesus.**



In, *The Screwtape Letters*, by C. S. Lewis. In his preface to this famous, fictional correspondence between Screwtape, a master tempter, and his nephew, Wormwood, Lewis writes:

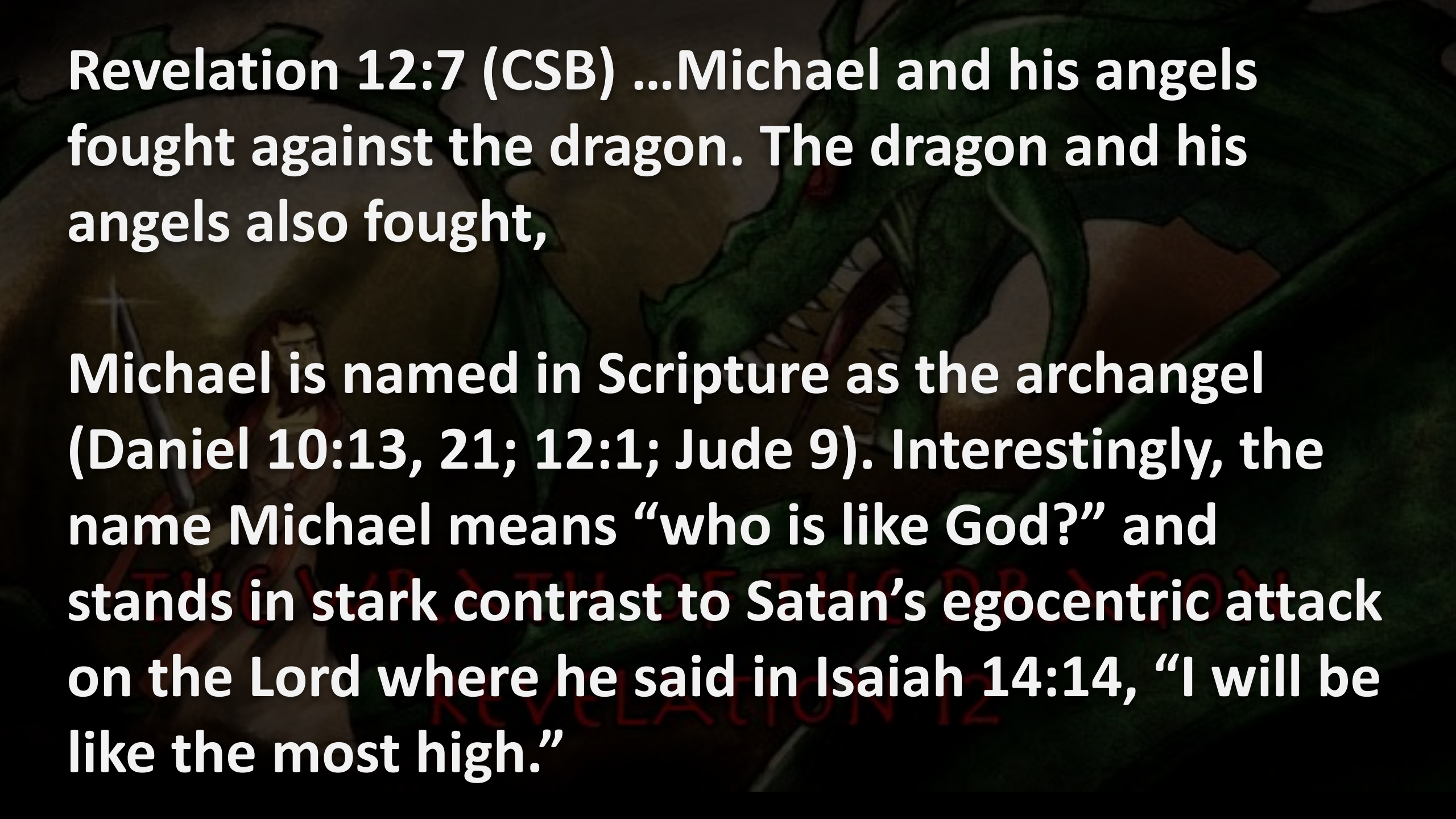




**“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”**

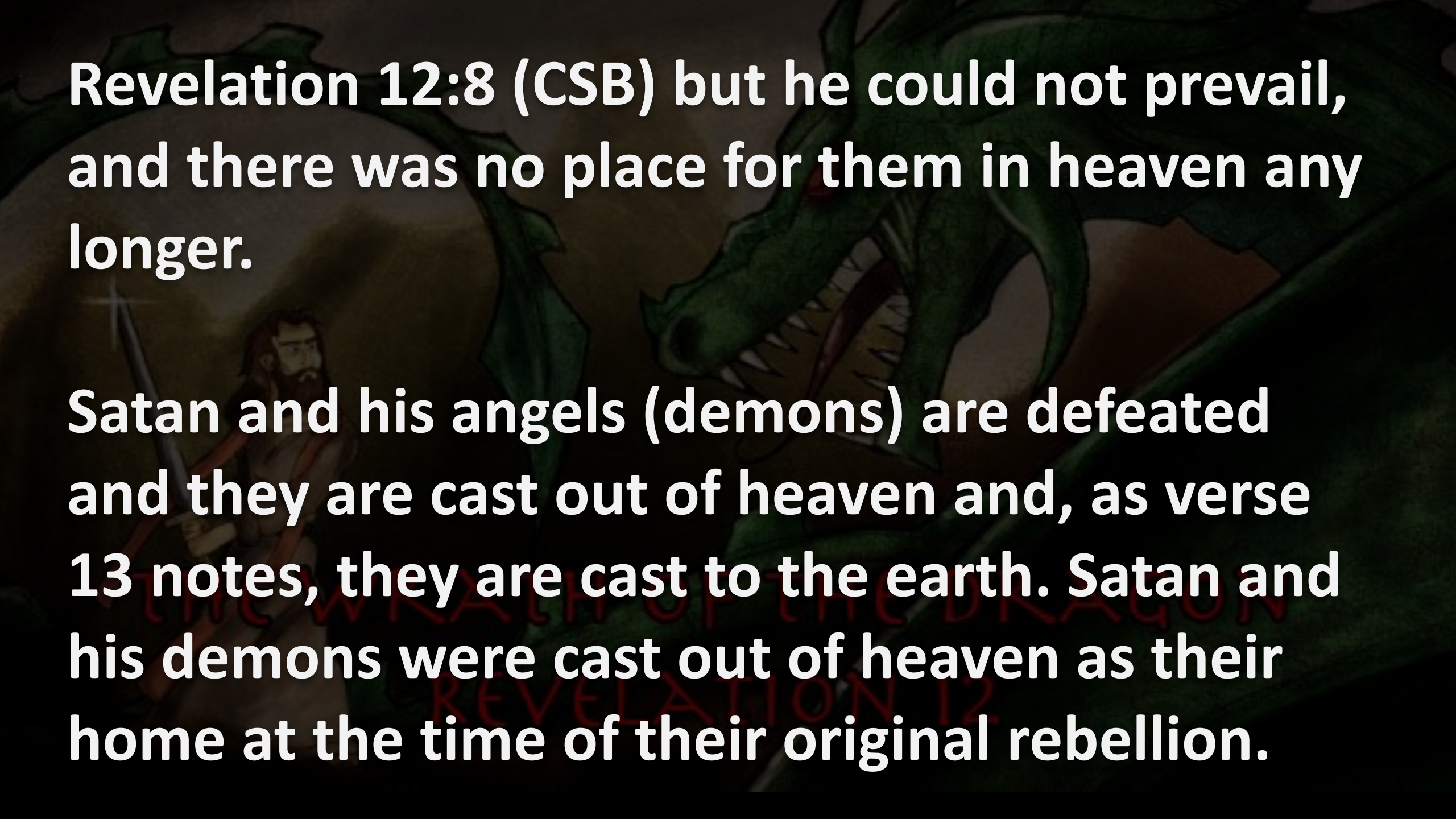
**Revelation 12:7 (CSB) Then war broke out in heaven...**

**War broke out in heaven: the time is not specified. Some believe it looks back to the time of Satan's fall. Others believe it looks to the time of the crucifixion. Still others believe it looks to the future and the midpoint of the tribulation. This last position is the view we will support tonight.**

The background features a dark, atmospheric illustration. On the left, a figure with long hair and a beard, wearing a dark robe, is depicted in a dynamic, fighting pose. He appears to be Michael the Archangel. On the right, a large, green dragon with a long, pointed snout and sharp teeth is shown in a similar fighting stance. The scene is set against a dark, textured background with some faint, glowing elements. The overall tone is dramatic and epic.

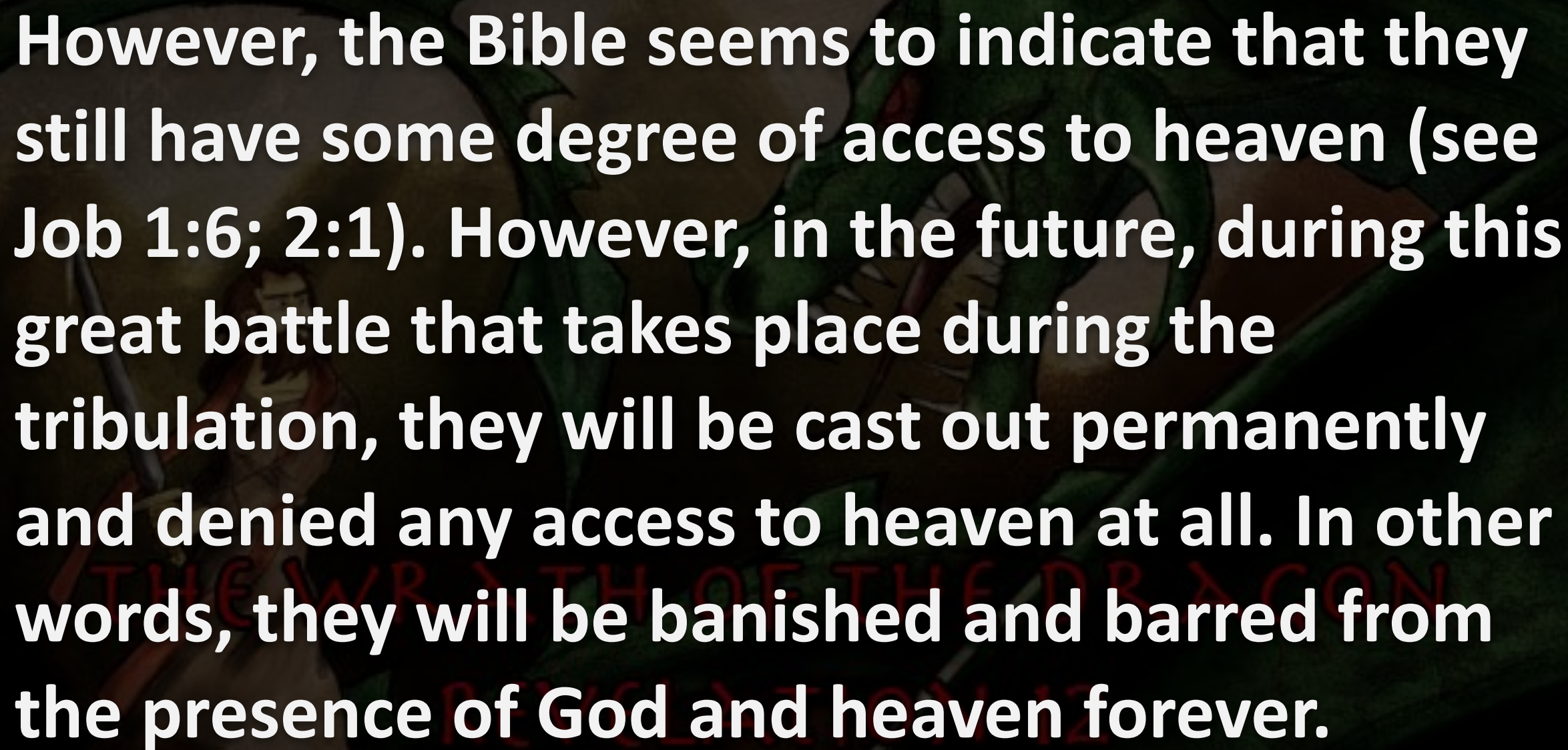
**Revelation 12:7 (CSB) ...Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought,**

**Michael is named in Scripture as the archangel (Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9). Interestingly, the name Michael means “who is like God?” and stands in stark contrast to Satan’s egocentric attack on the Lord where he said in Isaiah 14:14, “I will be like the most high.”**



**Revelation 12:8 (CSB) but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer.**

**Satan and his angels (demons) are defeated and they are cast out of heaven and, as verse 13 notes, they are cast to the earth. Satan and his demons were cast out of heaven as their home at the time of their original rebellion.**



**However, the Bible seems to indicate that they still have some degree of access to heaven (see Job 1:6; 2:1). However, in the future, during this great battle that takes place during the tribulation, they will be cast out permanently and denied any access to heaven at all. In other words, they will be banished and barred from the presence of God and heaven forever.**

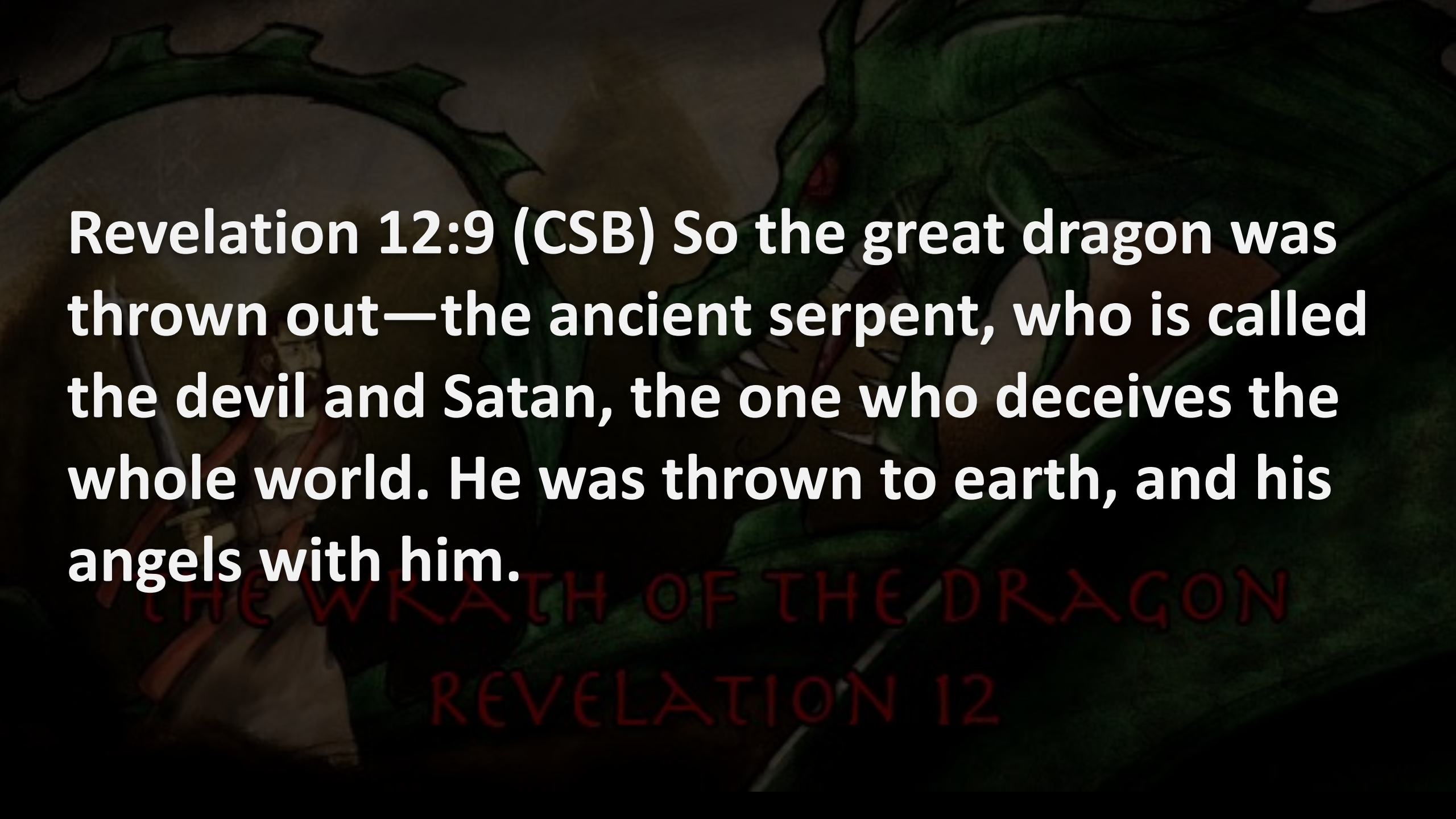


**In studying the wrath of the dragon...**

**1. Survey the war in heaven (vs. 1-8)**

**2. See the war on Earth (9-16)**

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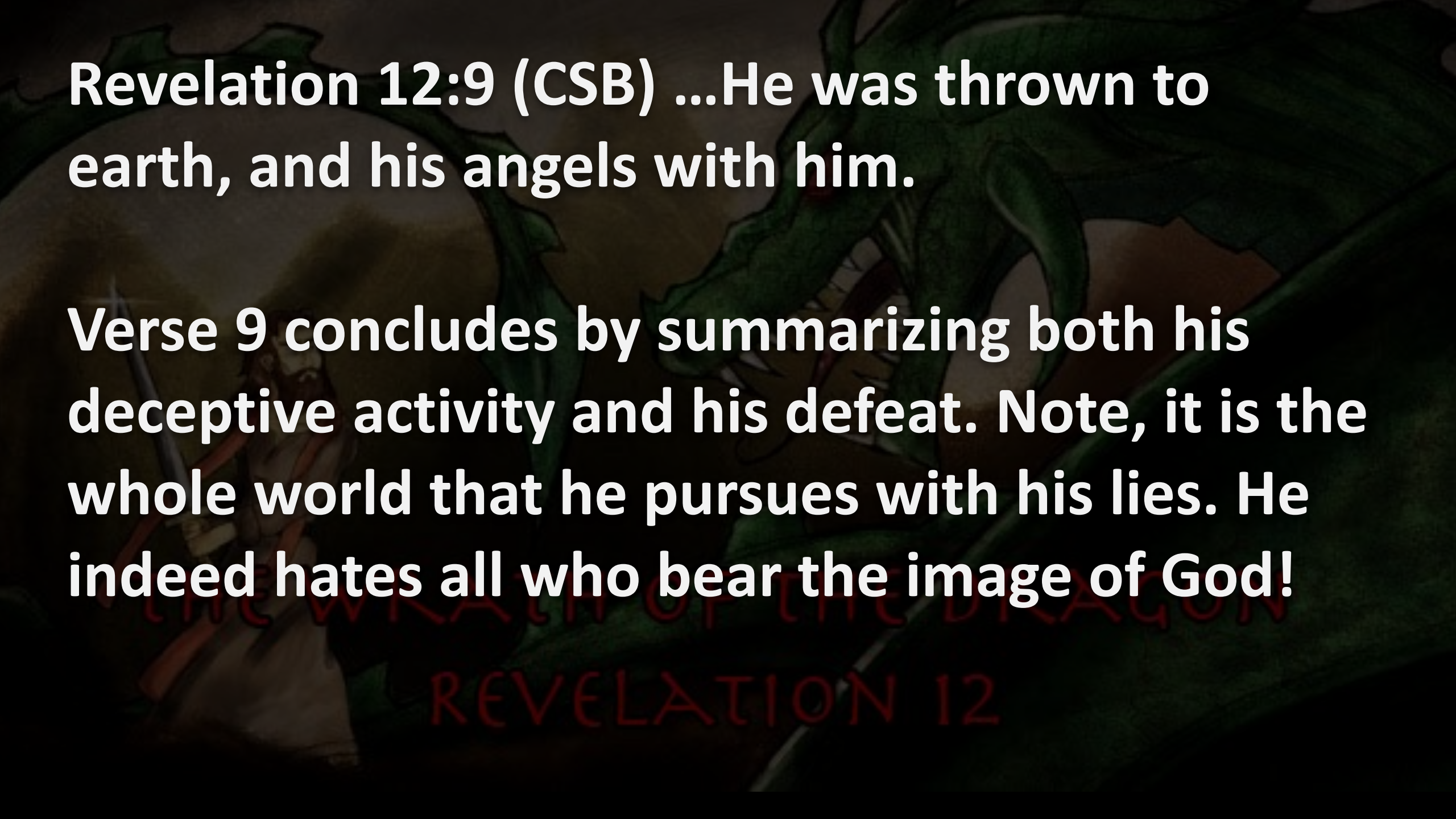
**Revelation 12:9 (CSB) So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.**

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**12:9 contains 4 instructive titles of our archenemy: 1) the great dragon – which emphasizes again his ferocity and terror, 2) the ancient serpent– which identifies him with the beguiling snake of Genesis 3 who seduced Adam and Eve into committing sin, 3) the devil – literally diabolos which means “to accuse or slander,” and 4) Satan – a proper name which means “the adversary” or “the enemy.”**

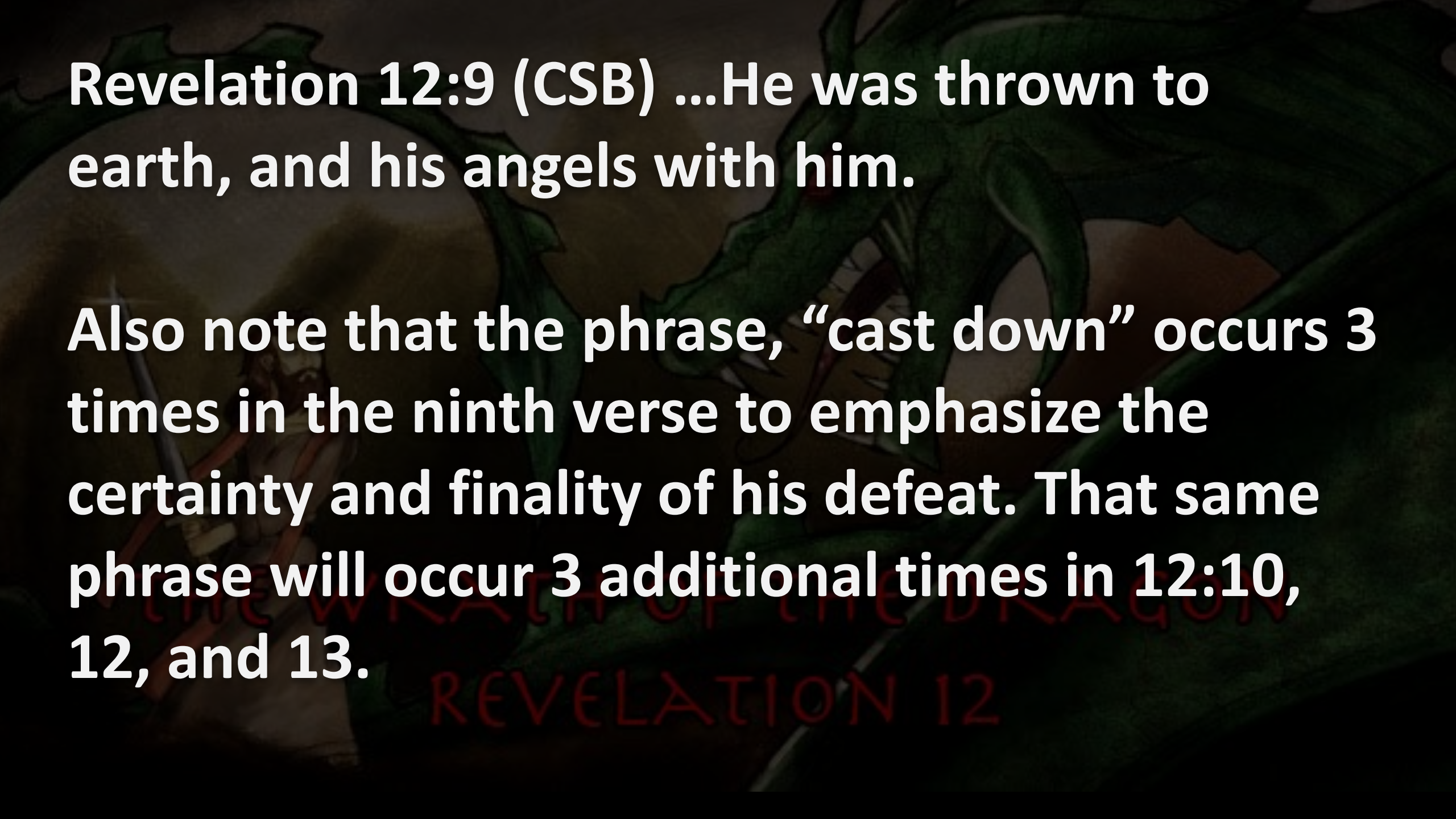


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**Revelation 12:9 (CSB) ...He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.**

