

## Apocalypse of St. John: Revelations 12: 1, 5, 14, 15 and 16

*Signum magnum apparuit in caelo: Mulier amicta sole et luna sub pedibus ejus, et in capite ejus corona stellarum duodecim. Et peperit filium masculinum qui recturus erat omnes gentes in virga ferrea: et raptus est filius ejus ad Deum, et ad thronum ejus. Et datae sunt mulieri alae duae aquilae magnae ut volaret in desertum in locum suum. Et misit serpens ex ore suo post mulierem, aquam tanquam flumen, ut eam faceret trahi a flumine. Et adjuvit terra mulierem et aperuit terra os suum, et absorbit flumen quod misit draco de ore suo.*

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with twelve stars on her head for a crown. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne. But she was given a huge pair of eagle's wings to fly away from the serpent into the desert. So the serpent spewed water from his mouth like a river, at the woman, to sweep her away in the current. But the earth came to her rescue; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river thrown up by the dragon's jaws.