



God's Revelation of the Future

The Woman and the Dragon

The First Beast

The Second Beast

The Insets of Revelation

The insets represent parenthetical sections in Revelation 6:1-19:10. They interrupt the chronological flow of the book found in the seals, trumpets, and bowls sequence.

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Revelation 12

- The visions of this chapter involve two primary characters.
 - A woman = Israel, God's people
 - A red dragon = Satan (also seen as a serpent)

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- 12:1-2

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Revelation 13

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 - A beast from the sea = the Antichrist (with his kingdom)
 - A beast from the land = the False Prophet

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 - After the first vision, John records a call for endurance and faith.
 - After the second vision, John records a call for wisdom.

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⁷ ... I will tell you ... of the beast with seven heads and ten horns

⁸ The beast ... it was and is not and is to come.

⁹ ... the seven heads are seven mountains ...,

¹⁰ they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come

¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven



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