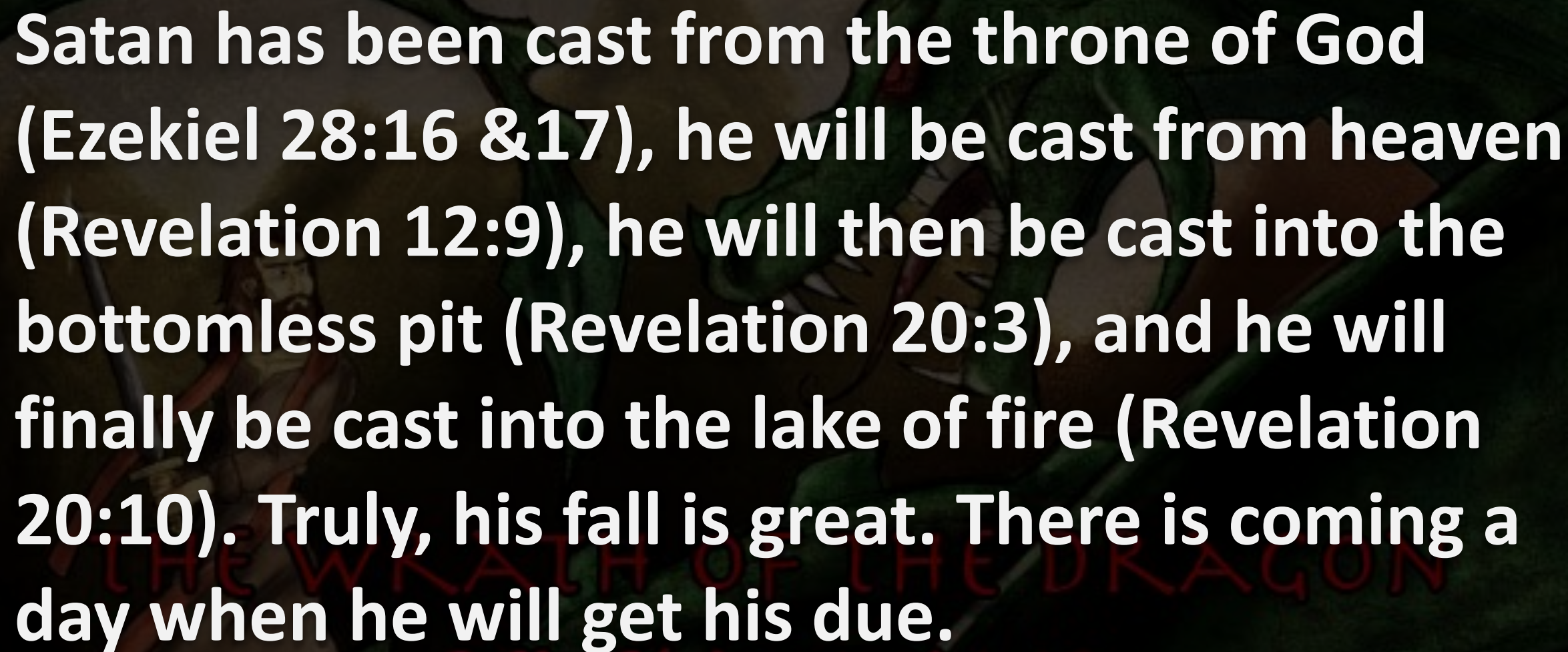
**Verse 9 concludes by summarizing both his deceptive activity and his defeat. Note, it is the whole world that he pursues with his lies. He indeed hates all who bear the image of God!**

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**Revelation 12:9 (CSB) ...He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.**

**Also note that the phrase, “cast down” occurs 3 times in the ninth verse to emphasize the certainty and finality of his defeat. That same phrase will occur 3 additional times in 12:10, 12, and 13.**

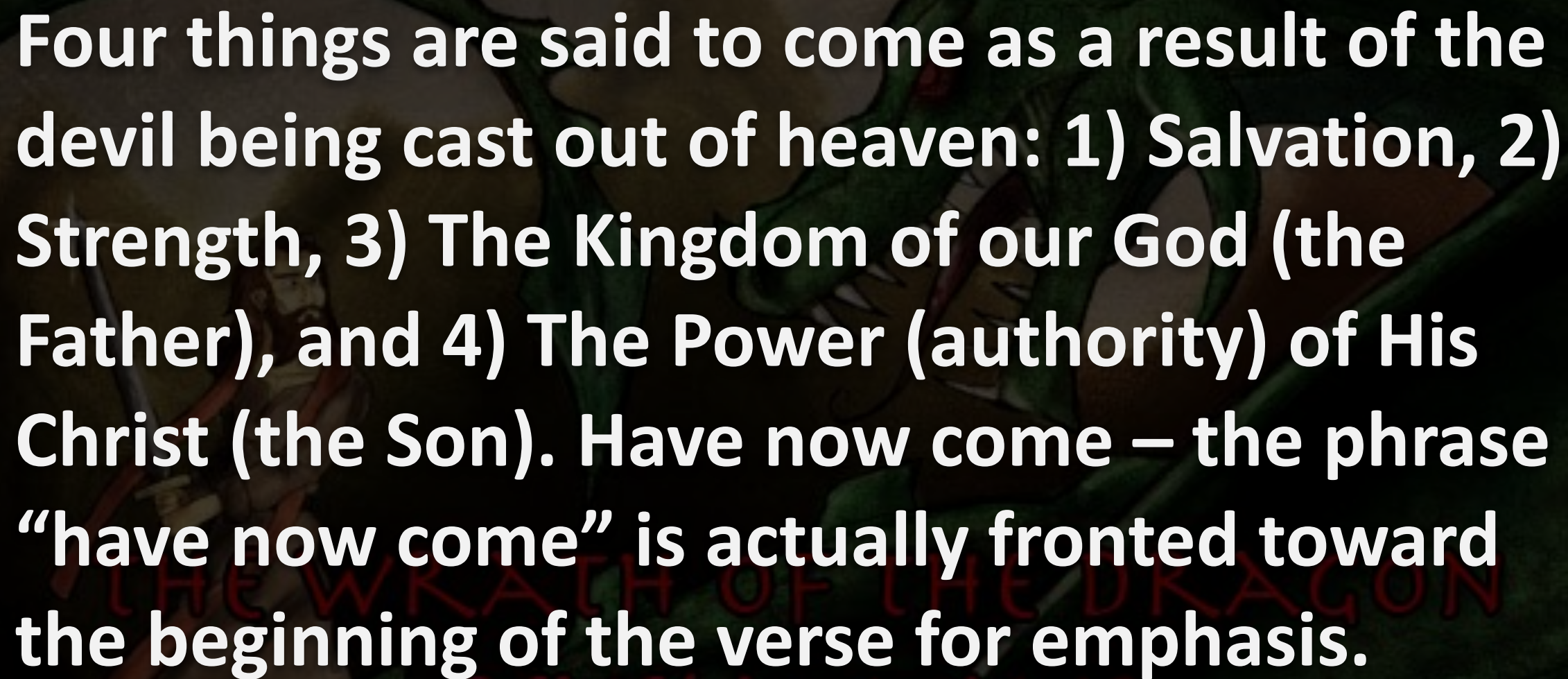


**Satan has been cast from the throne of God (Ezekiel 28:16 &17), he will be cast from heaven (Revelation 12:9), he will then be cast into the bottomless pit (Revelation 20:3), and he will finally be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10). Truly, his fall is great. There is coming a day when he will get his due.**

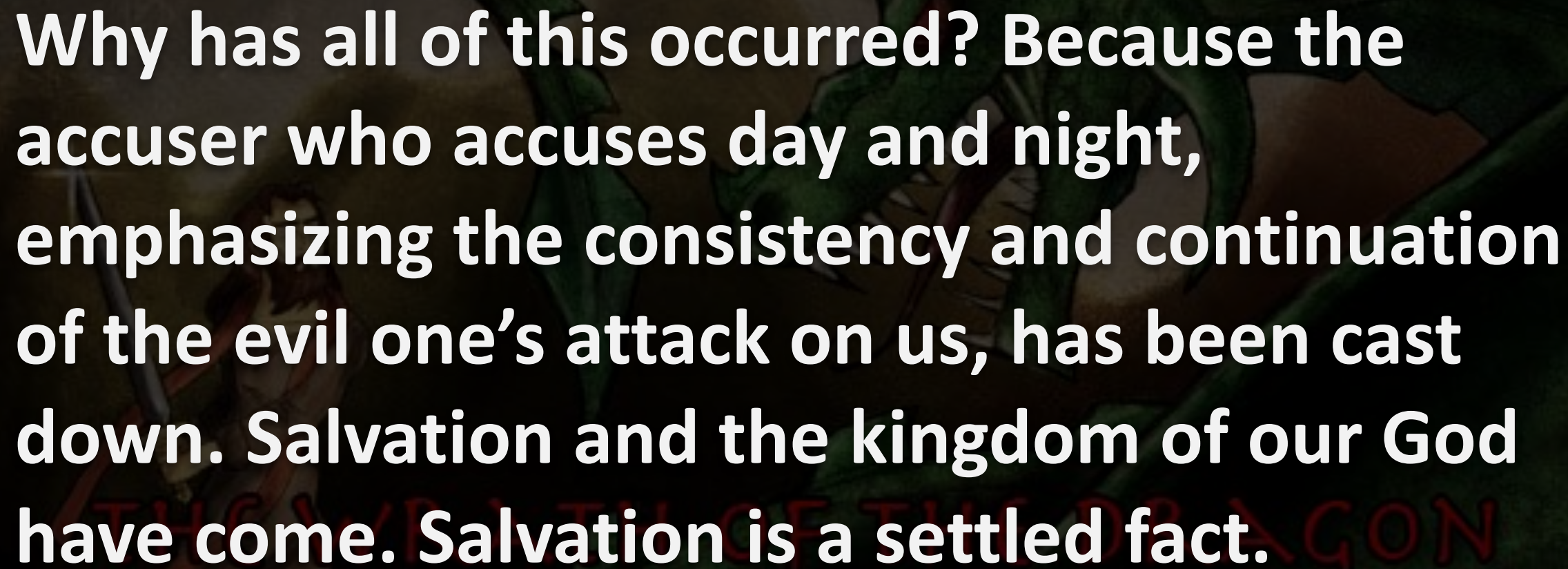
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*Revelation 12:10 (CSB) Then I heard a **loud voice** in heaven say, The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.*

The **loud voice** in heaven is not specified, though it could be the 24 elders.

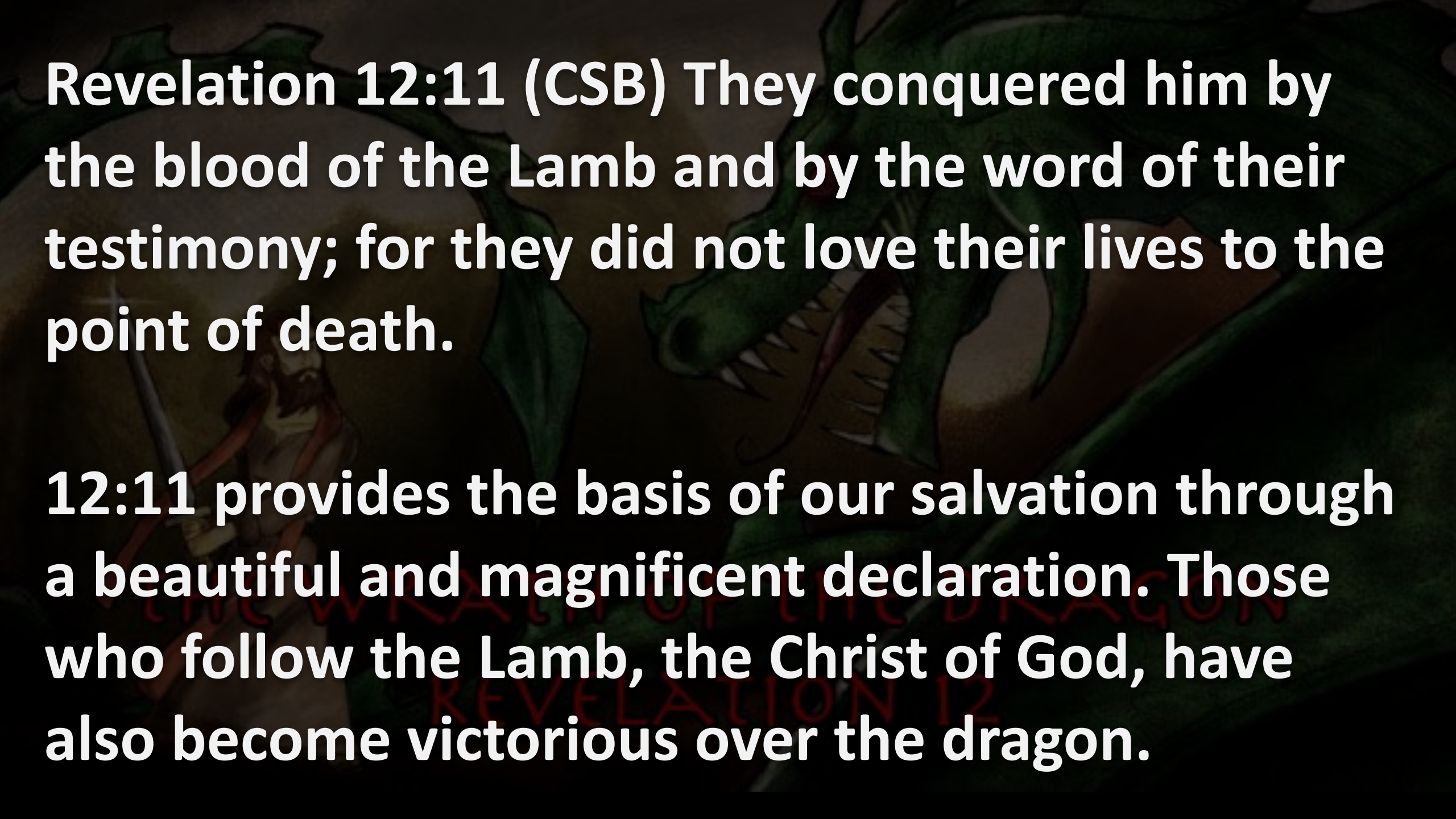


Four things are said to come as a result of the devil being cast out of heaven: 1) Salvation, 2) Strength, 3) The Kingdom of our God (the Father), and 4) The Power (authority) of His Christ (the Son). Have now come – the phrase “have now come” is actually fronted toward the beginning of the verse for emphasis.

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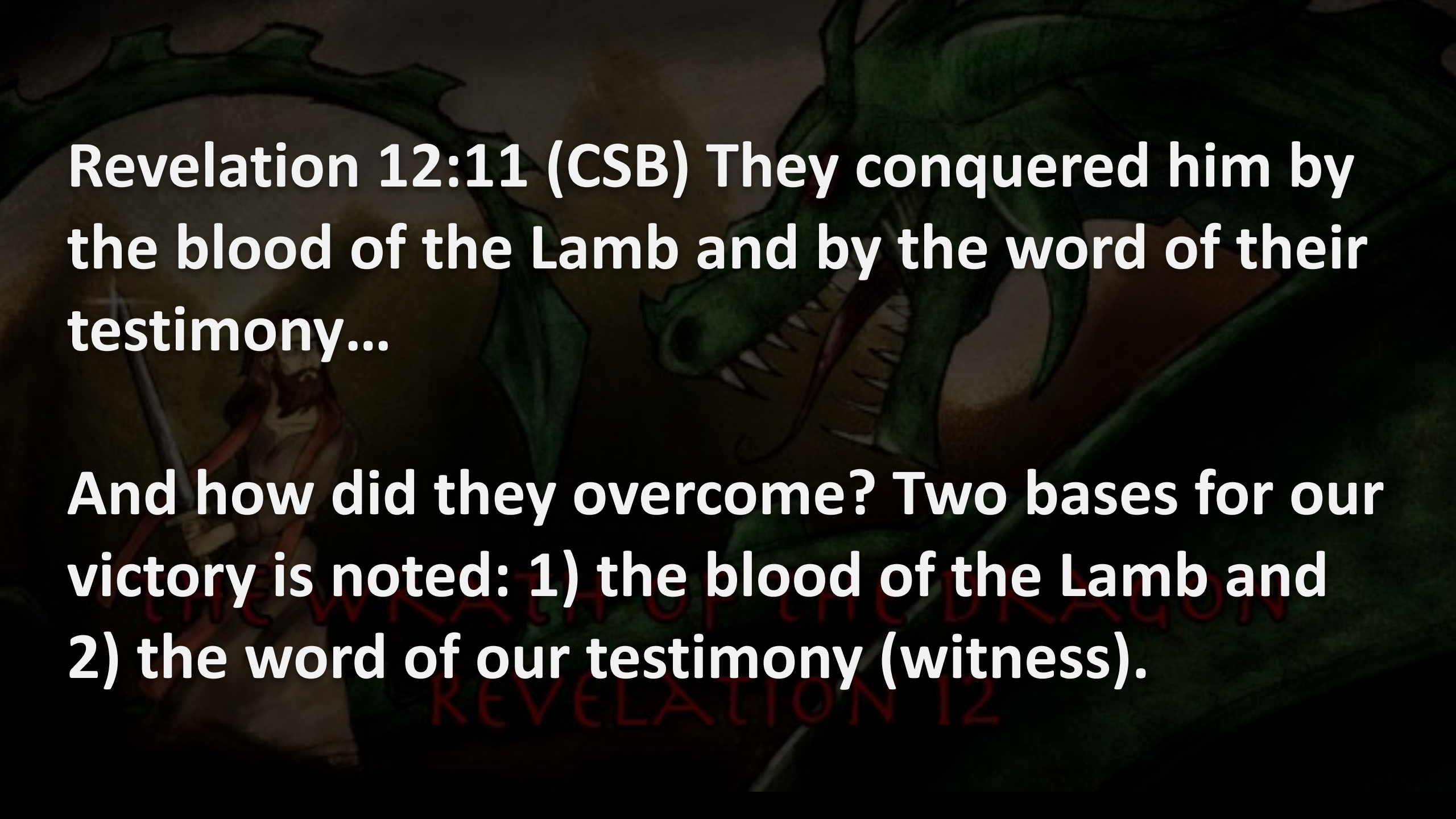
**Why has all of this occurred? Because the accuser who accuses day and night, emphasizing the consistency and continuation of the evil one's attack on us, has been cast down. Salvation and the kingdom of our God have come. Salvation is a settled fact.**

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**Revelation 12:11 (CSB) They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death.**

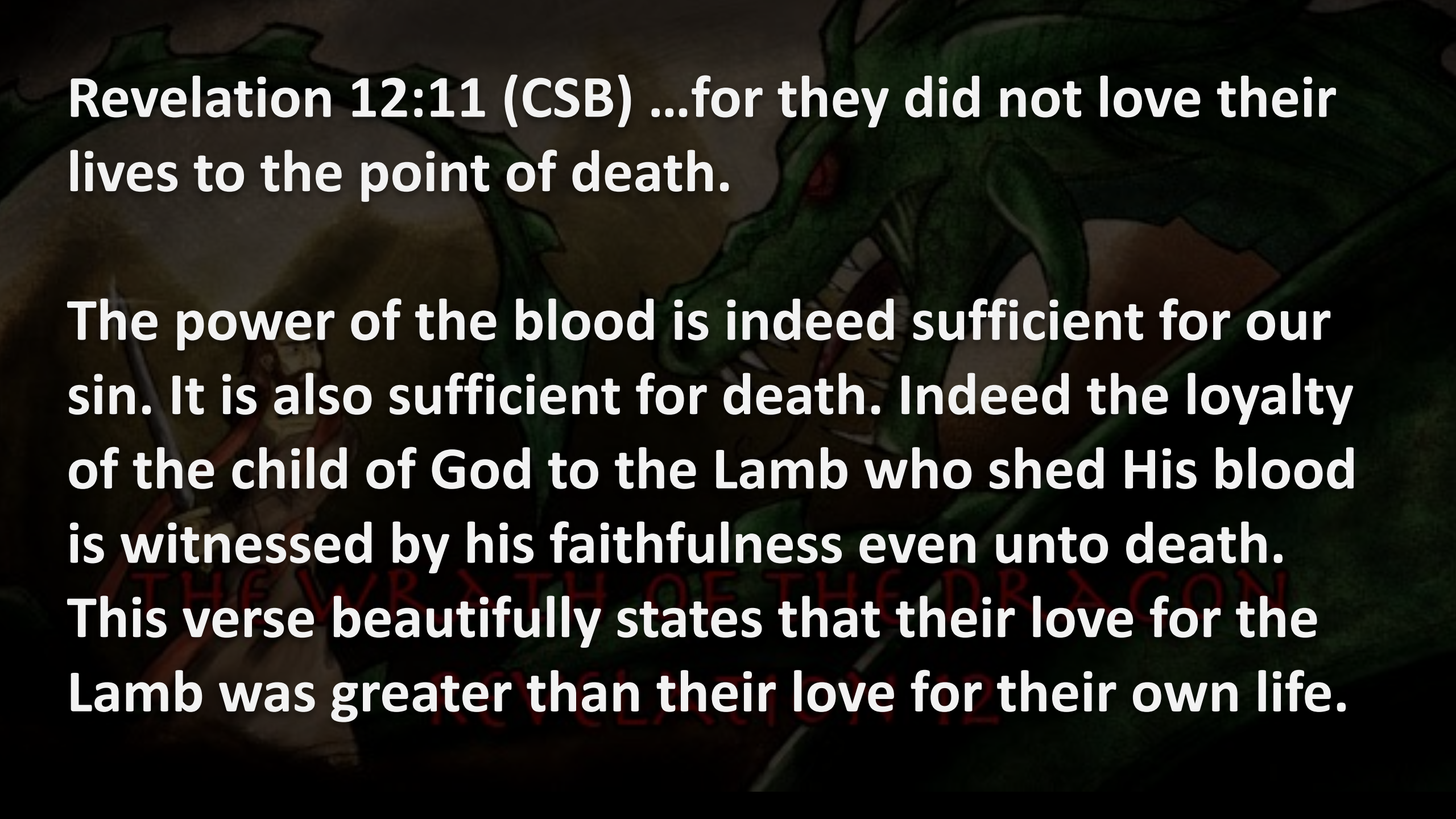
**12:11 provides the basis of our salvation through a beautiful and magnificent declaration. Those who follow the Lamb, the Christ of God, have also become victorious over the dragon.**



**Revelation 12:11 (CSB) They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...**

**And how did they overcome? Two bases for our victory is noted: 1) the blood of the Lamb and 2) the word of our testimony (witness).**





