

Notes on Revelation 12:10

Witness to Facts in the Legal Sphere. The proper sphere of μάρτυς is the legal, where it denotes one who can and does speak from personal experience about actions in which he took part and which happened to him, or about *persons and relations* known to him. He may be a witness at a trial, or, in legal transactions of different kinds, a solemn witness in the most varied connections. **The witness at a trial and his μαρτυρίαί are dealt with fully** The function of the witness is normally denoted by the verb μαρτυρεῖν. This can be used in the abs., **“to come forward as a witness.**