

Various Allusions in Revelation 12:1–6

Verse 1

GENESIS 37:9

⁹Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

Verse 2

ISAIAH 26:17, 18

¹⁸ As a woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,
When she draws near the time of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.
¹⁸ We have been with child, we have been in pain;
We have, as it were, brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth,
Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

ISAIAH 66:7–9

⁷ “Before she was in labor, she gave birth;
Before her pain came,
She delivered a male child.
⁸ Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?
Or shall a nation be born at once?
For as soon as Zion was in labor,
She gave birth to her children.
⁹ Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says the Lord.
“Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?”
says your God.

JEREMIAH 4:31A

³¹ For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor,
The anguish as of her who brings forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself;

Verse 4

LUKE 10:18

¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

MATTHEW 2:7, 8

⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the ^[a]wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

MATTHEW 2:16

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

Verse 5

PSALM 2:7

⁷ “I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me,
‘You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You

PSALM 2:9

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”