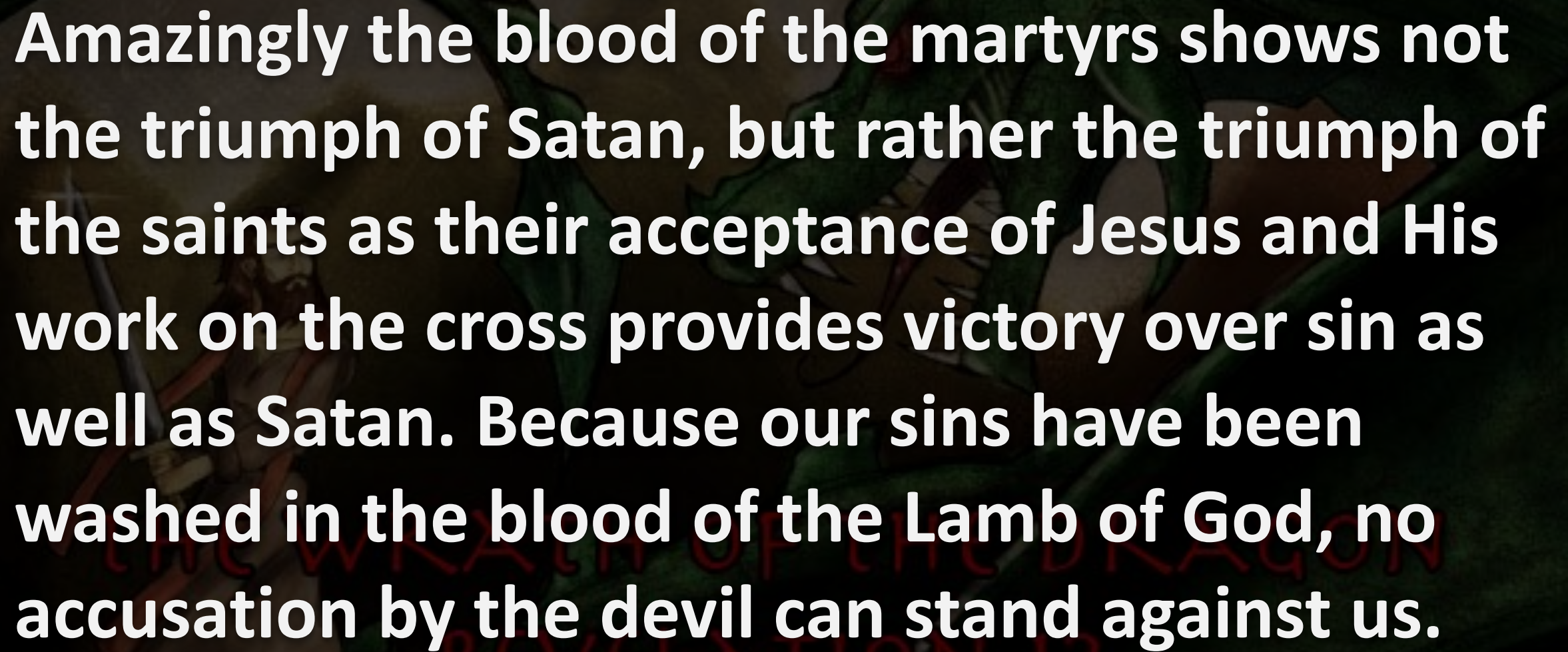
**Revelation 12:11 (CSB) ...for they did not love their lives to the point of death.**

**The power of the blood is indeed sufficient for our sin. It is also sufficient for death. Indeed the loyalty of the child of God to the Lamb who shed His blood is witnessed by his faithfulness even unto death. This verse beautifully states that their love for the Lamb was greater than their love for their own life.**

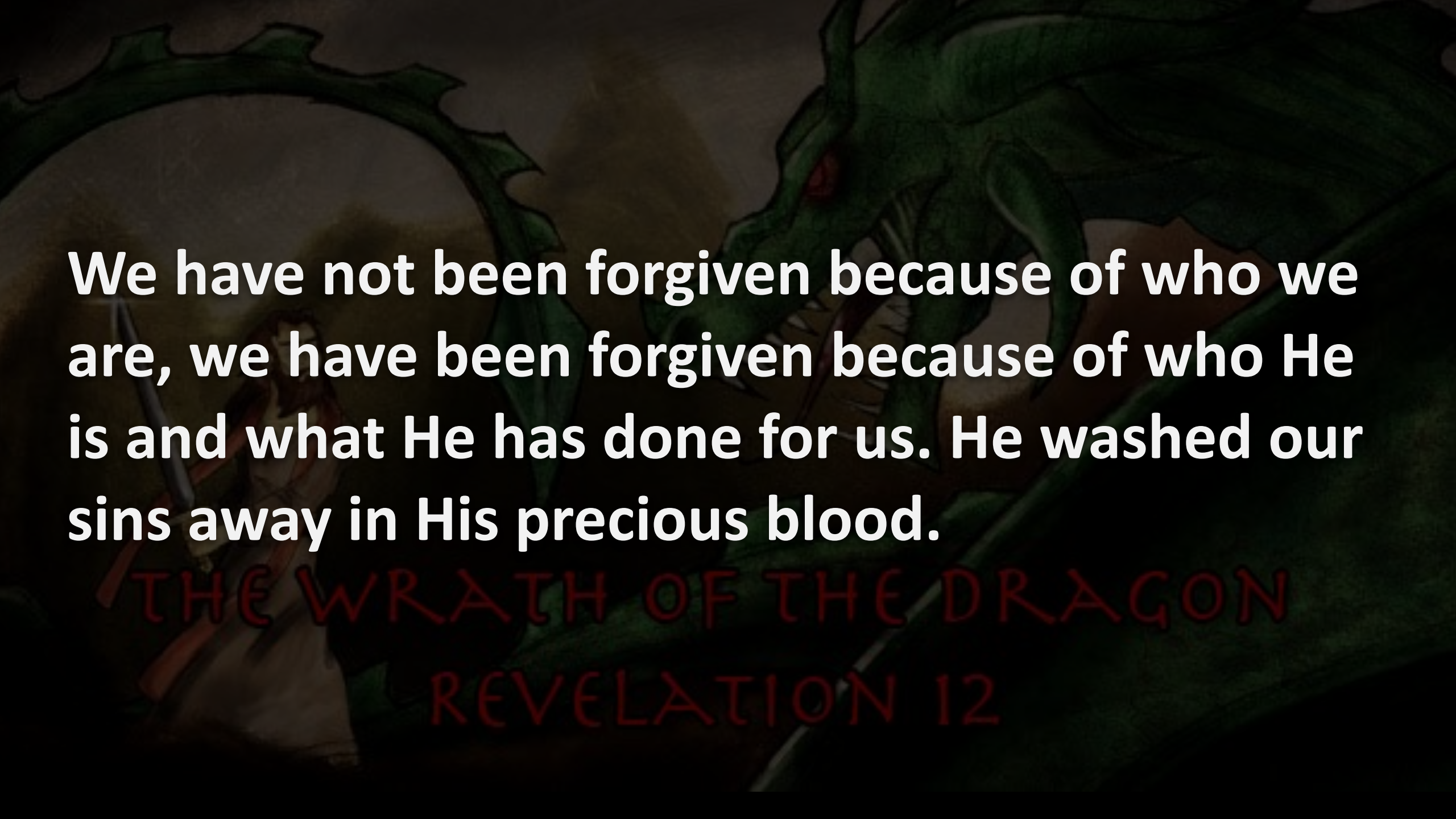




**Christians triumph over Satan by the word of their faithful testimony even unto death. This sixth-century AD wall painting from Egypt includes a text mentioning sixty Christian martyrs from the town of Samalut in Egypt. It pictures the Old Testament figures of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego with the angel in the center frame. From left to right, the third century martyrs Saint Damian, Leontios, Eupredios, Anthinmos, and Saint Cosmas are also depicted.**

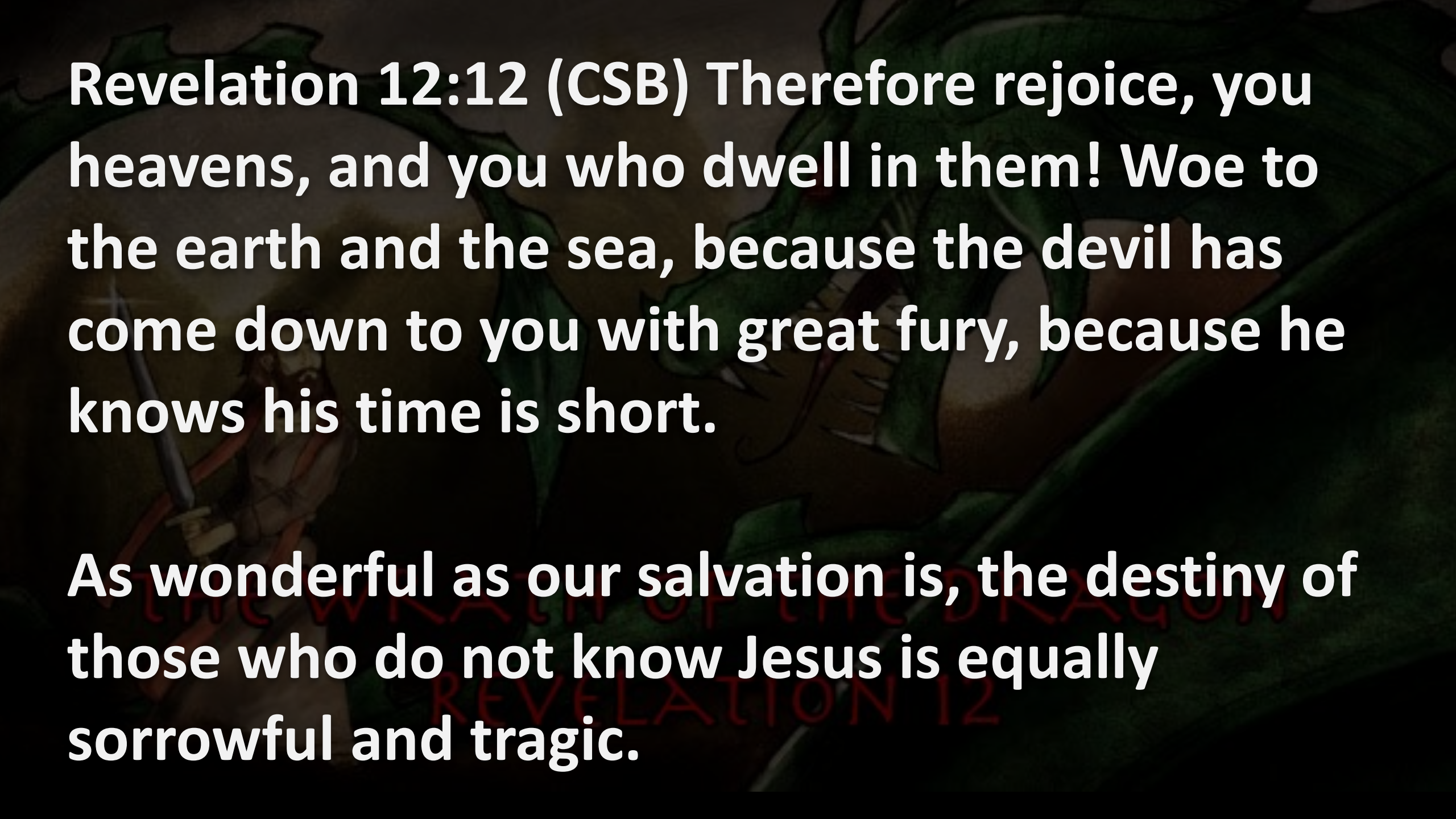


**Amazingly the blood of the martyrs shows not the triumph of Satan, but rather the triumph of the saints as their acceptance of Jesus and His work on the cross provides victory over sin as well as Satan. Because our sins have been washed in the blood of the Lamb of God, no accusation by the devil can stand against us.**



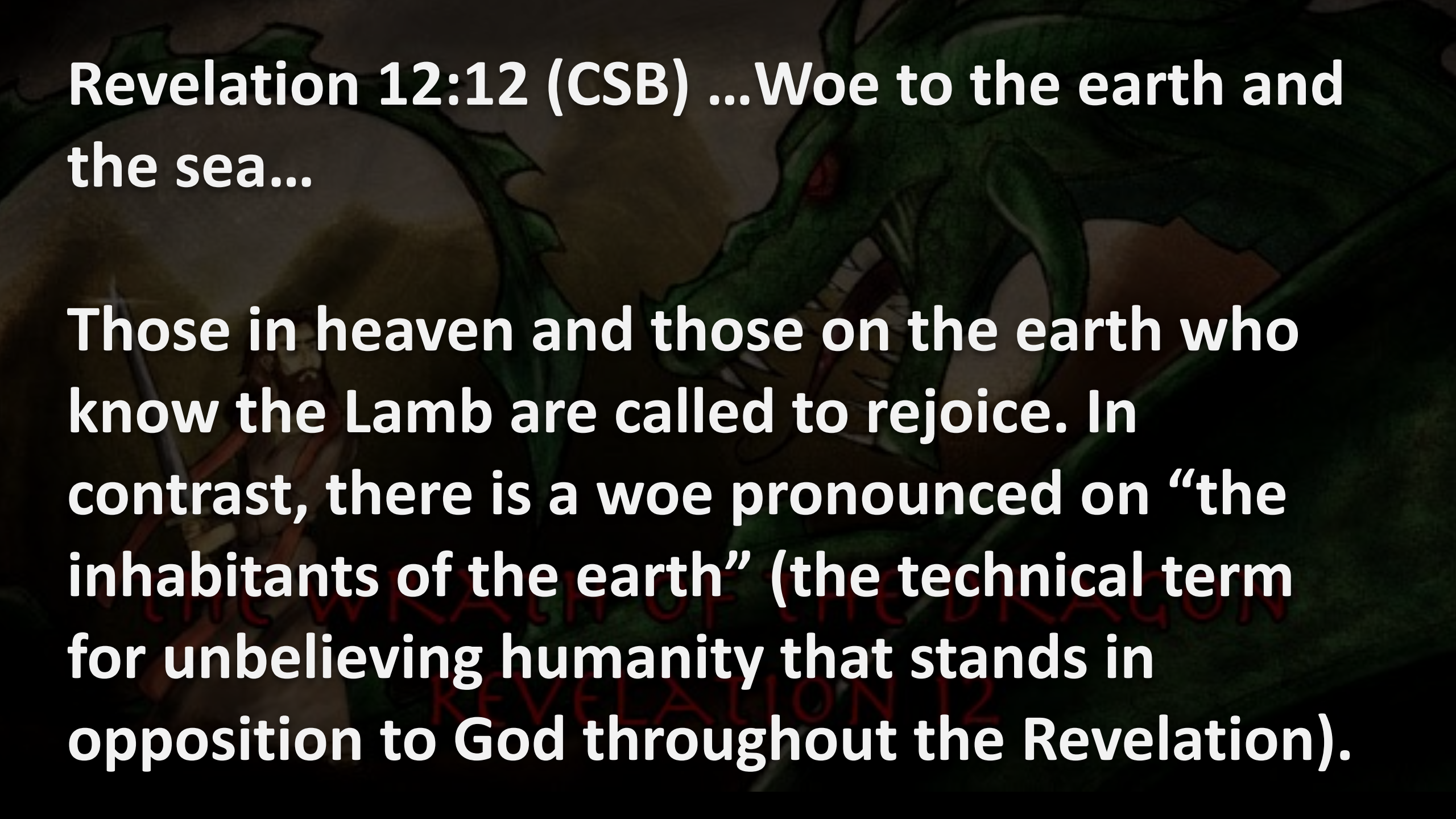
**We have not been forgiven because of who we are, we have been forgiven because of who He is and what He has done for us. He washed our sins away in His precious blood.**

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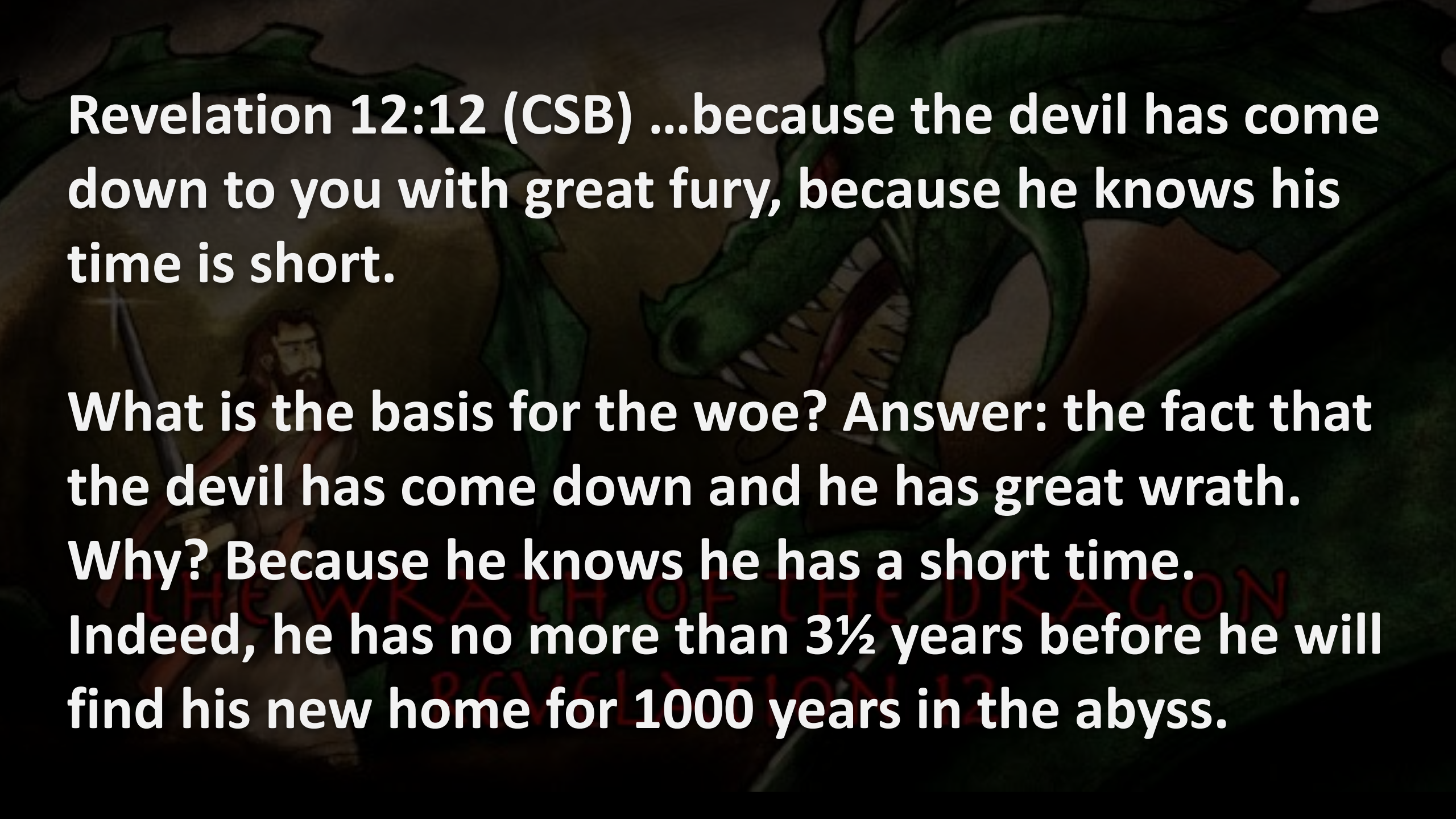
**Revelation 12:12 (CSB) Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows his time is short.**

**As wonderful as our salvation is, the destiny of those who do not know Jesus is equally sorrowful and tragic.**

The background features a dark, moody illustration. A large, green dragon with a prominent red eye is the central focus, its head turned towards the left. In the background, a human figure is visible, possibly a warrior or a figure of authority, standing amidst a landscape that appears to be a battlefield or a site of destruction. The overall tone is somber and dramatic, fitting the biblical text.

**Revelation 12:12 (CSB) ...Woe to the earth and the sea...**

**Those in heaven and those on the earth who know the Lamb are called to rejoice. In contrast, there is a woe pronounced on “the inhabitants of the earth” (the technical term for unbelieving humanity that stands in opposition to God throughout the Revelation).**



**Revelation 12:12 (CSB) ...because the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows his time is short.**

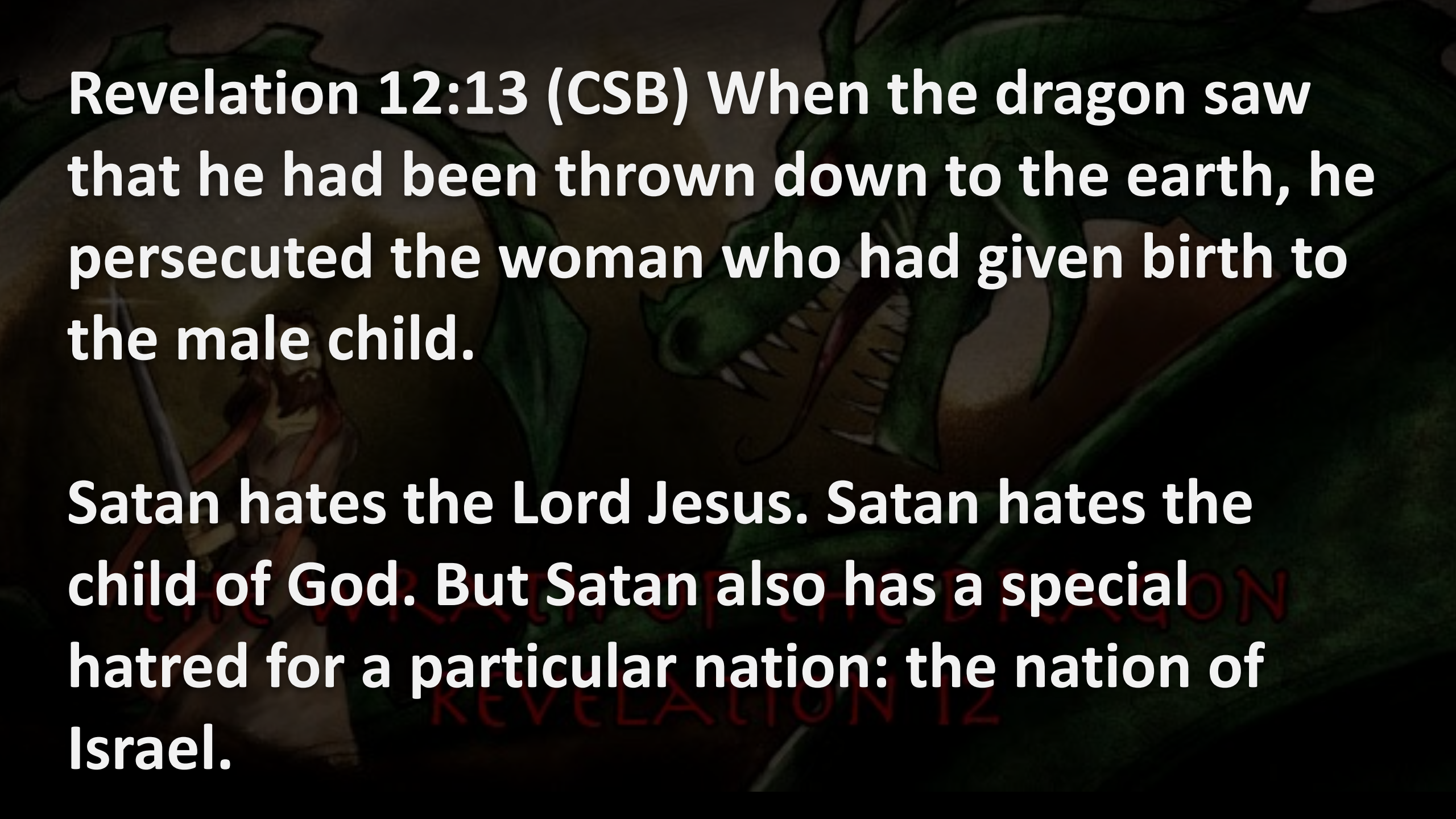
**What is the basis for the woe? Answer: the fact that the devil has come down and he has great wrath.**

**Why? Because he knows he has a short time.**

**Indeed, he has no more than 3½ years before he will find his new home for 1000 years in the abyss.**



**Satan has raged against humanity ever since we entered the Garden of Eden. He is not letting up one wit in our day. Now as his time draws to a close, his wrath will increase to proportions beyond our wildest imagination. Truly, hell will come to earth during these horrible final days of the tribulation. Sinners can only expect destruction, disaster and death at the hands of the great fiery red dragon.**

