

The Central Characters in the Great Tribulation Revelation 12: 01–05

1. *The first character:*
A woman with child

- a. Her description

- b. Her cry:
For deliverance

2. *The second character:*
A great red dragon — Satan

- a. His description

- b. His power

- c. His aim:
To devour the child

3. *The main character:*
A man child — Jesus

- a. His purpose:
To rule

- b. His ascension:
To be exalted

- 1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet
and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

- 2 She was pregnant
and cried out in pain
as she was about to give birth.

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

- 4 His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky
and flung them to the earth.
The dragon stood in front of the woman
who was about to give birth,
so that he might devour her child
the moment it was born.

- 5 She gave birth to a son,
a male child,
who will rule all the nations
with an iron sceptre.
And her child was snatched up to God
and to his throne.