



Identifying the Male Child in Revelation 12 and Isaiah 66

- What to See: The Male Child being caught up is the Rapture of the Church.

We use Scripture to interpret Scripture, matching key words as if matching the color and shape of jigsaw puzzle pieces that fit together.

I. Isaiah 66:7 prophecy – wording describes a type of birth that is a mystery

A. Woman gives birth *without pain and without labor*

1. Who has heard of such a thing? (singular)
2. Woman is Israel
3. Gives birth to Male Child
4. Without pain means before the time of Jacob's Trouble
 - a. When Israel cut off due to their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah (Romans 11)
 - b. When Temple destroyed in 70 AD (Abomination of Desolation)
 - c. When they were scattered into other nations
5. Without labor refers to Jesus' natural birth, of Jewish lineage

B. Not normal birth, but birthed from death

1. Not the same as when a person is raised from the dead (e.g. Lazarus) because the person still has a mortal body subject to death
2. Birthed from death is being resurrected and alive forevermore (Rev. 1:5, 18)
3. Refers to Jesus, the Head of the Church, the firstborn from the dead (Col. 1:15, 18)
4. Not about Mary giving birth to Jesus in the flesh

II. Revelation 12:2, 5 prophecy – wording describes a type of birth that is a mystery

A. Woman gives birth *with pain and with labor*

1. Exact opposite conditions of birth
2. Woman is Israel
3. Depicts time of transition, last stage just before birth
3. Gives birth to Male Child
4. Dragon with seven heads and ten horns is the Antichrist

B. Male Child is immediately caught up to God and His throne in Heaven

1. The Greek word for "caught up" is *harpazo*, which is used to describe the rapture, yet never used in connection with Christ's ascension
2. Can't be another view of Christ's ascension because of different conditions of birth
3. Refers to the Body of Christ, the Church, the many brethren and the rest of the firstfruits (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

III. Isaiah 66:8 prophecy – different subject and time frame

A. Example of how prophecy often condenses time, even though events given in sequential order, one after the other (actually about 2,000 years pass between verses 7 and 8)

B. Woman is Israel

C. Gives birth *with labor*

D. Gives birth to a nation at once

1. Traditional view is that the nation is Israel when UN legitimized Israel in 1948
2. Can't be Israel because the nation is still experiencing birth pains as surrounding nations reject her existence and seek to destroy her
3. Birth pains stop once the child is born
4. True identity parallels identity of Male Child in Revelation 12—the Church, His Body
5. The nation birthed from death at once is the holy nation, His own special people (1 Peter 2:9)

IV. Corresponding Scriptures confirm this identity

A. Order of resurrection at the rapture given in 1 Corinthians 15:47-54

1. Those who sleep are believers who have died, their spirits now in Heaven, their bodies returned to dust of this earth
2. At His return, Christ gives the command for their bodies to “Arise” to be joined again to their spirits, and changed immediately to glorified, immortal bodies
3. Matches Isaiah 26:19 (ESV)—“our dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who **dwell in the dust, awake** and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the **earth will give birth to the dead**” [emphasis added]
4. Only at the rapture are we “complete in Him” (Colossians 2:10; 1 Thessalonians. 5:23)
5. Only at the rapture does He “gather together in one all things in Him” (Ephesians 1:10)
6. Only at the rapture do we come “to a perfect man, the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13)

Hebrews 11:6 says God rewards those who seek Him. Jesus prayed that His disciples would have “eyes that see” to understand the parables and what He taught. The Holy Spirit within us is called the Spirit of revelation (Ephesians 1:17). The Spirit guides us through the mysteries—the hidden things in Scripture—that only God can reveal to those who seek Him.

The Spirit always confirms the Scriptures, showing us how to connect the scriptural puzzle pieces. In doing so, another section of the prophetic puzzle pictured in the Bible comes together and we see it clearly.