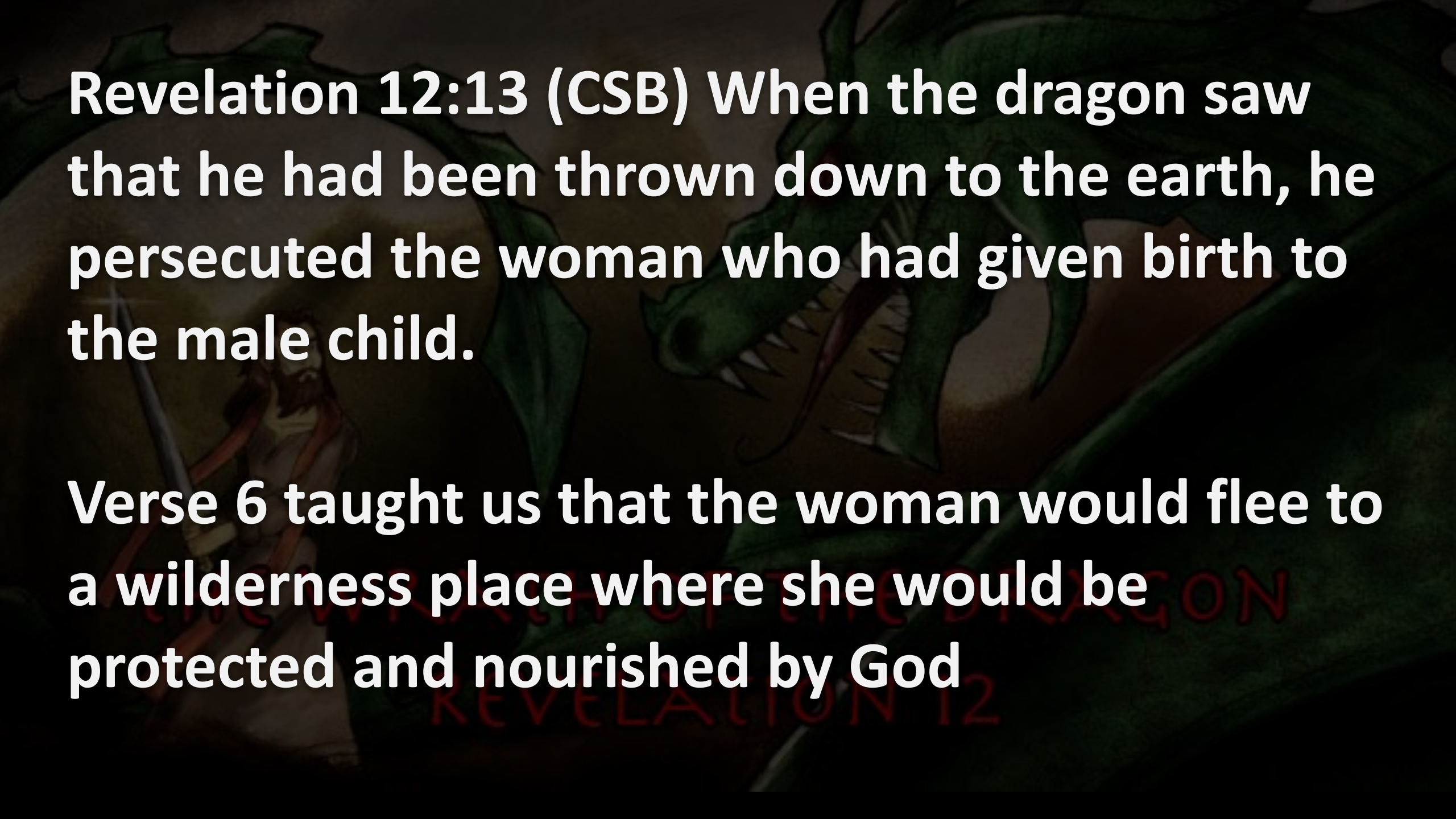


**Revelation 12:13 (CSB) When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had given birth to the male child.**

**Satan hates the Lord Jesus. Satan hates the child of God. But Satan also has a special hatred for a particular nation: the nation of Israel.**

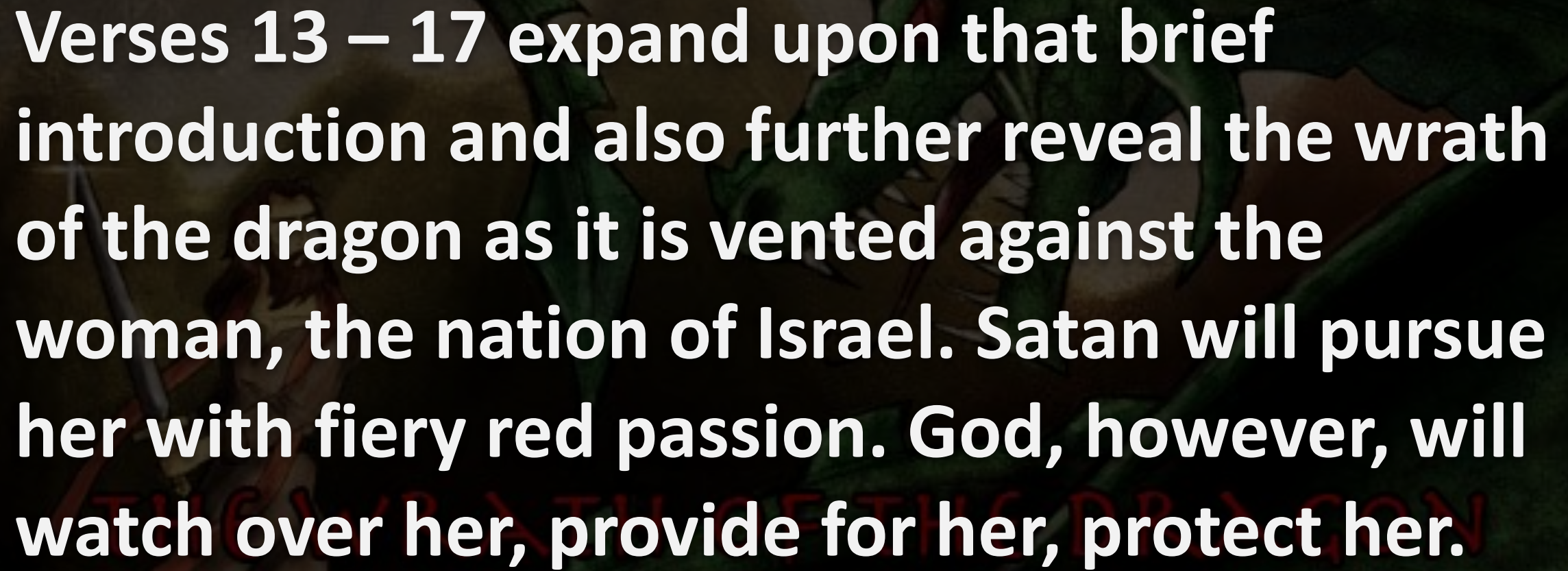


**In 12:13 the dragon pursues the woman much like Pharaoh pursued the Israelites as they left Egypt for the promised land. The carving on this fourth-century AD sarcophagus shows Pharaoh and his army at the Red Sea. Some are being engulfed by the waters, while Moses and the Israelites are safe on the other side.**



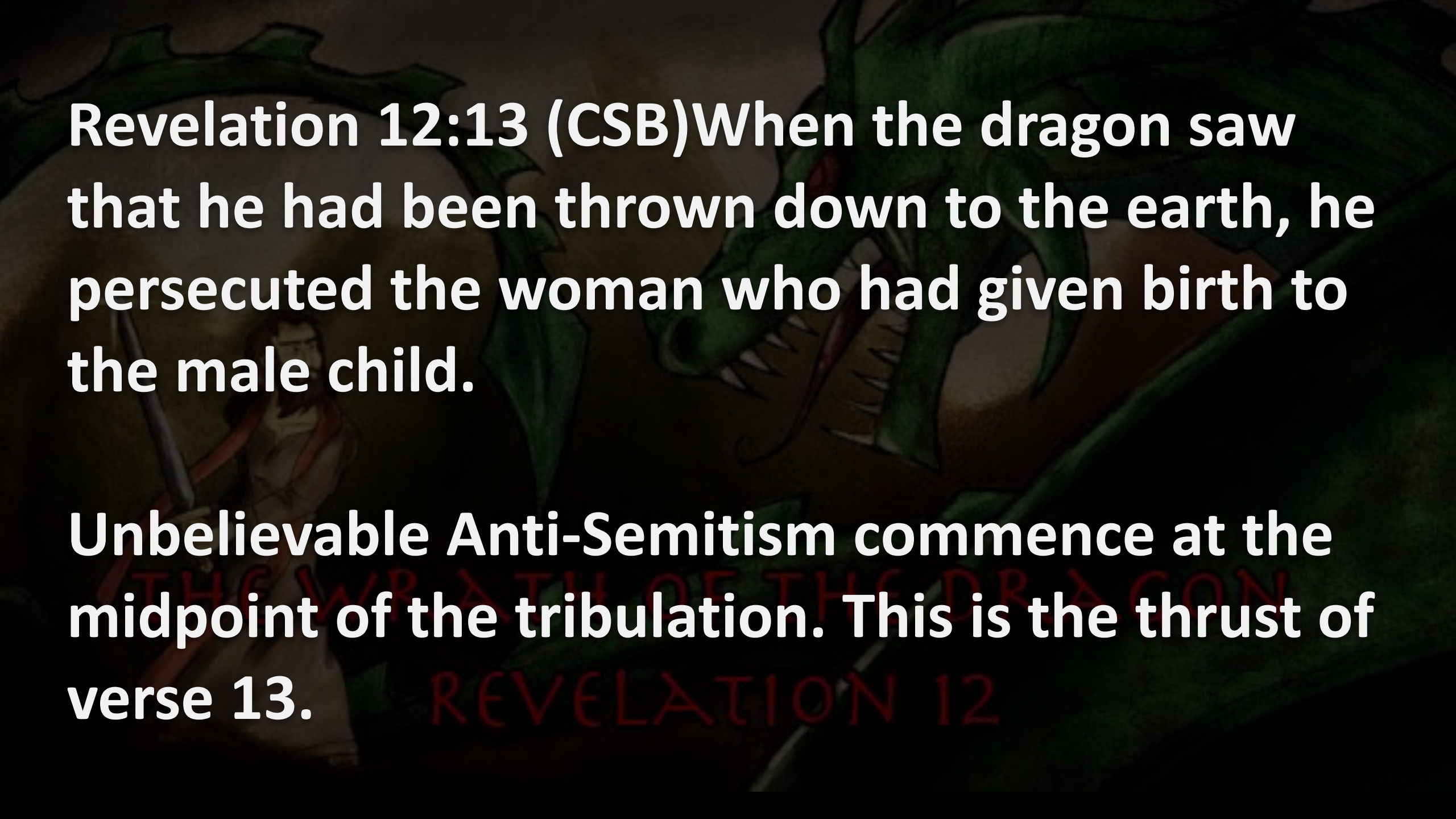
**Revelation 12:13 (CSB) When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had given birth to the male child.**

**Verse 6 taught us that the woman would flee to a wilderness place where she would be protected and nourished by God**



**Verses 13 – 17 expand upon that brief introduction and also further reveal the wrath of the dragon as it is vented against the woman, the nation of Israel. Satan will pursue her with fiery red passion. God, however, will watch over her, provide for her, protect her.**

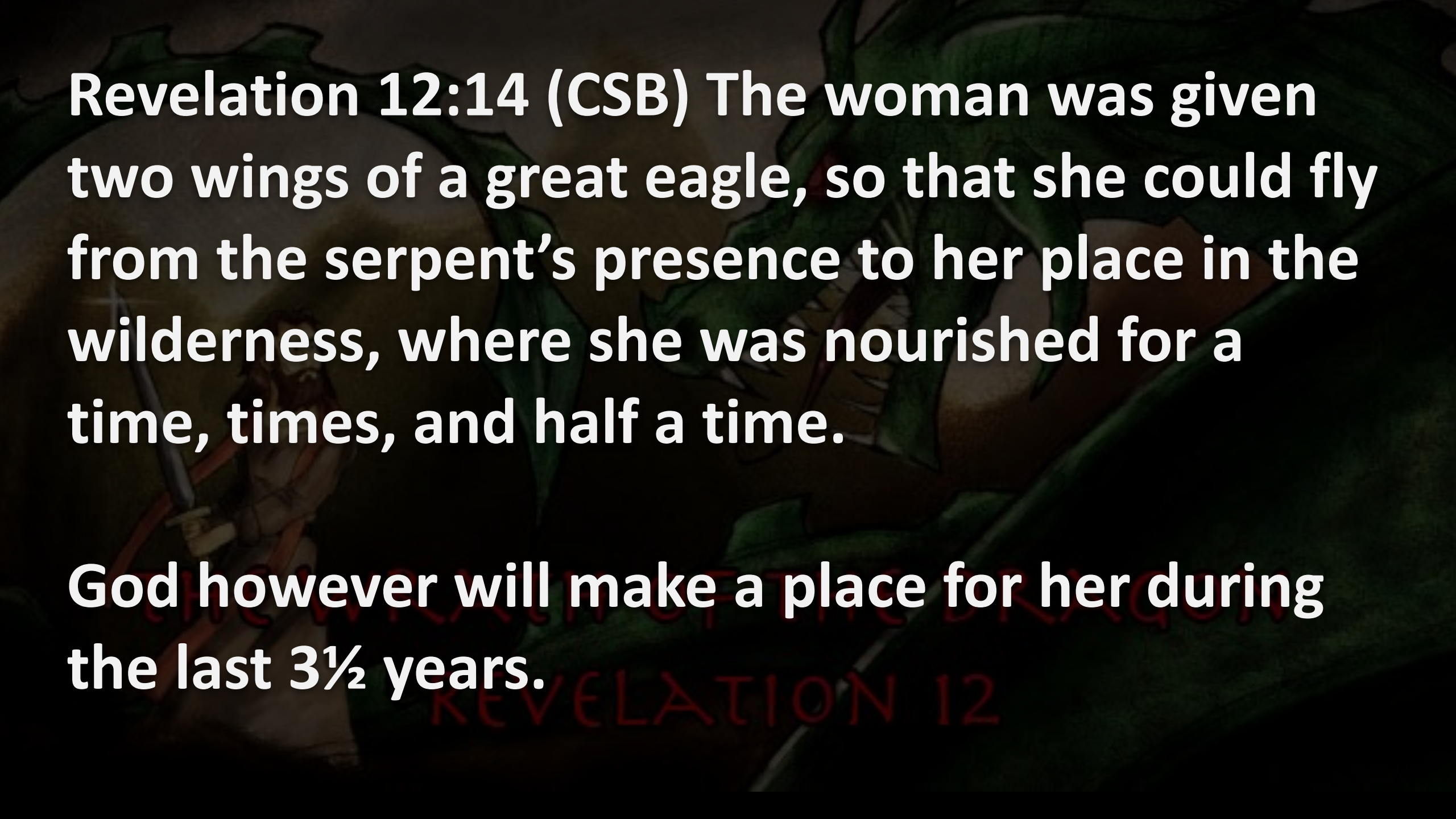
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**Revelation 12:13 (CSB) When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had given birth to the male child.**

**Unbelievable Anti-Semitism commence at the midpoint of the tribulation. This is the thrust of verse 13.**

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The background features a dark, textured illustration. On the left, a woman is depicted with large, green, feathered wings, resembling an eagle. She is shown from the waist up, wearing a brown, textured garment. To her right, a large, green dragon with a long, segmented tail is visible. The dragon's head is partially obscured by the woman's wings. The overall scene is set against a dark, forest-like background with some foliage.

**Revelation 12:14 (CSB) The woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent's presence to her place in the wilderness, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time.**

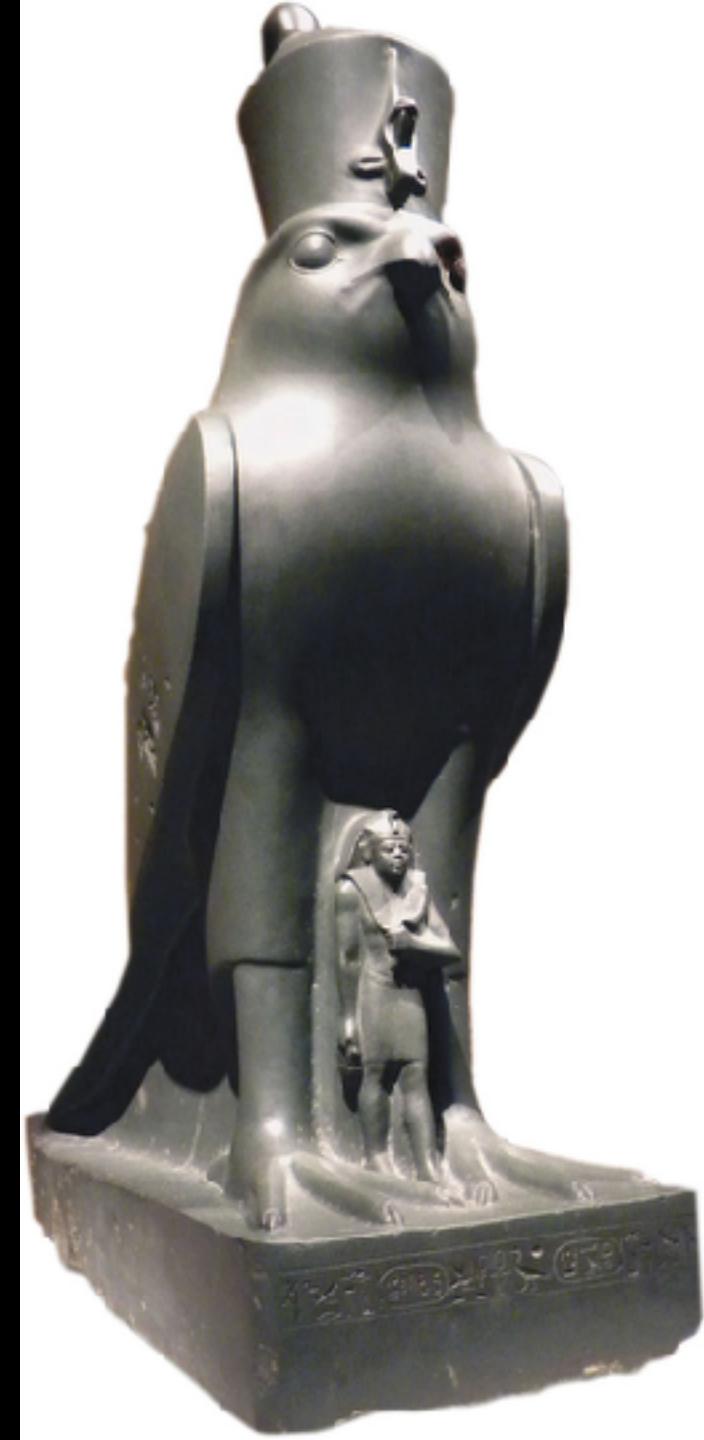
**God however will make a place for her during the last 3½ years.**

**Revelation 12:14 (CSB) The woman was given two wings of a great eagle...**

**The phrase “two wings of a great eagle” should not be taken literally. Neither should this be viewed as some type of 747! It is simply a picture of God’s providential protection of Israel.**

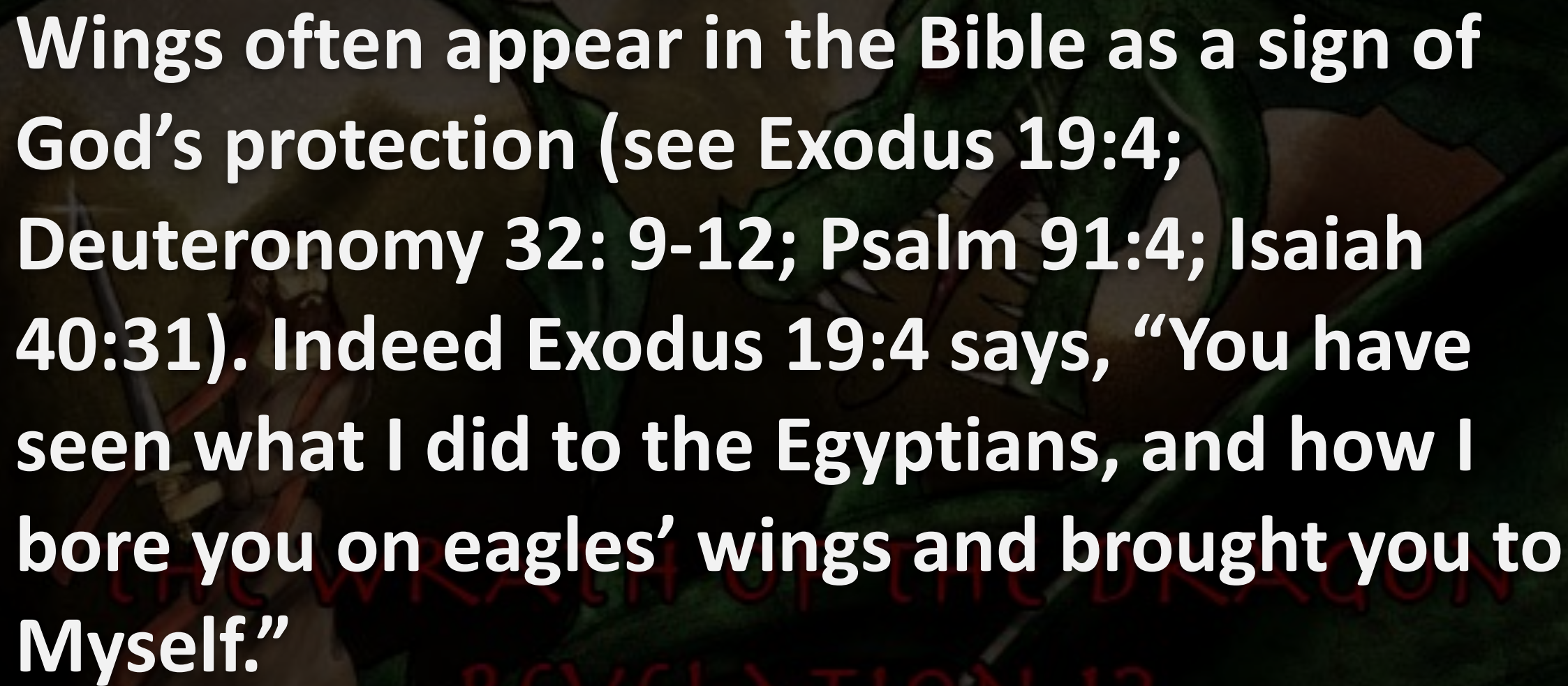
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**“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge” (Ps. 91:4).**

**The Egyptians captured an image of protective wings in this statue of Horus as a falcon standing above King Nectanebo II (360–343 BC).**



