take time **17 December** **Revelation 12:1-17** read

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The main actors of the future

study

The following chapters tell us prophetic events in symbolic language. This list of the "main actors" in chapters 12-14 may make help you to get into it:

- The woman (vv1+6+13) = (a symbol of) Israel
- The dragon (vv3+7+13) = Satan
- The Son (vv5+13) = Christ
- The archangel Michael (v7)
- The beast from the sea (chapter 13:1) = dictator of the Roman Empire (Europe)
- The beast from the land (chapter 13:11) = the Antichrist
- The great whore Babylon (chapter 14:8) = nominal Christendom of the end times.

Satan throws himself angrily into the last battle, as he knows that he has little time. But his defeat can't be turned away. The victory is Christ's.

answer

31. What happens to the male child?
32. Which names are given to the devil in this chapter?

inform

In today's chapter John sees various „great" things and persons:

- A great sign (v1)
- A great dragon (v3)
- A loud (literally: great) voice (v10)
- A great wrath (v12)
- A great eagle (v14)

The Greatest though is the „Son" (v5), the Lord Jesus.

think

Jesus Christ is victor over hell and death and devil - that's why I choose Him!

note down

31. The child is caught up into heaven (v5).
32. The great dragon, the old serpent, devil, Satan (v9).