The Gospel in the Stars

Revelation 12:1-6

I. God keeps His promises. (v. 1-2)

“great wonder”

This is also the first of seven times that signs are mentioned remaining in the book of Revelation:

 -(12:3) – The dragon is a sign

 -(13:13-14) – The signs and wonders that the False Prophet does are mentioned twice.

 -(15:1) – The seven angels with the seven bowl judgments

 -(16:14) – Three unclean spirits go out and work signs to deceive the kings of the earth

-(19:20) – The miracles of the False Prophet are mentioned as he is cast with the Antichrist into the Lake of Fire.

“woman”

There are four symbolic women in the book of Revelation.

 -Jezebel (Revelation 2:20)

 -a harlot (Revelation 17:1-7)

 -a bride of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-8)

 -this woman (Revelation 12:1+)

“clothed with the sun and moon and upon her head a crown of twelve stars” (Genesis 12:5-9; Revelation 7:1-8; 11:1-14, 19)

“being with child” (Isaiah 26:17-18; 66:7-12; Jeremiah 4:31; 13:21; Hosea 13:13; Micah 4:10; Galatians 3:16; Romans 9:5; Genesis 3:15; Jeremiah 31:35-37)

II. God exalts His Son. (v. 3-5)

“dragon” (John 8:44; Genesis 3:1; 1 Peter 5:8)

“crowns” (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19; Luke 4:5-6; Matthew 25:41)

“ten horns” (Revelation 13:1; Daniel 7:7, 24-25)

“his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth” (Ezekiel 28:12-15; Isaiah 14:12-14; Genesis 3:4-5; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; 38:7; Revelation 5:11; 9:1)

“man child” (Genesis 3:15; 22:18)

“rule all nations with a rod of iron” (Psalm 2:9; Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelation 2:27; 19:15; Hebrews 1:3)

“devour” (Matthew 2:7-16; 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13, 28-30; John 7:30; 8:20)

1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:13-15

III. God cares for His people. (v. 6)

“woman” (Jeremiah 31:33-35; Ezekiel 36-37; Zechariah 12:10-13:1; Romans 11:25-32)

“a thousand two hundred and threescore days (1260 days)” (Revelation 11:1-2; 13:1-5; 12:14; Daniel 7:25; 9:27 12:7; Matthew 24:15-21; Luke 21:20-24)

“wilderness” (Matthew 24:16; Luke 21:21; Daniel 11:36-12:1,11-13; Isaiah 16:1-5; Isaiah 33:16; Zechariah 13:8-9)