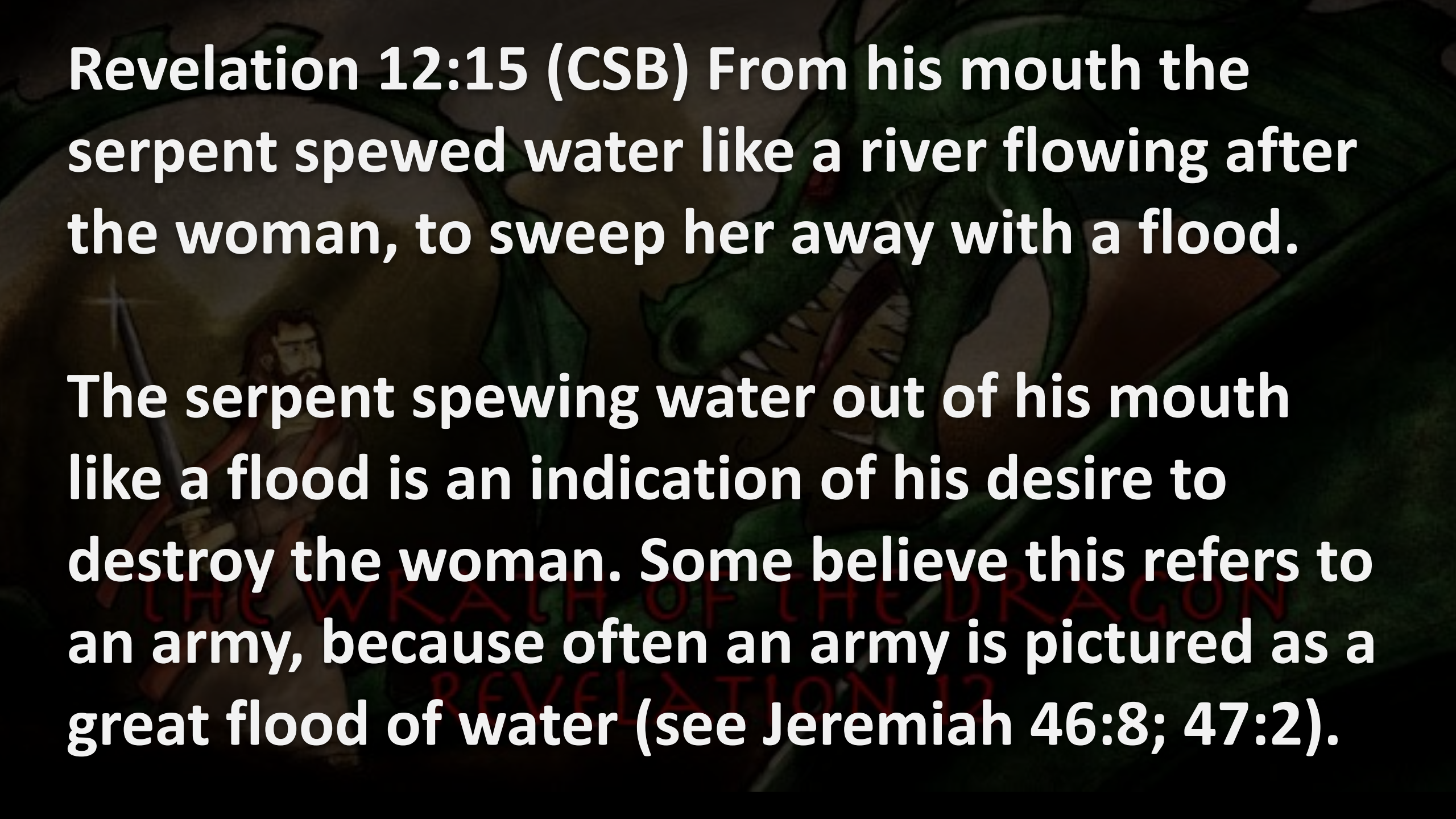
**Wings often appear in the Bible as a sign of God's protection (see Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 32: 9-12; Psalm 91:4; Isaiah 40:31). Indeed Exodus 19:4 says, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself."**

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**Revelation 12:14 (CSB) ...where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time.**

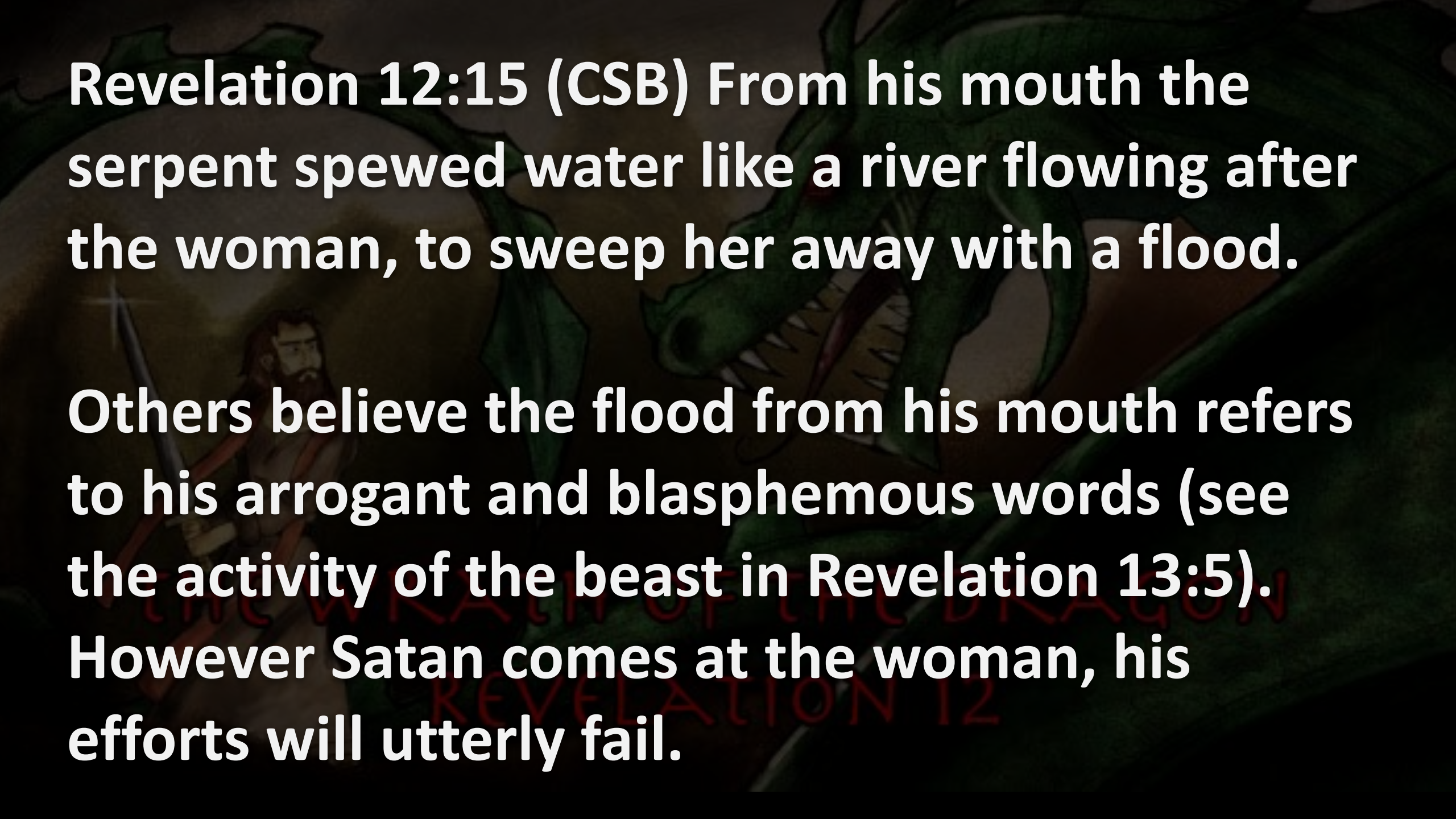
**The word translated “feed” in verse 6 is the exact same word that is translated “nourished” here in verse 14. The length of her time in the wilderness is again specified as 3½ years (time and times and half a time). Furthermore, she is said to be in a place that is separated from the presence of the serpent.**

**Some have identified this wilderness place as Petra. Others believe that it simply indicates a scattering of the Jewish people throughout the nations for protection. Though the latter seems too general, one cannot specify with any certainty exactly where this place will be. What we do know is that God will make a way for the Jewish people during this great wave of Anti-Semitism.**

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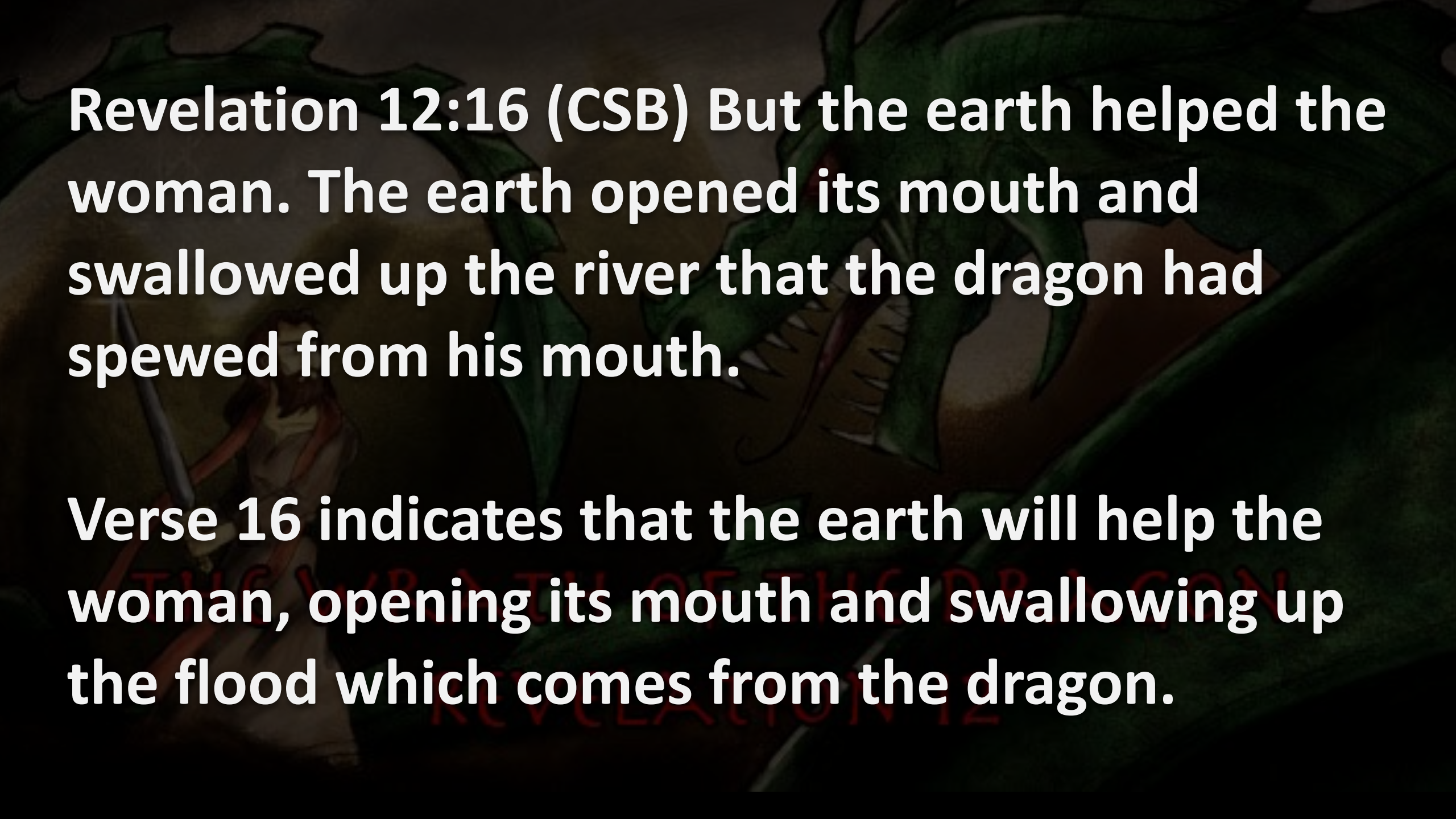
**Revelation 12:15 (CSB) From his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river flowing after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.**

**The serpent spewing water out of his mouth like a flood is an indication of his desire to destroy the woman. Some believe this refers to an army, because often an army is pictured as a great flood of water (see Jeremiah 46:8; 47:2).**

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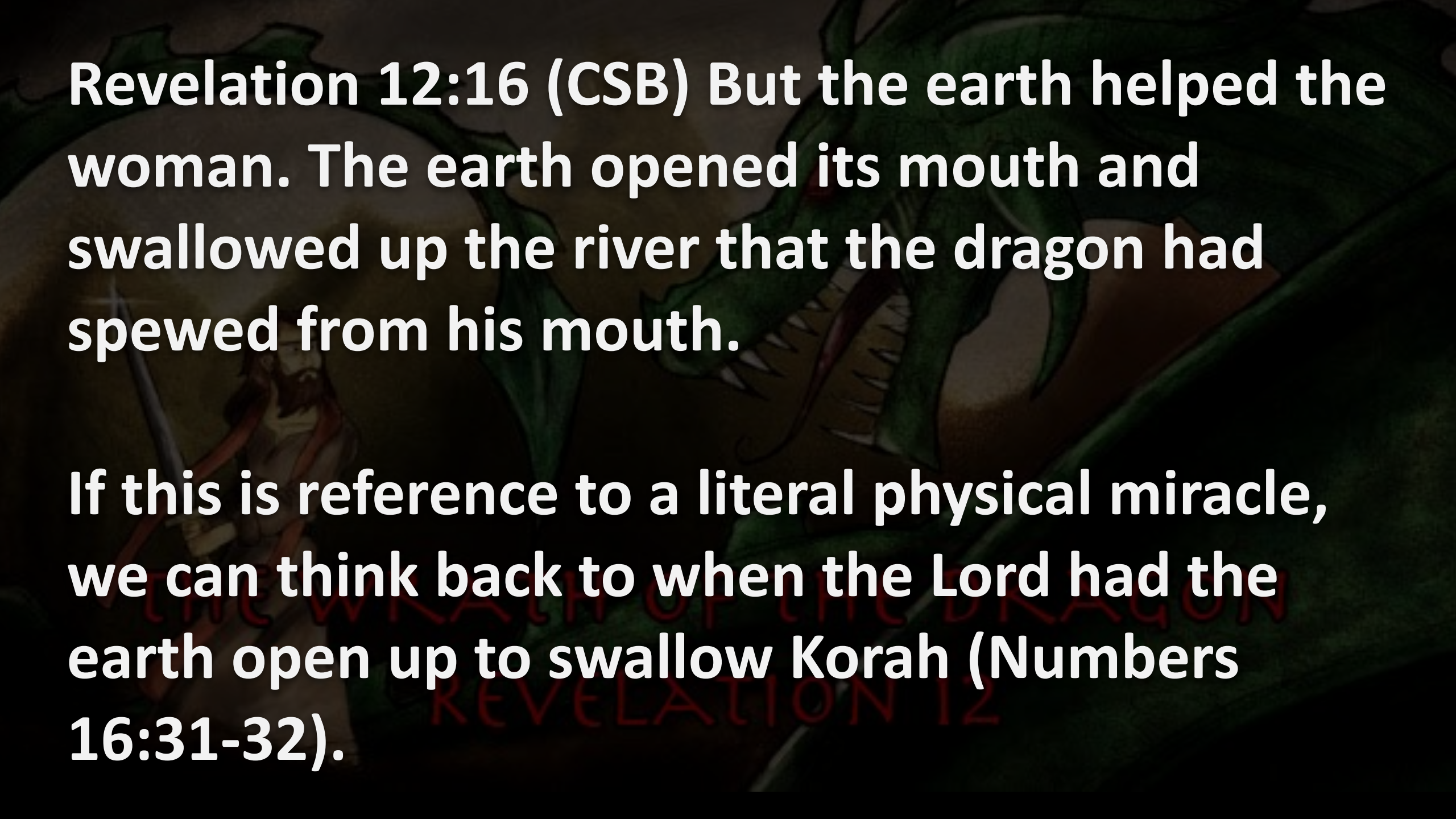
**Revelation 12:15 (CSB) From his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river flowing after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.**

**Others believe the flood from his mouth refers to his arrogant and blasphemous words (see the activity of the beast in Revelation 13:5). However Satan comes at the woman, his efforts will utterly fail.**



**Revelation 12:16 (CSB) But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon had spewed from his mouth.**

**Verse 16 indicates that the earth will help the woman, opening its mouth and swallowing up the flood which comes from the dragon.**



**Revelation 12:16 (CSB) But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon had spewed from his mouth.**

**If this is reference to a literal physical miracle, we can think back to when the Lord had the earth open up to swallow Korah (Numbers 16:31-32).**



**It is possible that even one of the great earthquakes that visits the earth during the great tribulation will be the avenue whereby God will provide a physical miracle to spare the Jewish people. Interestingly, the dragon-inspired Egyptians of old were swallowed up by the earth. Exodus 15:12 reminds us, “You stretched out your hand and the earth swallowed them.”**



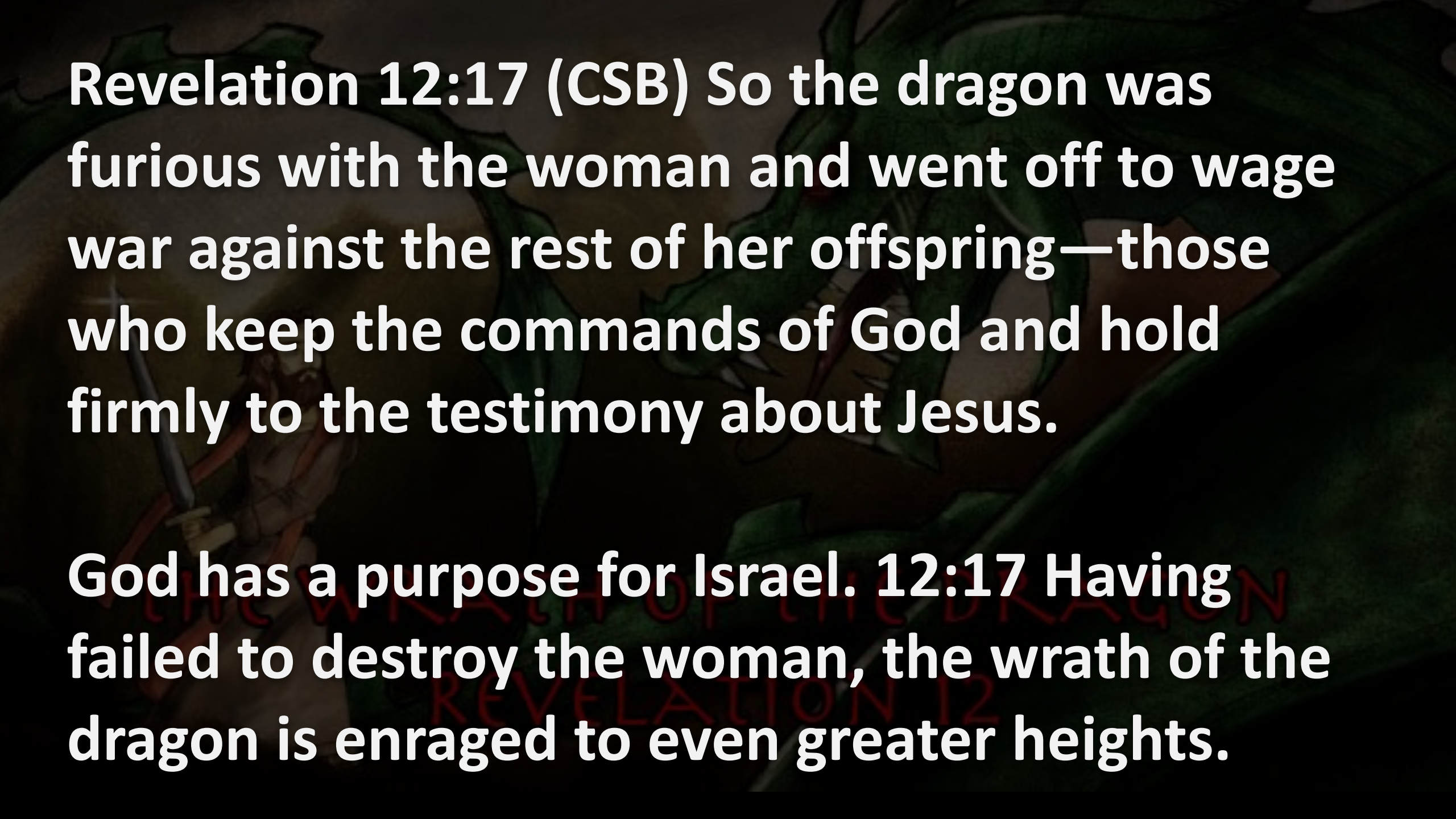
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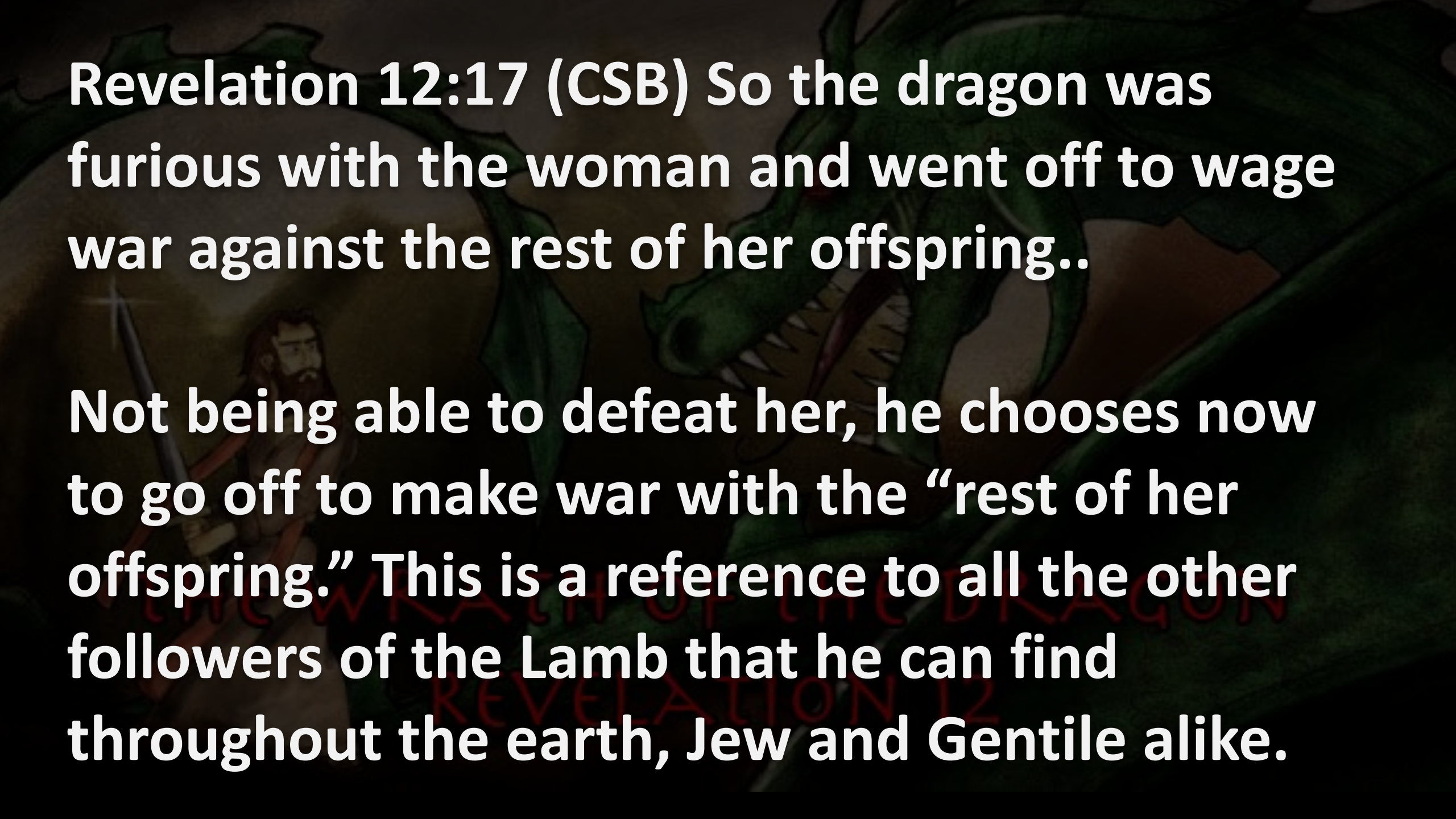
**3. Stand firm in Jesus (vs. 17)**

