



Revelation 12:13-17 (NASB), ¹³“And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. ¹⁴But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. ¹⁷So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

The Jewish Remnant

Revelation 12:13-16 “Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”



ible translators have understood the reference to "**TIME, TIMES AND HALF A TIME**" (i.e. time=1 year, times=2 years, half a time is 6 months $1+2+0.5=3.5$), as "1,260 days" and "42 months" mentioned in Daniel and Revelation to be references to represent a period of 1260 days (based on the 360 day Jewish year multiplied by 3.5).

After Satan is thrown out of heaven he will then concentrate all his attention and hatred on the “Sun-Clothed Woman” (or the Jews) who gave birth to the “Man-child” (Christ).

The reference to the fact she will be given two great Eagle's wings to flee on, is a reminder of Ex. 19:4 when God said

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."

Once again God will make their journey swift as Eagle wings into the wilderness to escape the wrath of Satan. Some speculate that this hiding place will be the city of Petra because of its fortifications. Wherever it is, God will keep them safe for three and a half years.

Luke 21:20-24 (NASB), ²⁰ "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. ²¹ Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; ²² because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. ²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; ²⁴ and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.



The Antichrist will take his vengeance out of God's people, the ones who did not flee into the wilderness. Here John tells us that many will be killed and it has been suggested as many as half the city of Jerusalem will die and those who are not killed will be dragged away as slaves. It is at this the time that the Antichrist will defile the temple and sit in the Holy of Holy places and declare himself to be God.



The City of Refuge (Petra)

Matthew 24:15-22 ¹⁵ "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ "And pray that your

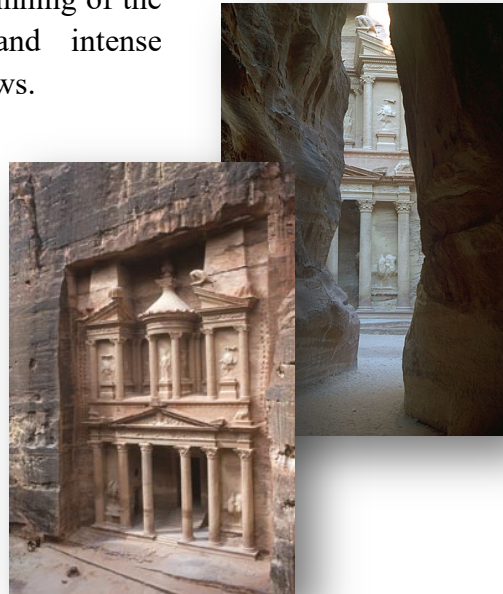


flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹"For then **there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

²²"And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened (Ref. Luke 21:21).

Throughout the Scriptures there are mentions of "**CITIES of REFUGE**," places where someone, or a group of people could go to escape from their pursuer. This is the beginning of the last half of the tribulation week and intense persecution will start, especially for the Jews.

The ancient city of Petra will be that "City of Refuge" for God's people. It is located in Jordan, south of the Dead Sea. It is in the mountains like the crater of a volcano. It has one entrance and that is through a narrow, winding canyon from 12 to 40 feet wide. The height of the sides are from 200 to 1000 feet and the length of the canyon is about two miles.



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Unable to destroy the "Woman," the Dragon, in all his rage, will then make war with the remnant of her seed. The remnants are those Jews left in Palestine and among the nations including those who have taken the seal of God and known as the **SAINTS**. The work of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists has helped fuel the largest revival the world has ever seen. In a final effort to destroy these saints, the Dragon will give the Beast his power and his seat and his great authority.