

Hebrew Scripture echoes in Revelation 12

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| 12.1 | Crown of twelve stars | Genesis 37.9 He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me. " |
| 12.1 | Moon under her feet | Psalms 8.6 You have given [humans] dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet |
| 12.2 | Israel as pregnant | Isaiah 26.17 Like a woman with child , who writhes and cries out in her pangs when she is near her time, so were we because of you, O YHWH |
| 12.3 | Great red dragon | Ezekiel 29.3 [also 32.2] Thus says Lord YHWH: I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon sprawling in the midst of its channels, saying, "My Nile is my own; I made it for myself." Jeremiah 51.34 [LXX, 28.34] "King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me; he has made me an empty vessel, he has swallowed me like a monster [drakōn] |
| 12.3 | Ten horns | Daniel 7.7 [also 7.20, 24] After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast... It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. |
| 12.4 | Violent tail | Isaiah 9.14-15 So YHWH cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed in one day-- elders and dignitaries are the head, and prophets who teach lies are the tail |
| 12.4 | The dragon stood before the woman | Genesis 3.15 I will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman , and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." |

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| 12.5 | She gave birth to a son, a male child [eteken huios arsēn] | Isaiah 66.7 [cf. Jeremiah 20.15] Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son . [LXX, <i>eteken arsen</i>] |
| 12.5 | Who is to rule [poimainō] all the nations with a rod of iron [rhabdos sidērous] | Psalm 2.9 You shall break [LXX, <i>poimainō</i>] them with a rod of iron [LXX, <i>rhabdos sidēreos</i>] |
| 12.6 | Woman fled into the wilderness | Deuteronomy 8.14-15 ...YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. |
| 12.6 | woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God | Deuteronomy 1.31 in the wilderness, where you saw how YHWH your God carried you, just as one carries a child |
| 12.7 | Michael [as angelic defender of God's people] | Daniel 10.13, 21 Michael, one of the chief princes... There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince. |
| 12.7 | War in heaven: Michael and his angels vs. the dragon and his angels | 1 Enoch 9.1ff And then Michael, Uriel, Raphael, and Gabriel looked down from heaven and saw much blood being² shed upon the earth , and all lawlessness being wrought upon the earth. [God sends them to fight the "Watchers"] |
| 12.9 | Dragon thrown down from the sky to earth | Isaiah 14.12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! Isaiah 24.21 On that day YHWH will punish the host of heaven in heaven , and on earth the kings of the earth. |

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| 12.9 | Dragon as deceiving serpent | <p>Genesis 3.13 The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."</p> <p>1 Enoch 69.6 And the third [chief rebellious angel] was named Gadreel: ... he led astray Eve</p> |
| Devil on earth | | <p>Wisdom 2.23-24 God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it.</p> |
| 12.12 | Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them | <p>Deuteronomy 32.43 Praise, O heavens, his people, worship him, all you gods! For he will avenge the blood of his children, and take vengeance on his adversaries; he will repay those who hate him, and cleanse the land for his people.</p> <p>Psalm 96.11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice</p> <p>Isaiah 44.23 Sing, O heavens, for YHWH has done it</p> |
| 12.14 | The woman was given the two wings of the great eagle | <p>Exodus 19.4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 32.11-12 As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions, YHWH alone guided [Jacob/Israel]</p> |
| 12.16 | Earth opening its "mouth" | <p>Genesis 4.11 ... the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.</p> <p>Numbers 16.32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households--everyone who belonged to Korah and all their goods.</p> |