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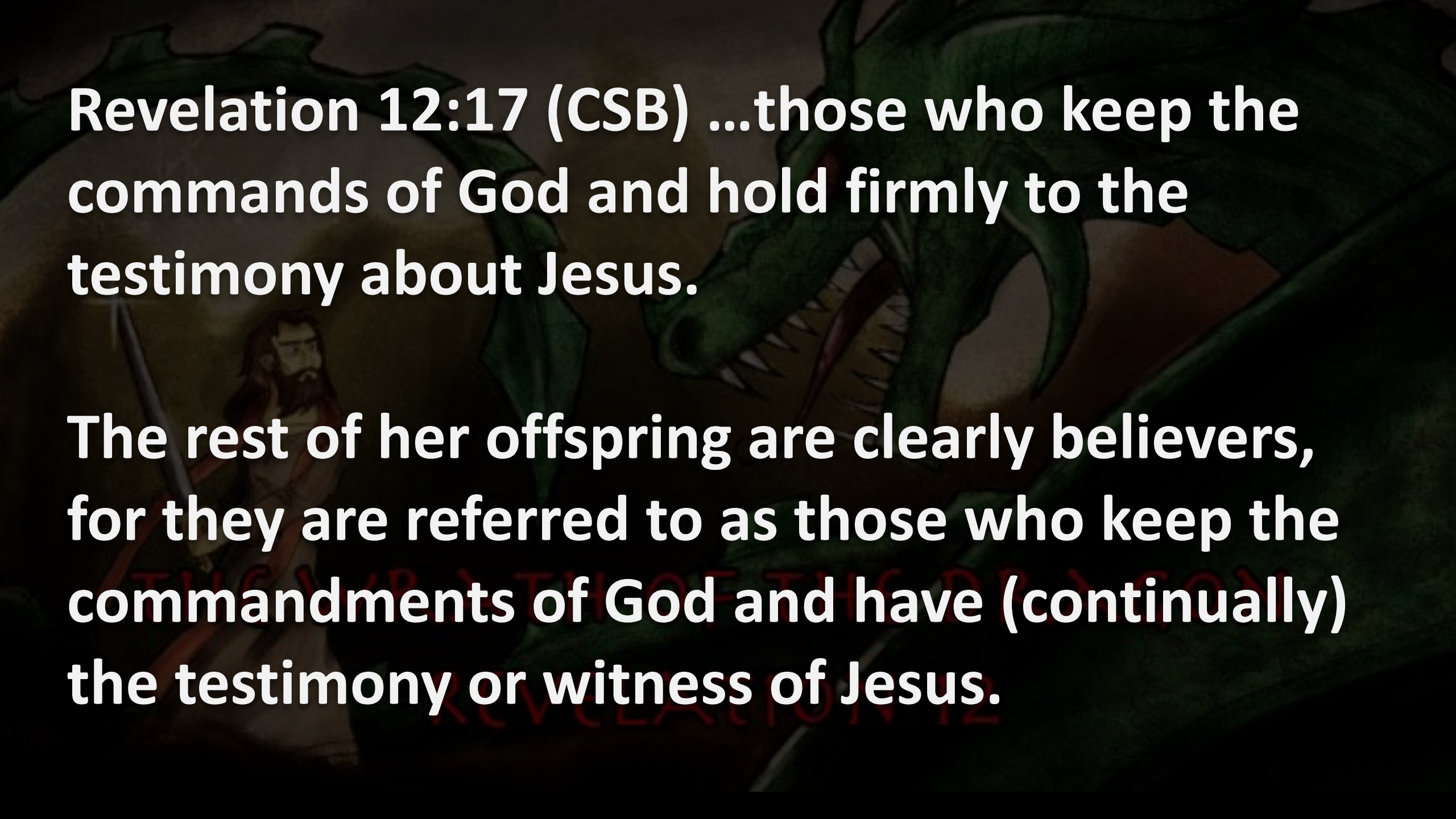
**Revelation 12:17 (CSB) So the dragon was furious with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus.**

**God has a purpose for Israel. 12:17 Having failed to destroy the woman, the wrath of the dragon is enraged to even greater heights.**

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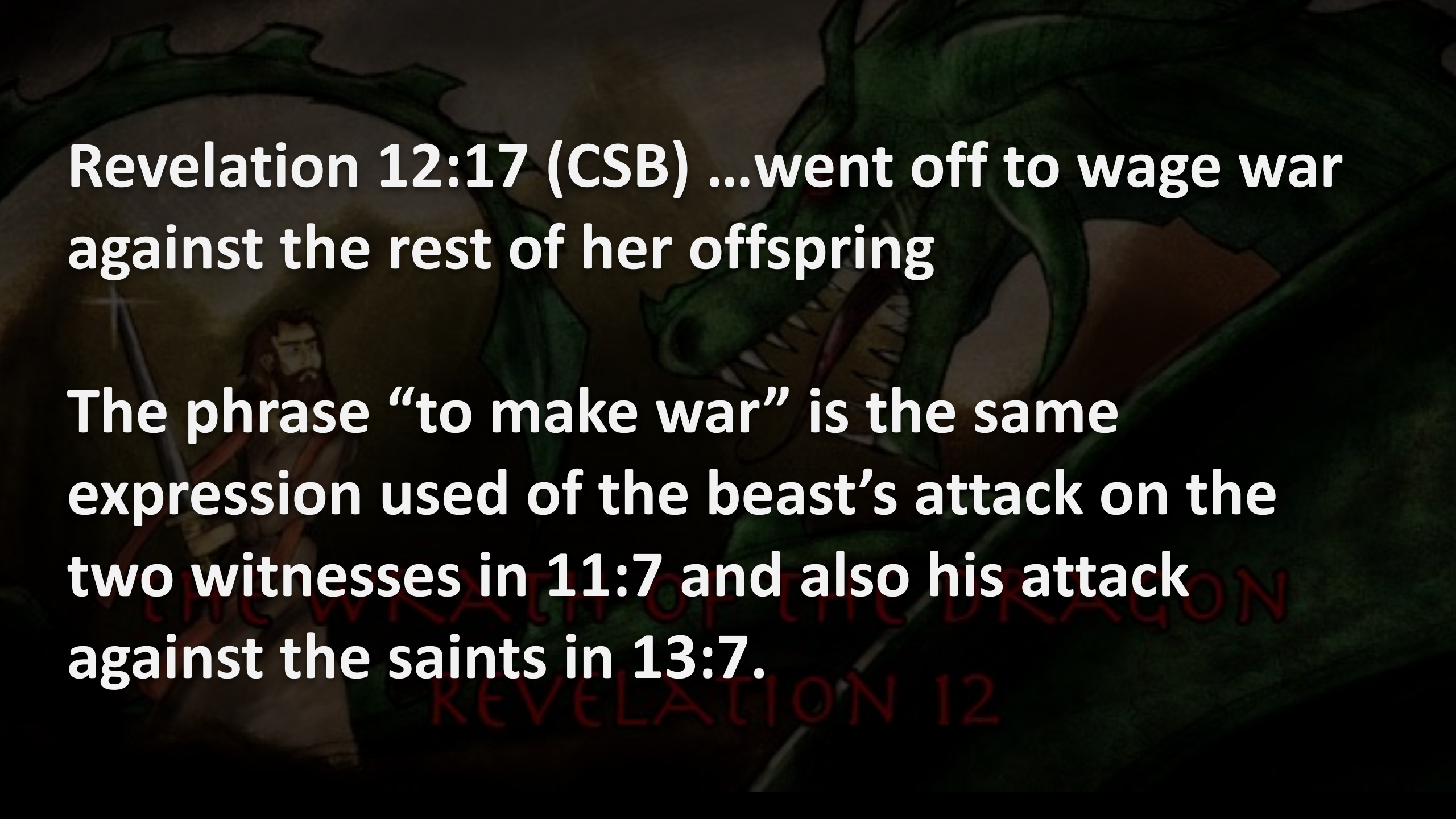
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**Not being able to defeat her, he chooses now to go off to make war with the “rest of her offspring.” This is a reference to all the other followers of the Lamb that he can find throughout the earth, Jew and Gentile alike.**

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**Revelation 12:17 (CSB) ...those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus.**

**The rest of her offspring are clearly believers, for they are referred to as those who keep the commandments of God and have (continually) the testimony or witness of Jesus.**



**Revelation 12:17 (CSB) ...went off to wage war  
against the rest of her offspring**

**The phrase “to make war” is the same  
expression used of the beast’s attack on the  
two witnesses in 11:7 and also his attack  
against the saints in 13:7.**



**Christians who held fast to their “testimony about Jesus” (12:17) began to suffer for their faith as Christianity was recognized as a new religious movement during the reign of the Roman emperor Nero (AD 54–68). His image is depicted in this sculpture from the Julian Basilica, Corinth (AD 60). The historical record of Nero’s reign is filled with contradictions, but there is no doubt that he ordered the horrific persecution of Christians during the last years of his rule.**

**Although the devil will be unable to totally exterminate Israel, Zechariah 13:8 sorrowfully informs us that 2/3 of the Jewish population will be killed during the tribulation. Satan will not utterly succeed in wiping the Jew from the face of the earth, but he will succeed in plunging many to their death. Satan indeed hates the nation of Israel.**





# SUMMARY

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## Key Themes of Revelation 12:1–6

- The messianic community gives birth to Jesus, the Messiah and rightful ruler of the nations.
- Satan attempts to destroy both Christ and his people.
- The Father rescues God the Son by raising him from the dead and exalting him to his heavenly throne.
- God protects his people from satanic attack through their wilderness journey.

## Key Themes of Revelation 12:7–12

- Satan and his angels have been defeated and cast down to earth.
- The dragon is also known as the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan, the deceiver, and the accuser of believers.
- Believers overcome Satan by relying on the finished work of Christ and by remaining faithful to Jesus in spite of opposition.

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## **Key Themes of Revelation 12:13–17**

- **Having failed to kill Jesus and having been cast out of heaven by Michael, Satan is now a defeated and cornered, but dangerous and vicious, enemy.**
- **The ultimate source of persecution against God's people is revealed: the same Satan who attacked the male child continues to attack the saints.**
- **God faithfully protects his people against the devil's demonic attacks.**
- **True believers are those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.**



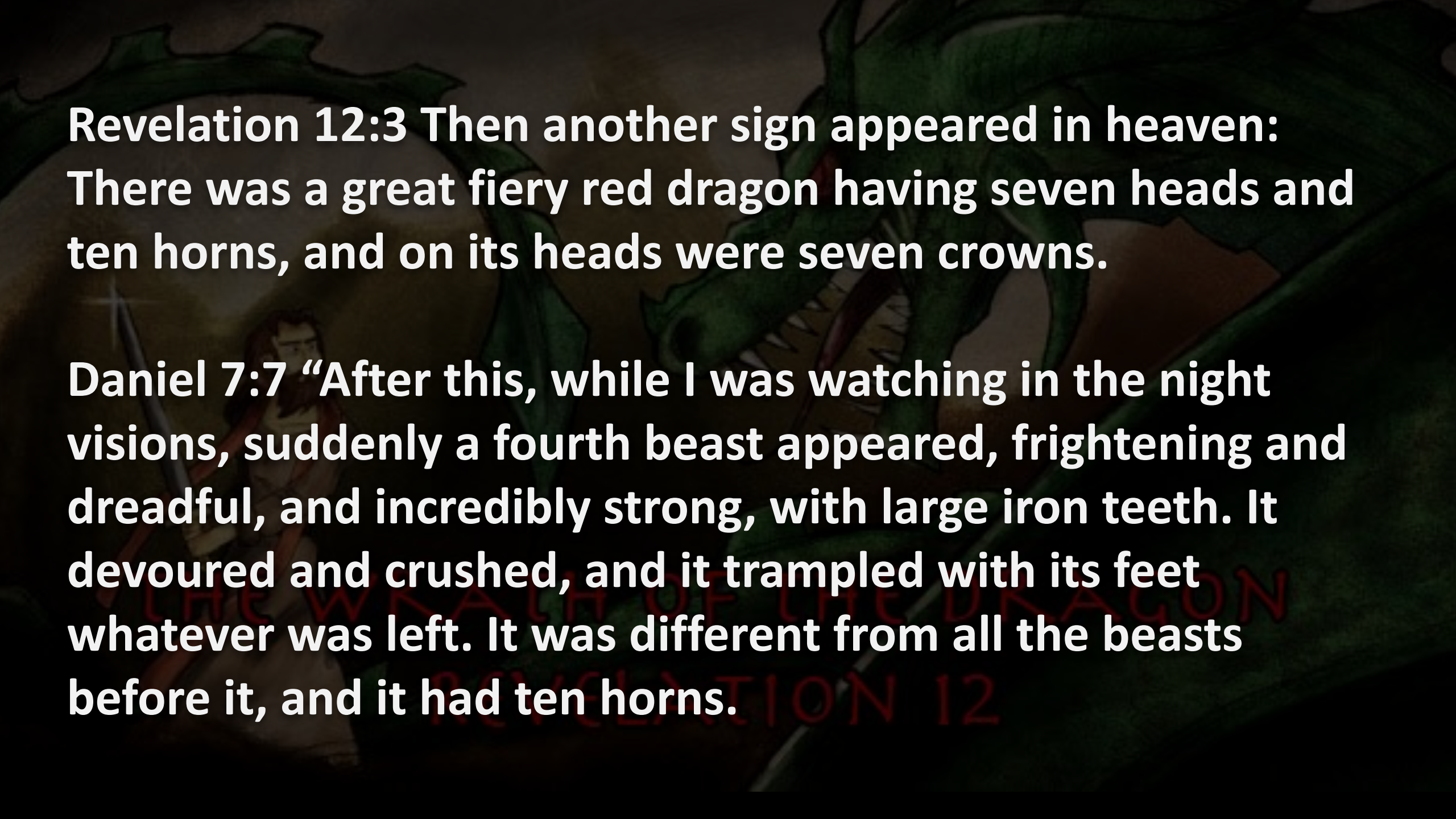
# OLD TESTAMENT CONNECTIONS

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**Revelation 12:2** She was pregnant and cried out in labor and agony as she was about to give birth.

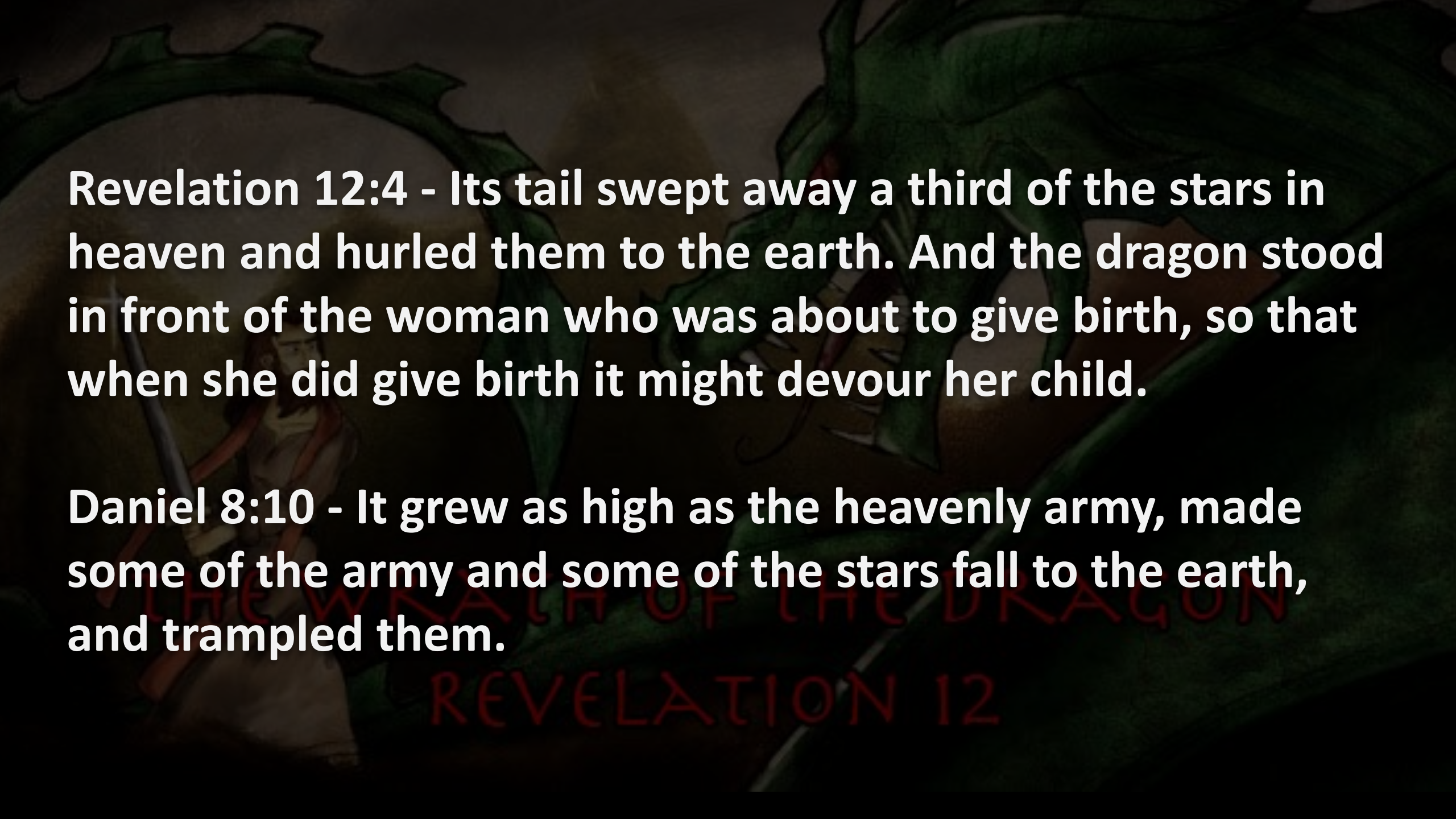
**Isaiah 66:7** Before Zion was in labor, she gave birth; before she was in pain, she delivered a boy.

**Micah 4:10** Writhe and cry out, Daughter Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you will leave the city and camp in the open fields. You will go to Babylon; there you will be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the grasp of your enemies!



**Revelation 12:3** Then another sign appeared in heaven: There was a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven crowns.

**Daniel 7:7** “After this, while I was watching in the night visions, suddenly a fourth beast appeared, frightening and dreadful, and incredibly strong, with large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and it trampled with its feet whatever was left. It was different from all the beasts before it, and it had ten horns.

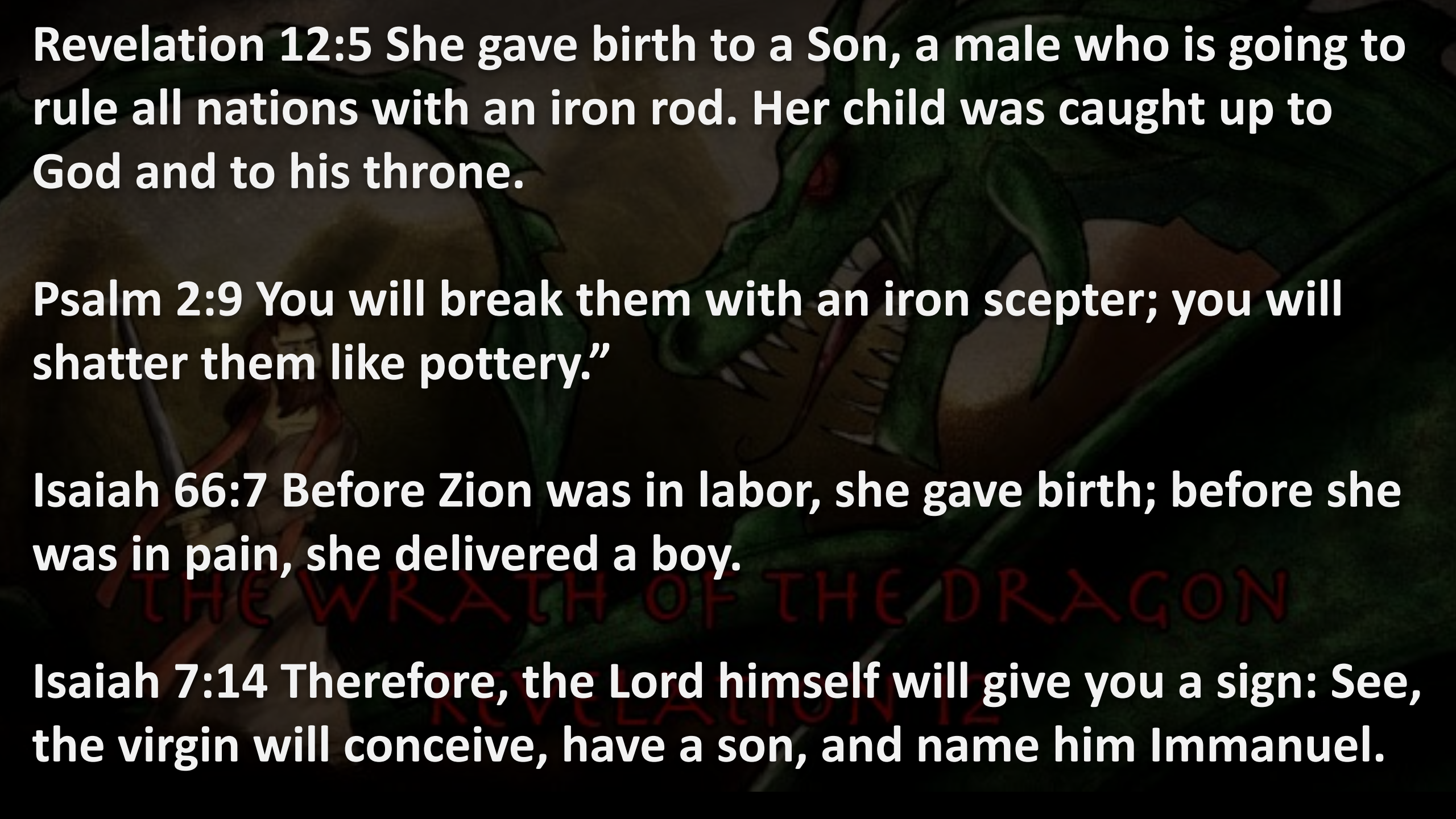


**Revelation 12:4 - Its tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she did give birth it might devour her child.**

**Daniel 8:10 - It grew as high as the heavenly army, made some of the army and some of the stars fall to the earth, and trampled them.**

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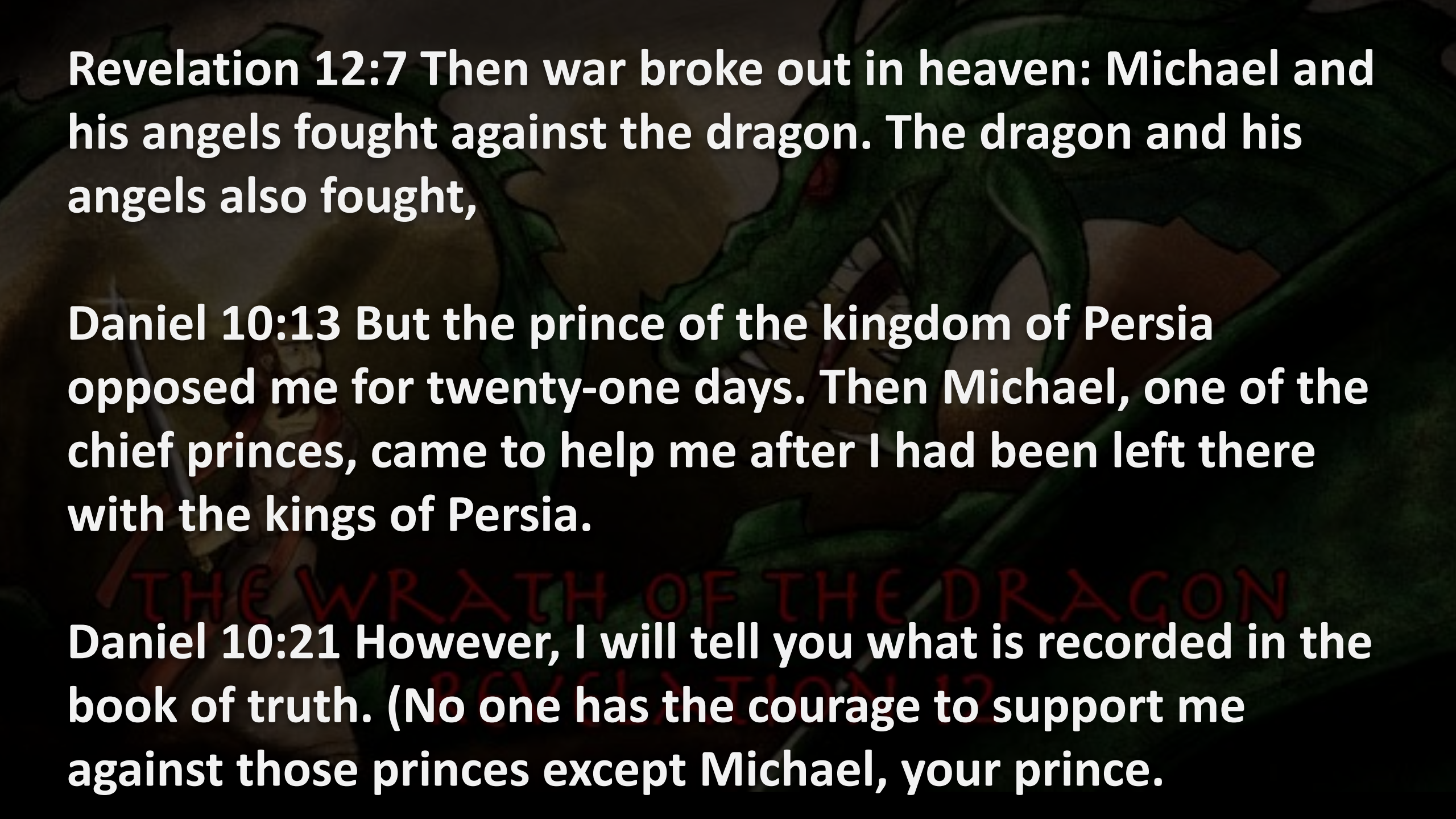


