## [07] Revelation 12, An Unbreakable Chiastic Structure

There is inherently within the very texts of Revelation 12 a very specific structure, a chiastic structure/pattern [1,2,3,3,2,1, or A,B,C,C,B,A, or A,B,C,A,B,C, etc] which cannot be broken [John 10:35 KJB].

The Revelation 12 Texts:

Revelation 12:1 KJB - And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Revelation 12:2 KJB - And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Revelation 12:3 KJB - And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:4 KJB - And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Revelation 12:5 KJB - And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.

Revelation 12:6 KJB - And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

Revelation 12:7 KJB - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Revelation 12:8 KJB - And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:9 KJB - And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:10 KJB - And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:11 KJB - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:12 KJB - Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:13 KJB - And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.

Revelation 12:14 KJB - And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:15 KJB - And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Revelation 12:16 KJB - And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:17 KJB - And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Notice the chiastic structure.

[A1] Revelation 12:1-5 KJB = Woman, Child and Dragon

**[B1]** Revelation 12:6 KJB = Woman in Wilderness for 1,260 days [years]

**[C1]** Revelation 12:7-9 KJB = War between Michael and Satan in Heaven

**[D1]** Revelation 12:10 KJB = Cross, Power of Christ, His Victory

**[D2]** Revelation 12:11 KJB = Lamb, Blood of Christ, Their [overcoming saints] Victory in Him

**[C2]** Revelation 12:12 KJB = Dragon permanently cast down to Earth fights against Jesus' body

**[B2]** Revelation 12:13-16 KJB = Woman in Wilderness, for a time, and times, and half a time [aka, 3 1/2 times or 1,260 days [years]]

[A2] Revelation 12:17 KJB = Woman, her Seed and Dragon

An example of another parallelism within the greater:

Revelation 12:7 KJB - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

[A1] Michael – Leader

**[B1]** his angels – Followers

[A2] Dragon – Leader

[B2] his angels - Followers

Looking at these two combatants, compare the surrounding context, this time starting with "the Dragon", followed with "Michael":

[1] "the Dragon" and his several titles in Revelation 12:

"Dragon" - Revelation 12:3,4,7,9,13,16,17 KJB

"serpent" - Revelation 12:9,14,15 KJB

"Devil" - Revelation 12:9,12 KJB

"Satan" - Revelation 12:9 KJB

"accuser of our brethren" - Revelation 12:10 KJB

"his" [angels] - Revelation 12:7,9 KJB

Compare also:

"neither was their place found any more in heaven" - Revelation 12:8 KJB

"was cast out ... cast out into the earth" - Revelation 12:9 KJB

"is cast down" - Revelation 12:10 KJB

[2] "Michael" and his several titles in Revelation 12:

"Michael" - Revelation 12:7 KJB

"Lamb" - Revelation 12:11 KJB

"child" - Revelation 12:2,4,5 KJB

"man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron" - Revelation 12:5,13 KJB

"seed" - Revelation 12:17 KJB

"it" - Revelation 12:4 KJB

"Jesus" [even the "testimony" of] - Revelation 12:17 KJB

"Christ" - Revelation 12:10,17

"his" [angels] - Revelation 12:7 KJB

Compare also:

"caught up unto God, and to his throne." - Revelation 12:5 KJB

"rule all" - Revelation 12:5 KJB

After considering these things, let some questions be asked, and fill them in by the texts of the King James Bible themselves:

Who is the "Dragon" of Revelation 12:3,4,7,9,13,16,17 KJB?

Who is the "serpent" of Revelation 12:9,14,15 KJB?

Who is the "devil" of Revelation 12:9,12 KJB?

Who is the "Satan" of Revelation 12:9 KJB?

Who is the "accuser of the brethren" of Revelation 12:10 KJB?

Who was "cast out" of Revelation 12:9 KJB?

Who was "cast down" of Revelation 12:10 KJB?

Who is the one which "cast out of his mouth water as a flood" of Revelation 12:15,16 KJB?

Are there any "angels" which belong, "his", to the singular person in the verses cited, KJB?

Does the fallen arch-rebel have many designations, KJB?

According to the text of Revelation 12:7 KJB, what is the arch-rebel's designation in "heaven" in this verse?

Who opposes the "Dragon"?Who opposes the "serpent"?Who opposes the "devil"?Who opposes the "Satan"?Who opposes the "accuser of the brethren"?Whose "angels" oppose the "angels" of that "Dragon"?

Revelation 12 KJB:

Is there a "woman" and a "child" and a "Dragon" in Revelation 12:1-6 KJB?

Is there a "woman" entering into a "wilderness" for "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" [1,260 days; aka "1 time + 2 times [dual; plural of time] and half/dividing of time"; aka "42 months"] in Revelation 12:6 KJB?

Is there a "war" in "Heaven" between "Michael" [and "his angels"] and "the Dragon" [and "his angels"], wherein "the Dragon and his angels" were "cast out" and "neither was their place found any more in heaven" in Revelation 12:7-9 KJB?

Did the "power of his [the Father's] Christ" on earth gain the "victory" and "salvation" over and from the "accuser of our brethren" in Revelation 12:10 KJB?

Did "they" on earth also "overcome" "him" [the accuser] by the "blood of the lamb" and by "the word of their testimony" in Revelation 12:11 KJB?

Is there "rejoic[ing]" in the "Heavens" for them "that dwell in them", but yet "woe" to the "inhabiters of the earth and of the sea" for the "Dragon" being cast out of "Heaven" is now "come down" unto them and was full of "wrath" and "persecuted" the Church in Revelation 12:12-13 KJB?

Is there a "woman" entering into a "wilderness" for "a time, and times, and half a time " [1 time + 2 times [dual; plural of time] and half/dividing of time' aka 1,260 days ["a thousand two hundred and threescore days"]; aka "42 months"] in Revelation 12:14 KJB?

Is there a "woman" and the "remnant" of "her seed" [aka "child"] and a "Dragon" in Revelation 12:15-17 KJB?

Revelation 12 KJB

Whose "angels" oppose the "angels" of that Michael"?

Who opposes the one which has the True "testimony"?

Who opposes the "Christ", even "Jesus Christ"?

Who opposes the "child", even the "man child" and "it"?

Who opposes the "lamb"?

Who opposes "Michael"?

According to the text of Revelation 12:7 KJB, what is the arch-defender's designation in "heaven" in this verse?

Does the Son of God have many designations?

Are there any "angels" which belong, "his", to the singular person in the verses cited, KJB?

Who is the one who has a "testimony" of Revelation 12:17 KJB?

Who is the one to "who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron" of Revelation 12:5 KJB?

Who is the one "caught up" of Revelation 12:5 KJB?

Who is the "seed" of Revelation 12:17 KJB?

Who is the "child" and "man child" and "it" of Revelation 12:2,4,5,13 KJB?

Who is the "Christ" and "Jesus Christ" of Revelation 12:10,17 KJB?

Who is the "lamb" of Revelation 12:11 KJB?

Who is "Michael" of Revelation 12:7 KJB?

If the structure is truly Chiastic in its nature, then can the identification of the beings therein ever be broken [even according to John 10:35 KJB]?

If the Church is the Woman on the earth, and she the Body in Revelation 12:11-13 KJB and the Dragon fought against her, who then is the Heavenly Head in Revelation 12:7-9 KJB, who the Dragon warred against there?