

Q. What is intended by the woman in the wilderness?

A. The true Church's trials during the continuance of the 1260 years.

Q. How was there war in Heaven?

A. It means the struggles between Christianity and the old idolatry in the first ages of the Gospel.

Q. Who were Michael's angels?

A. Those who espoused the cause of Christianity.

Q. Who were the dragon's angels?

A. The party supporting the old idolatry.

Q. Which prevailed?

A. Christianity prevailed, and heathenism was abolished by law.

Q. Why was woe still denounced?

A. Because though idolatry was suppressed, it was not yet destroyed. The seed of the woman had not yet crushed the serpent's head.

Q. How are the time, times, and half a time to be understood?

A. As years of 360 days, a day for a year, making 1260 years.

Q. The serpent casting water out of his mouth; what does this imply?

A. Paganism encouraged the Northern invaders, in hope of subverting Christianity.

Q. Would Satan prompt this?

A. No doubt Satan expected to overwhelm the Church, when idolators overwhelmed the Empire.

Q. Did the event prove contrary to his expectations?

A. The earth helped the woman, when the conquerors embraced the Christian religion.