**Revelation 12:5 She gave birth to a Son, a male who is going to rule all nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne.**

**Psalm 2:9 You will break them with an iron scepter; you will shatter them like pottery.”**

**Isaiah 66:7 Before Zion was in labor, she gave birth; before she was in pain, she delivered a boy.**

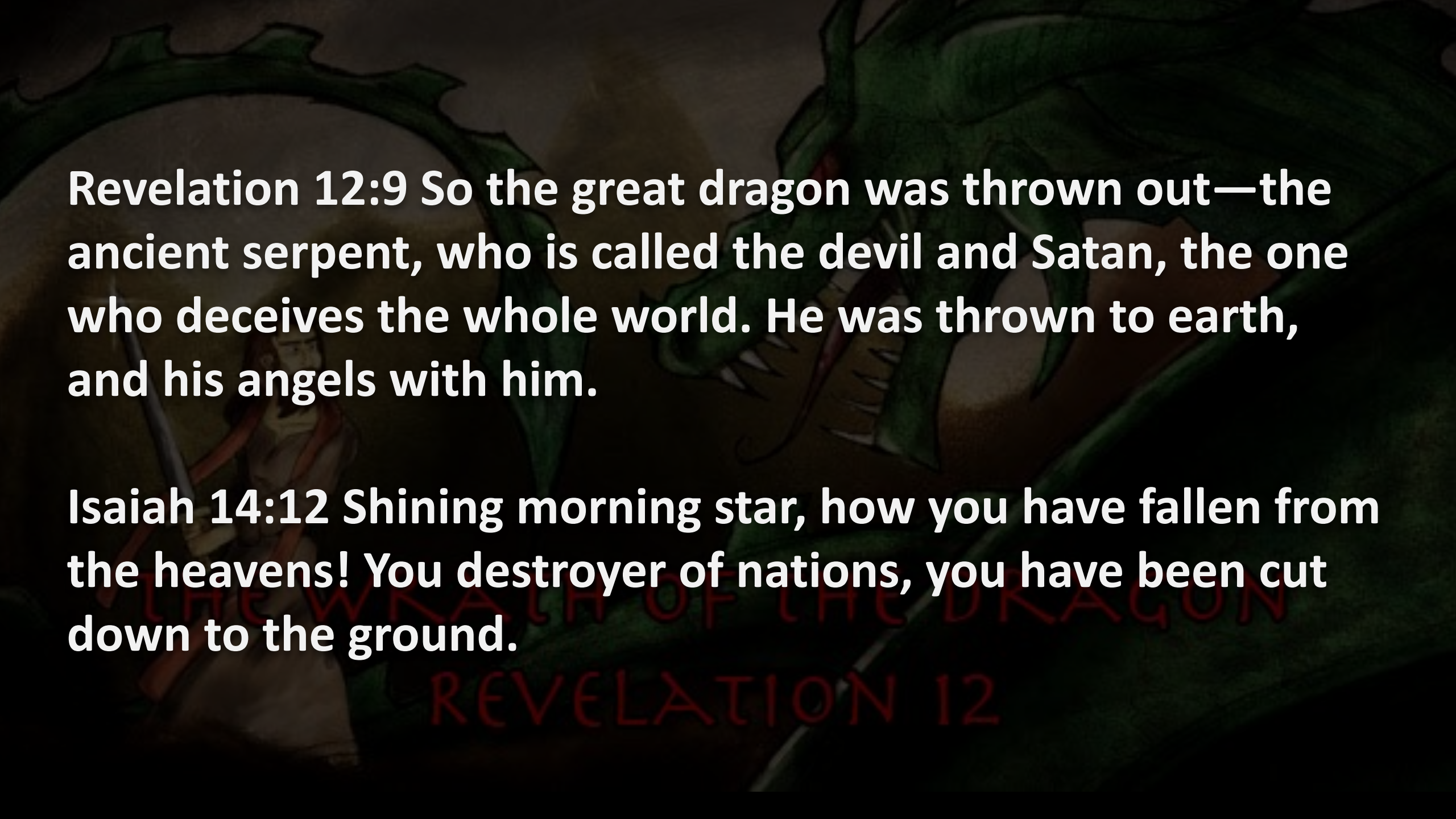
**Isaiah 7:14 Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.**



**Revelation 12:7 Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought,**

**Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me after I had been left there with the kings of Persia.**

**Daniel 10:21 However, I will tell you what is recorded in the book of truth. (No one has the courage to support me against those princes except Michael, your prince.**



**Revelation 12:9** So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

**Isaiah 14:12** Shining morning star, how you have fallen from the heavens! You destroyer of nations, you have been cut down to the ground.

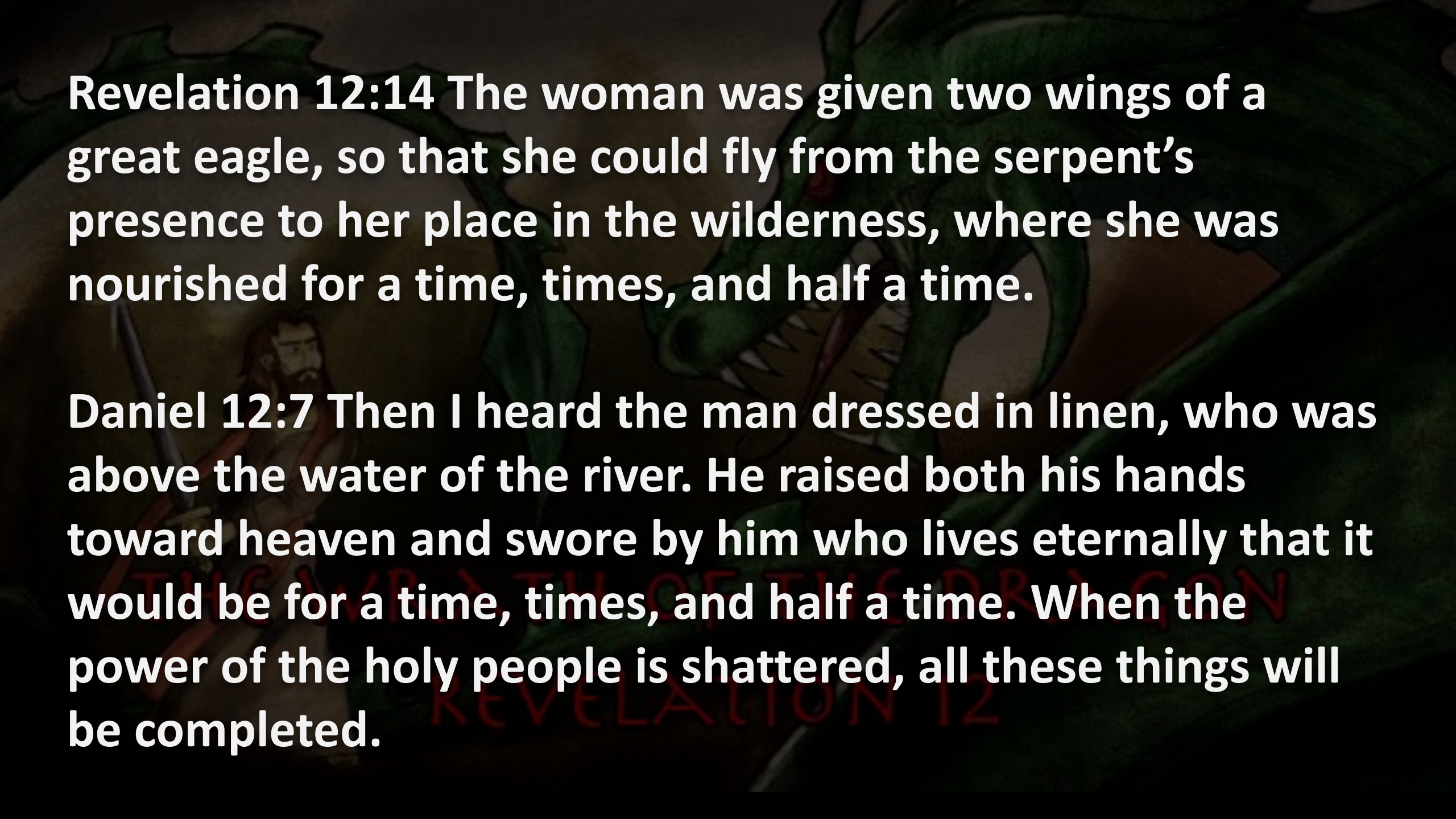
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**Revelation 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.

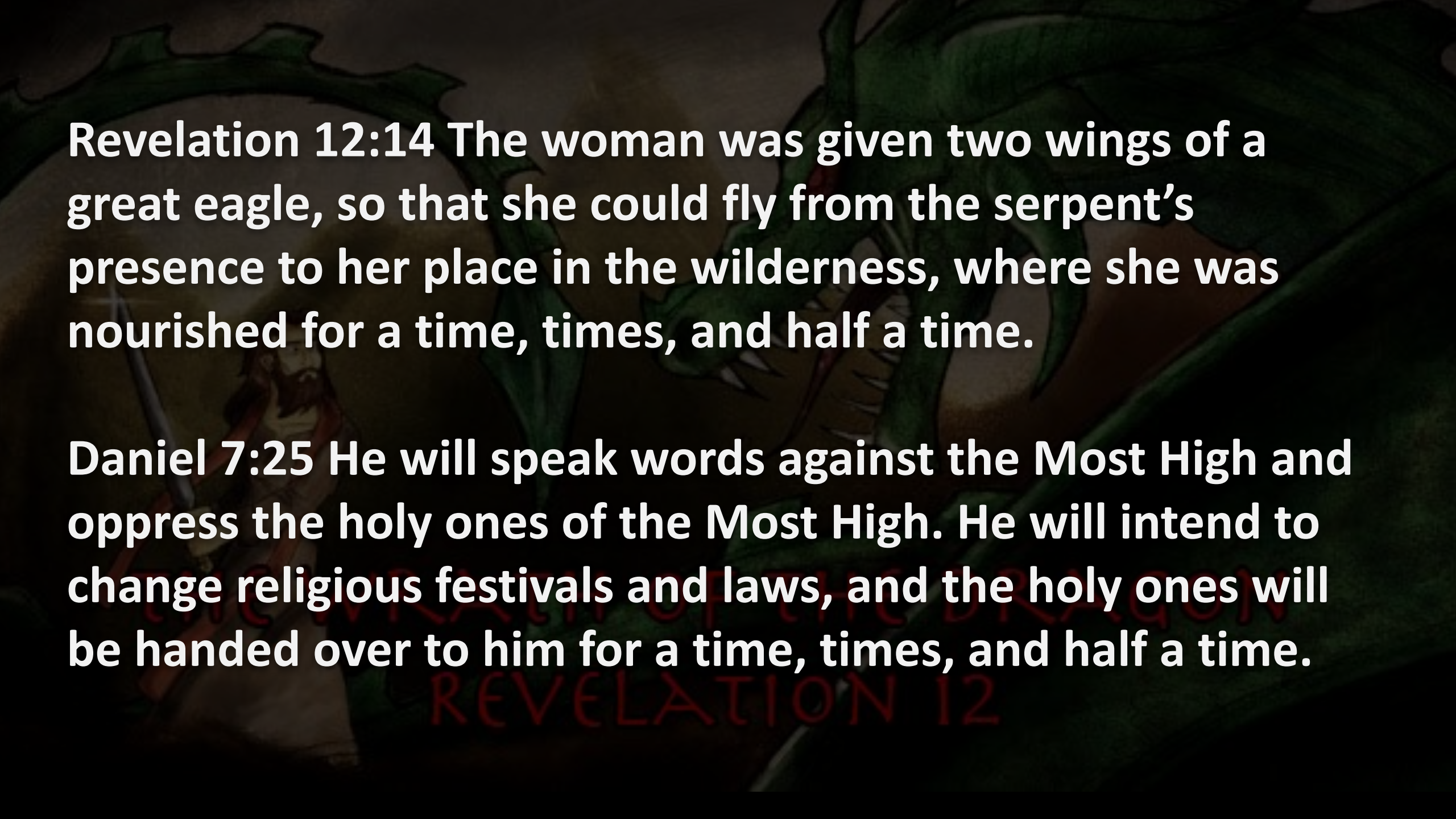
**Job 1:9–11** Satan answered the Lord, “Does Job fear God for nothing? 10Haven’t you placed a hedge around him, his household, and everything he owns? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11But stretch out your hand and strike everything he owns, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

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**Zechariah 3:1** Then he showed me the high priest Joshua standing before the angel of the Lord, with Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

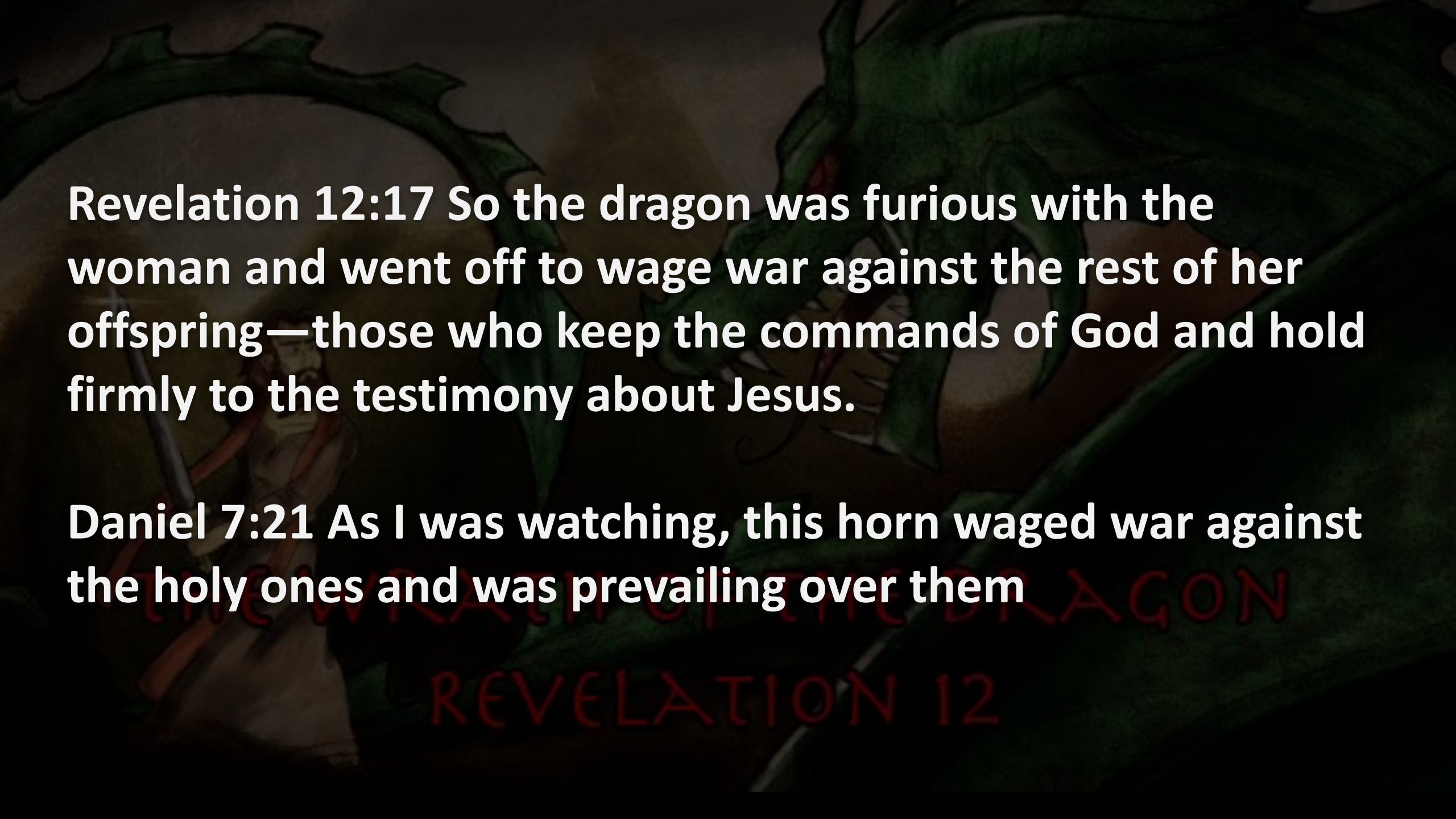
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**Daniel 12:7** Then I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river. He raised both his hands toward heaven and swore by him who lives eternally that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the power of the holy people is shattered, all these things will be completed.

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**Revelation 12:14** The woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent's presence to her place in the wilderness, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time.

**Daniel 7:25** He will speak words against the Most High and oppress the holy ones of the Most High. He will intend to change religious festivals and laws, and the holy ones will be handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time.

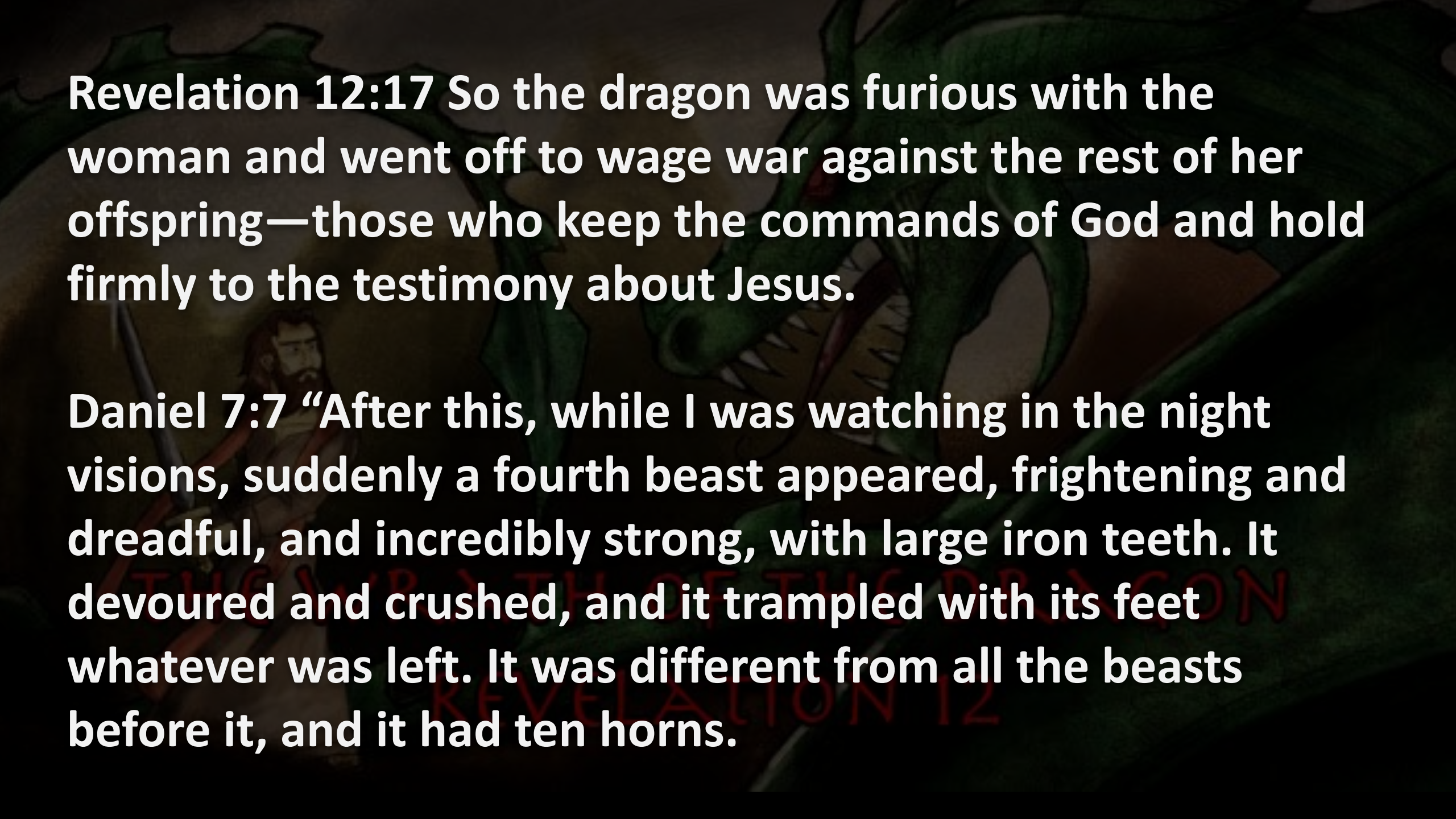
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**Revelation 12:17 So the dragon was furious with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus.**

**Daniel 7:21 As I was watching, this horn waged war against the holy ones and was prevailing over them**

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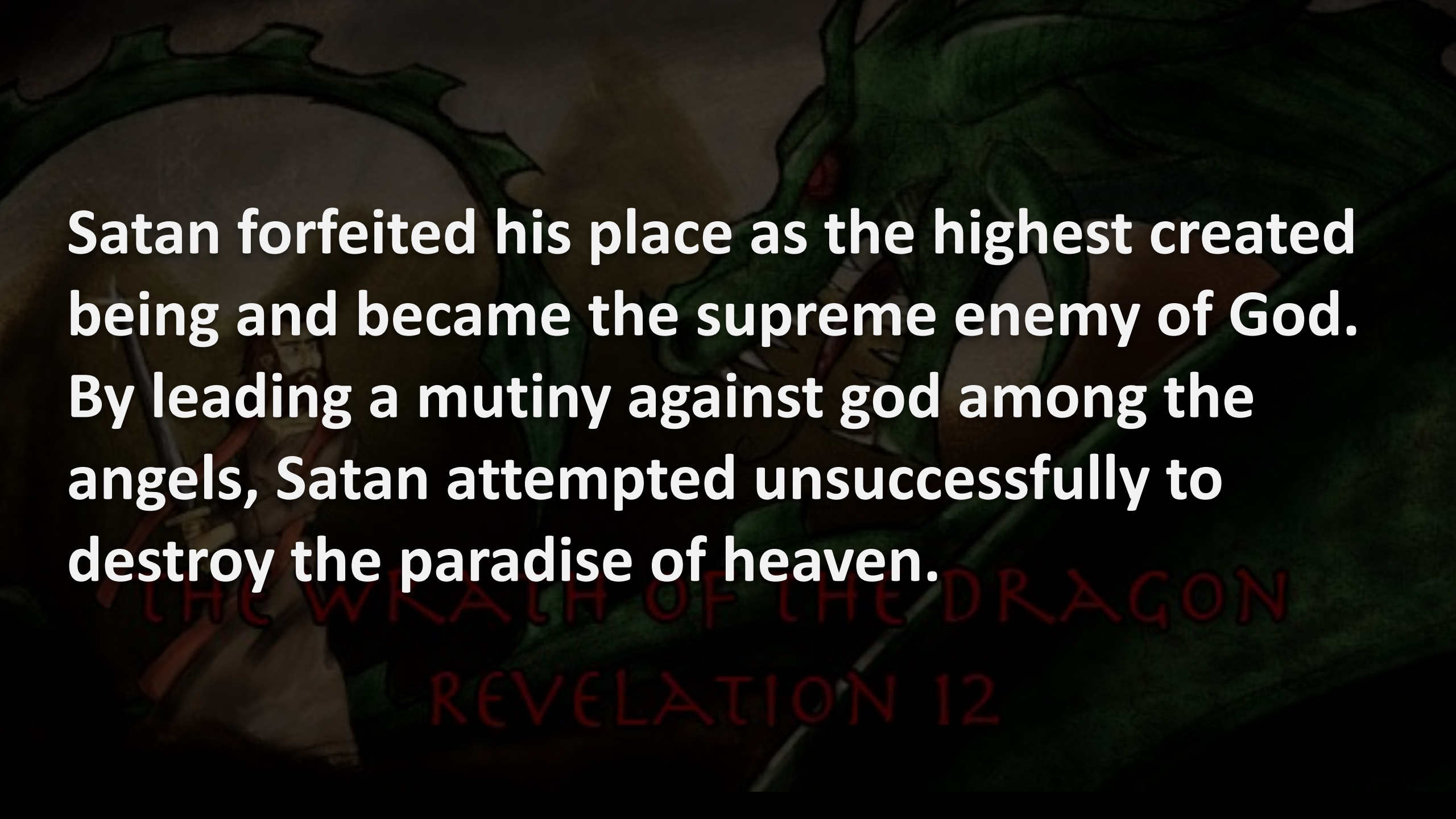
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# CONCLUSION

