

SOUL FOOD

June and July 2016



Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

Revelation 12:3

The Great Red Dragon

Excerpt from Rev M. Gladish's sermon "An overview of Revelation"

Do you believe in the Lord? And do you love Him and try to do what is right?

*Then you need to know and remember that **these commitments will inevitably be attacked by those who don't.***

*And **they will bring reasonings with their arguments** that are like a seven-headed dragon.*

*They will be hard to answer, and your tender faith will be threatened. **What can you do?***

In the vision the woman – the church – flees into the wilderness, and her child is caught up to God and His throne for protection.

*When Michael and his angels fight against the dragon and cast him out of heaven it spews floods of water out of its mouth (**endless arguments in the attempt to carry us away**).*

But, we read, "the earth helped the woman" by swallowing up the flood.

*This is a wonderful part of the vision as it illustrates **the support we have from Christians around us who, although still part of the faith alone church, understand the importance of living according to the Word and know how to counter the arguments of faith alone.** "Of course you have to live a good life," they say; "Everybody knows that!" – despite what the preachers say!*

Revelation 12: 1–8, 13–17.

*A great sign was seen in heaven, a woman encompassed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. And another sign was seen in heaven and **behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them into the earth.***

*And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, that when she was delivered, he might devour her child. And she brought forth a man child, who was to pasture all the nations with a rod of iron and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they may nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days. And there was war in heaven, **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels; and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.** And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man child.*

*And **unto the woman were given two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness into her place, where she would be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.***

*And **the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. And **the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood** that the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Doctrine of Faith #58

*"And another sign was seen in heaven" signifies further revelation; "and behold, **a great red dragon**" signifies **faith separated from charity**; he is said to be "**red**" **from love that is merely natural**; "having seven heads" signifies a **false understanding of the Word**; "and ten horns"*

*signifies **power in consequence of its reception by many**; "and upon his heads seven diadems" signifies **falsified truths of the Word**; "and his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them into the earth" signifies **the destruction of all knowledges of truth.***

*"And the dragon stood before the woman that was ready to be delivered, that when she was delivered, he might devour her child" signifies **their hatred, and their intention to destroy the doctrine of the church at its birth.***

*"And she brought forth a man child" signifies **the doctrine**; "who was to pasture all the nations with a rod of iron" signifies that this doctrine will **convince by the power of truth natural from spiritual**; "and her child was caught up unto God and unto his throne" signifies the **protection of the doctrine by the Lord, from heaven.***

*"And the woman fled into the wilderness" signifies **the church among a few**; "where she hath a place prepared of God" signifies the state of it such that **provision may meanwhile be made for its existing with many**; "that they may nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days" signifies **until it grows to its appointed state.***

*"And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels" signifies **dissent and battling by those who are in faith separated from charity against those who are in the doctrine of the church respecting the Lord and the life of charity**; "and they prevailed not" signifies that they were overcome; "neither was their place found any more in heaven" signifies*

that they were cast down thence. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man child" signifies **the infestation of the church by those in faith separated from charity, on account of its doctrine.** "And unto the woman were given two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness into her place" signifies **cautious care and foresight while the church is as yet among few;** "where she would be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" signifies **while the church is growing to its appointed state.** "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood" signifies **their abundant reasonings from falsities whereby to destroy the church.** "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood that the dragon cast out of his mouth" signifies that **their reasonings, being from falsities, fell of themselves to the ground.**

Happy birthday to: Kayla 6th, Moira 14th, Bernice 15th, Genevieve 23rd, Pauline 24th, Lorna 25th.

Moira unfortunately fell and broke her hip but she is now on the road to recovery thanks to a full hip replacement and rehabilitation at Apsley. We wish you a full recovery Moira☺ and love from us all.

Pastoral visit Rev Todd Beiswenger 3,4,5th June

Fri 3 June	5.30pm Shared meal	McDougall House 7.30pm Class
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Sat 4 June	10am Class at Dome Maylands Crn Railway Parade and Eighth Ave	1pm Shared lunch (BYO) Annaleen's home Inglewood. Informal Discussion
Sun 5 June	10:30am Worship with Holy Supper Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House 12.30 Informal discussion on future plans
<i>Sunday 12 June</i>	10.30 June 19th Celebration : Power Point presentation Sit down shared lunch	McDougall House All invited: let Bernice know by 29 May
<i>Sunday 19 June</i>	10.30 Worship June 19th Celebration	Perth Society at Vic Park Crn Rathay St and Albany H'way. BYO lunch at Lesmurdie Falls.
<i>Sunday 26 June</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sunday 3 July</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sunday 10 July</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sun 17 July</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sun 24 July</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sun 31 July</i>	10.30 Worship Shared lunch.	<i>McDougall House</i>



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