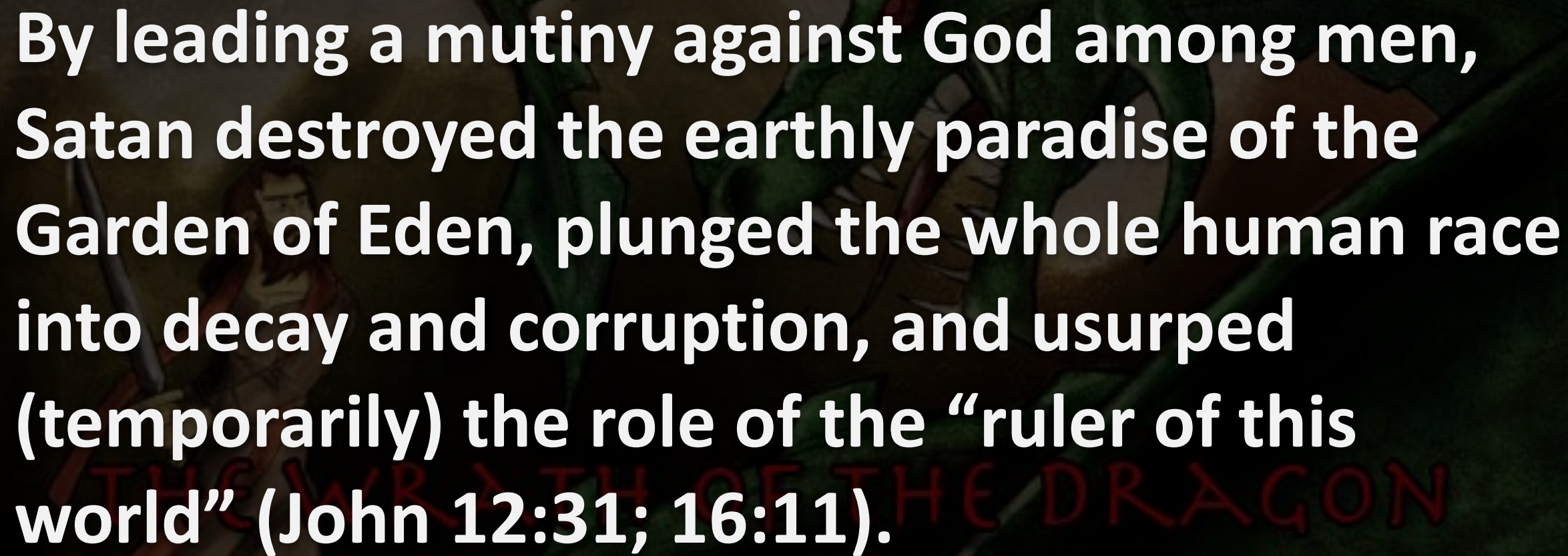
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**Satan forfeited his place as the highest created being and became the supreme enemy of God. By leading a mutiny against god among the angels, Satan attempted unsuccessfully to destroy the paradise of heaven.**

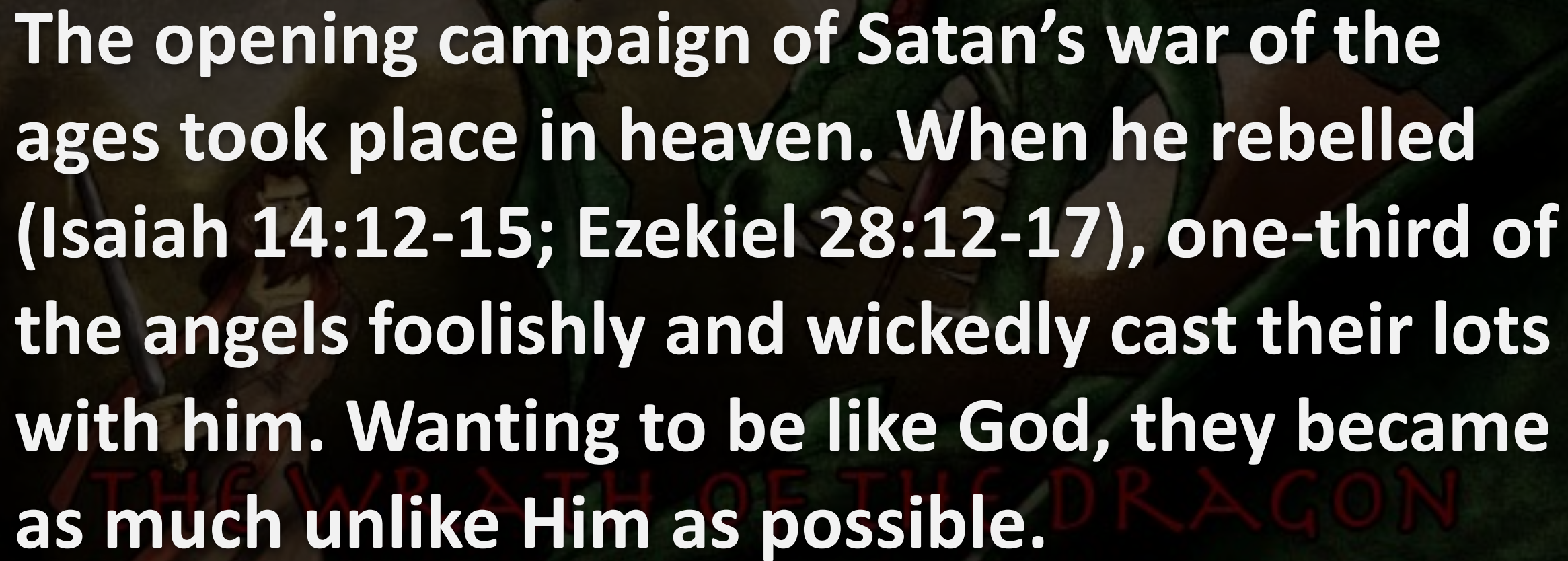
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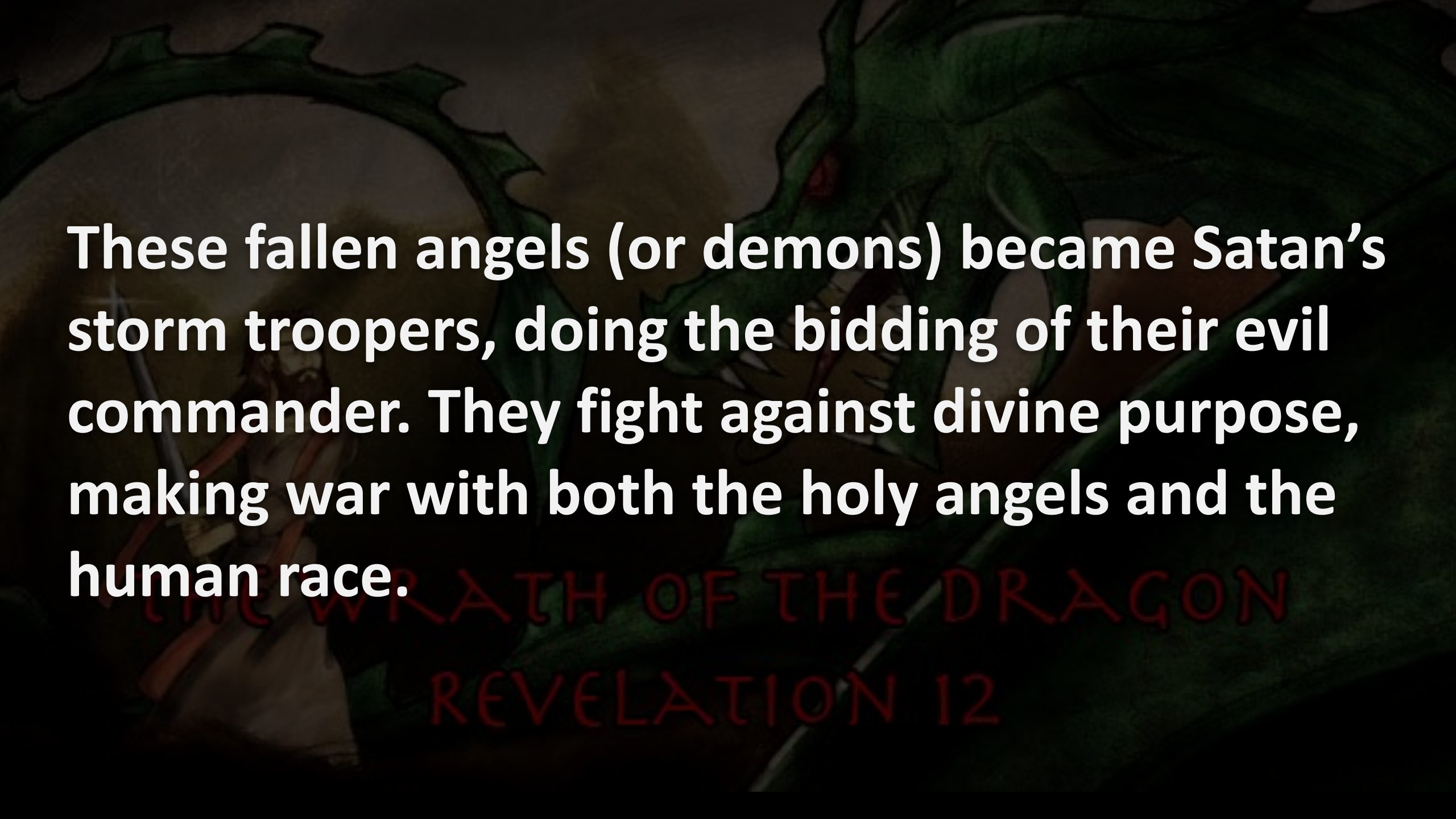
**By leading a mutiny against God among men, Satan destroyed the earthly paradise of the Garden of Eden, plunged the whole human race into decay and corruption, and usurped (temporarily) the role of the “ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 16:11).**

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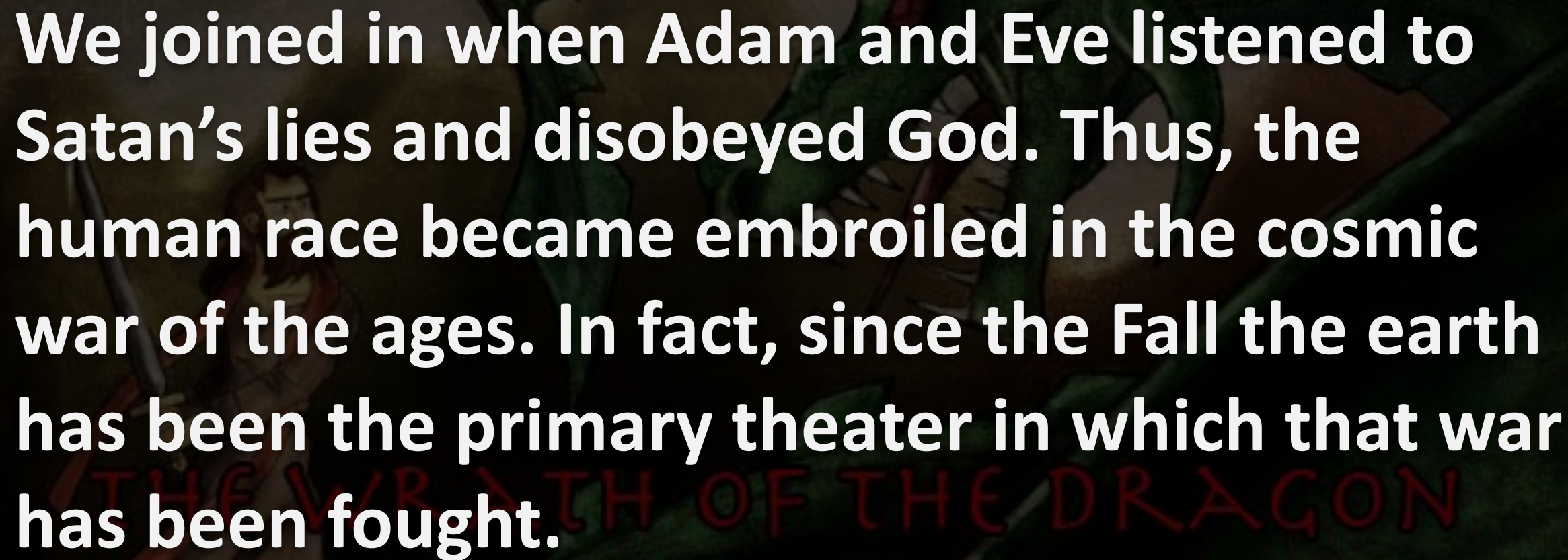
The opening campaign of Satan's war of the ages took place in heaven. When he rebelled (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17), one-third of the angels foolishly and wickedly cast their lots with him. Wanting to be like God, they became as much unlike Him as possible.

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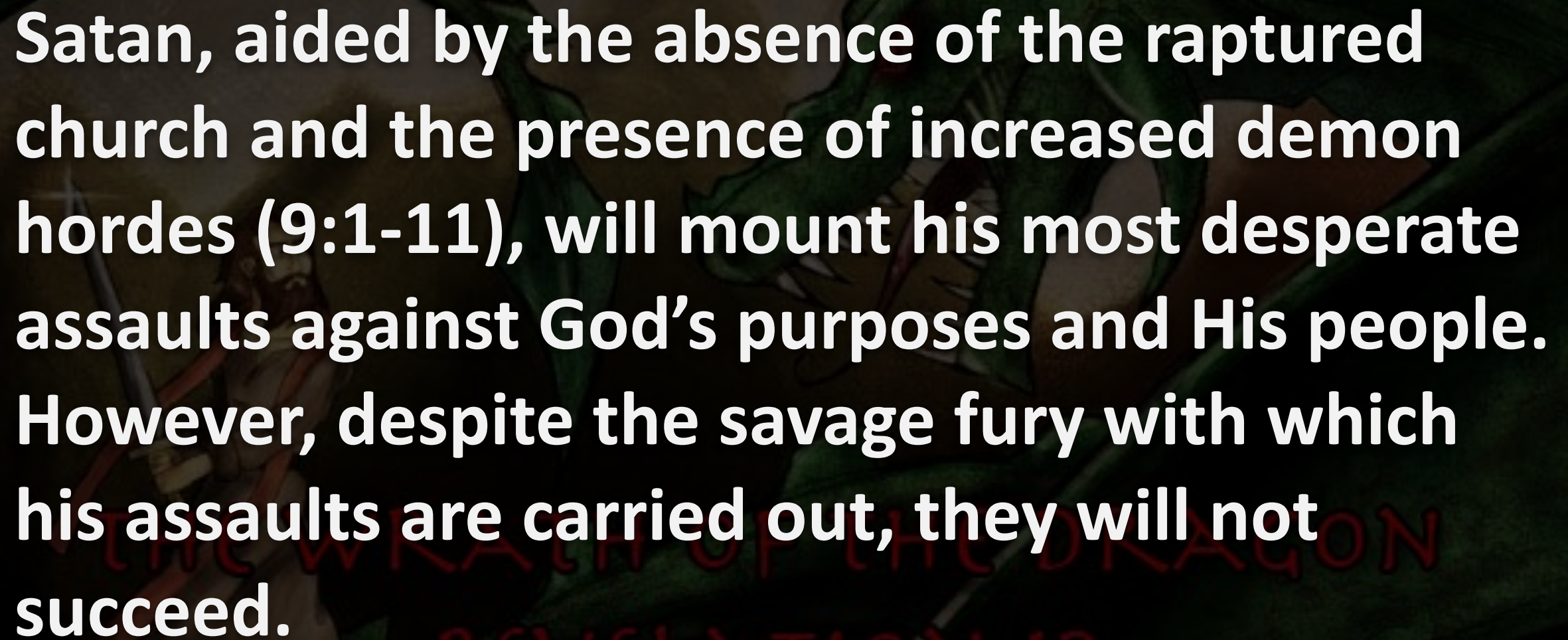
**These fallen angels (or demons) became Satan's storm troopers, doing the bidding of their evil commander. They fight against divine purpose, making war with both the holy angels and the human race.**

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**We joined in when Adam and Eve listened to Satan's lies and disobeyed God. Thus, the human race became embroiled in the cosmic war of the ages. In fact, since the Fall the earth has been the primary theater in which that war has been fought.**

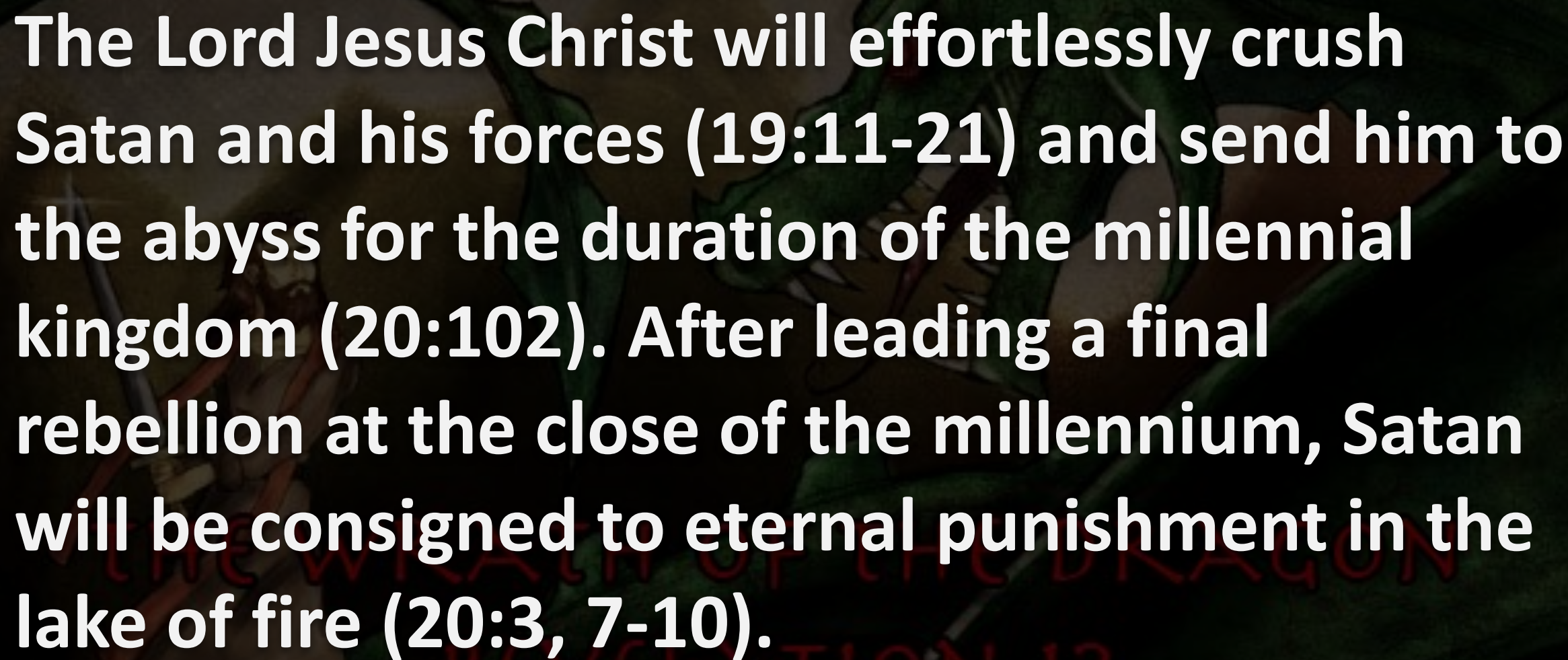
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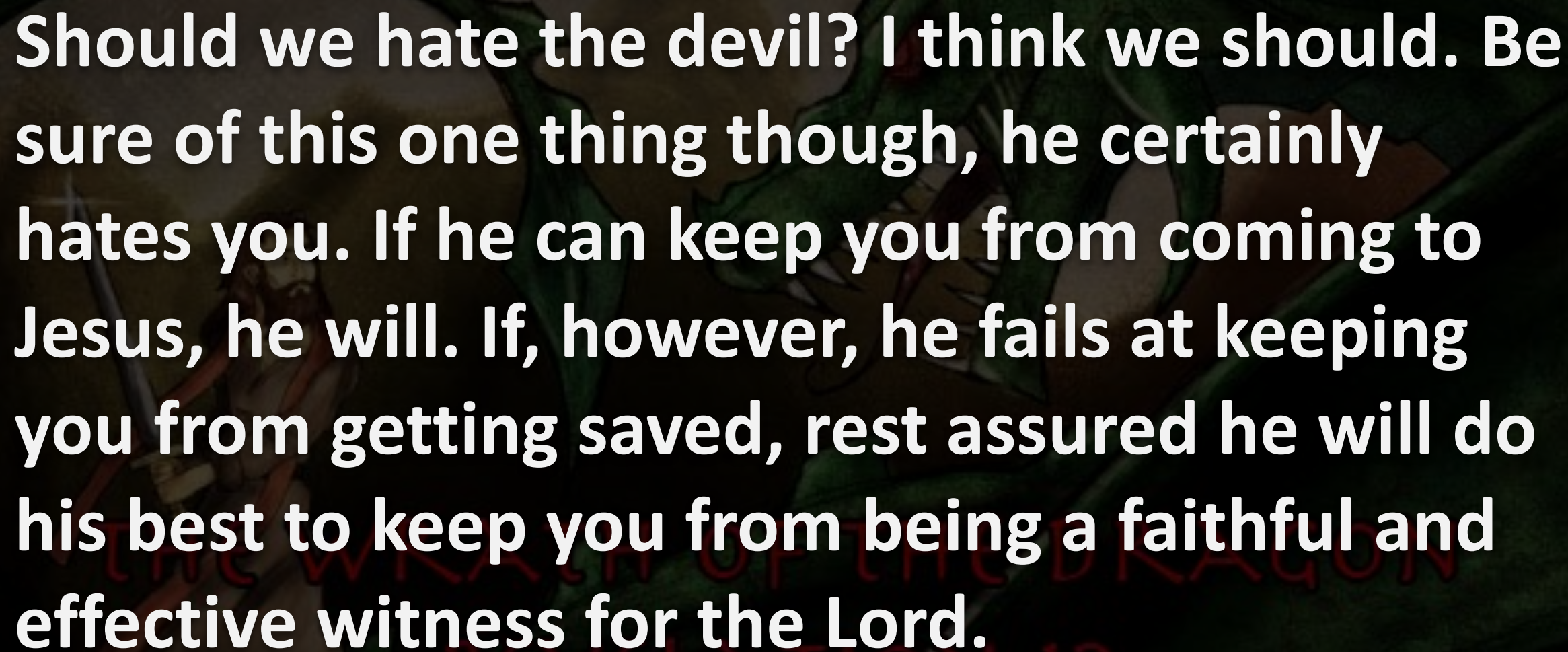
**Satan, aided by the absence of the raptured church and the presence of increased demon hordes (9:1-11), will mount his most desperate assaults against God's purposes and His people. However, despite the savage fury with which his assaults are carried out, they will not succeed.**

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**The Lord Jesus Christ will effortlessly crush Satan and his forces (19:11-21) and send him to the abyss for the duration of the millennial kingdom (20:102). After leading a final rebellion at the close of the millennium, Satan will be consigned to eternal punishment in the lake of fire (20:3, 7-10).**



Should we hate the devil? I think we should. Be sure of this one thing though, he certainly hates you. If he can keep you from coming to Jesus, he will. If, however, he fails at keeping you from getting saved, rest assured he will do his best to keep you from being a faithful and effective witness for the Lord.

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**He will bring accusations against your conscience, he will accuse you before the Lord, and if possible he will see to your martyrdom. However, always keep the words of verse 11 ringing in your ears, “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Satan may kill our body, but he cannot touch our soul. Jesus has seen to that!**



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