

REVELATION CHAPTER TWELVE

Verse 1: *“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:”*

Here, we’re looking at a woman. She’s standing on the moon and the sun is right behind her. John saw this as he looked up into the heavens. This will interpret itself as we go along to show who this woman is. The crown of twelve stars shows this woman represents a nation of people. **This woman is none other than the nation of Israel.**

In the seventh chapter of this book, we showed where the 144,000 were sealed out. This is not a picture of the 144,000, although the 144,000 are Jews; but this is a picture of the overall nation of Israel. John is not seeing the 144,000 in this chapter. What John is seeing in verse one is a picture of Israel in the millennium. Then in the remainder of this chapter, he is shown what Israel has to go through before she goes into the millennium, or her kingdom age.

In the eleventh chapter we saw how the temple was built. Do you know why it was built? Jesus is going to sit in that temple in Jerusalem, and Israel is going to shine forth as the number one nation in the millennium. The Bible says in Zechariah that there shall be one King and His name will be One. Yes, the nation of Israel will be restored back again with the twelve tribes back in their place; this is the twelve stars in her crown. The nation of Israel will be the glory of the whole world in the millennium age.

What does the moon represent? It represents the law age that she has passed through. She is standing on the moon, the lesser light. The moon has no light of its own. It has to get its light from the sun. The law had no saving power, but it contained the prophecies that pointed to the time when Israel would go into the kingdom age. Isaiah, chapters 11 and 65, tell about the glory of it.

Some people ask, “Wasn’t the law a type of the grace age?” Yes, but there are more scriptures in the Old Testament that refer to Israel in her kingdom age than refer to the Church. Here’s why: **What God said about the Church was a mystery.** Paul said that God had ordained him to make known the mystery of how the Gentiles would be part of that body. (Eph. 3:6)

The prophecies that Israel was impregnated with is in the Old Testament and is a type of the moon, or the age that she has passed through, she’s standing on, but she is standing in front of the glory of the sun, showing that she has come through the law age into the millennium age. The glory of the sun is there. All twelve tribes are there, because there are twelve stars in the crown.

In Matthew chapter 19, Peter told the Lord that they had forsaken all and followed Him, and wanted to know what they would have. Let’s read this in Matthew 19, to show you what the crown of twelve stars are. Some people believe that it is the Gospel of the twelve apostles. **Israel is not identified by the twelve apostles. She is identified by the twelve tribes.** This identifies a nation,

because of the crown on her head with twelve stars. Matthew 19:27-28--*"Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

There are twelve thrones, and those apostles sit upon those twelve thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel. So the stars identify the tribes of Israel. They are in the crown. The crown has to do with Israel in her natural, earthly realm. The apostles had to do with the Spiritual Gospel, the Word of God.

The word "**regeneration**" in Matthew 19, means *re-creation and replenished*. That's the earth being repopulated. This will be the millennium when He restores back the earth and the twelve apostles sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The woman is Israel. The moon under her feet represents the law age she came through. She's standing in the glory of the sun, which means that she is now in the millennium in this vision.

Again, let me say that this is not the Church. The twelve stars do not represent the twelve apostles. **There were twelve tribes long before there were twelve apostles.** Israel is never identified by twelve apostles. Israel is identified as the twelve tribes of Israel.

Verse 2: *"And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."*

This woman was with child. She's pregnant. Who did she give birth to? She gave birth to Jesus Christ. I want to show you this nation as she is impregnated with the prophecies of the Word of God.

In Isaiah 7:14 is a prophecy; and it was about 742 B.C., a prophet prophesied that the nation of Israel was to bring forth a Messiah, and the Messiah was to come forth as a little child. Isaiah 7:14--*"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."* Do you see that prophecy? This prophecy is to the nation of Israel. Isaiah prophesied saying that the nation of Israel would bring forth a son. The ninth chapter of Isaiah tells more about this and shows that this child will have the government on his shoulders; and He won't do that until the millennium. Isaiah 9:6--*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."* What's born? A child, a son. Notice how the Messiah was to come into the world. A virgin was to conceive and bring forth a child. These prophecies were prophesied about the nation of Israel. Therefore, the virgin Mary within the nation of Israel gave birth to Jesus Christ.

Do you see how this woman got pregnant? By the prophecies, the Word of God. What was she to bring forth? The Son. Who was He to be? The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. In short, He is Jesus Christ.

Verse 3: *"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red*

dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

This great red dragon shows the Roman Empire, and it was led by satan all the way through. Crowns upon all seven heads means that all seven forms of Roman government are shown here. **This Roman dragon has been against Israel all through its history.**

In Revelation, chapter 13, there are no crowns on the seven heads, meaning it's not passing from one stage to another at this time, but it has reached its destination. Then the crowns are on the horns, but it's the same dragon. John saw a pregnant woman travailing in pain. Then, he saw a great red dragon. This is a vision. Do you know what the great red dragon represents? It represents the devil as he embodies himself in the Roman Empire through the ten horns of Europe, the European nations, as it ruled in the Dark Age and even back in the B.C. period. John couldn't see the devil, for the devil is a spirit. You can't see the devil unless he embodies himself some way. He has embodied himself for thousands of years in this Roman system. The "red" dragon represents the royal color of those early emperors of the Roman Empire.

Verse 4: *"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."*

When Jesus was born, who tried to kill him? It was Herod, the Roman king of Judaea that made the decree that all children from two years old and under should be killed in order to try to find and slay Jesus Christ. (Matthew 2:16) But God protected Him by sending Him down to Egypt.

Don't you see this great red dragon that stood before the woman to devour her child as soon as she was delivered? The Word of God answers itself. It identifies who the great red dragon is. It identifies and shows what happened when Jesus came the first time. The dragon tried to kill Him.

Jesus wasn't born to the Jews just to be a Saviour. He was born to be their King. He was born to save them as a nation. That's the way they look for Him to come. When the wise men came into Bethlehem, they didn't ask for a Saviour that was going to die on the Cross, but they asked, *"Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"* When Herod heard that there was a King born, he said that the child would have to be gotten rid of if He was going to be a King. So he sent forth and slew all the children from two years old and under.

The great red dragon is Rome, as the devil embodies himself in this system throughout the length of the church ages and even before that time, even at the time of Christ and in the B.C. period.

Verse 5: *"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."*

This says that *"she brought forth a man child, who **was** to rule,"* catch that, but He hadn't started ruling yet.

What was Jesus born to be? He was born to be the King. Zechariah said, *"The King of the earth."* But what happened to Him? The Jews said, *"Crucify Him."*

But who was it that crucified Him? The Romans took Him upon Golgotha's Hill and nailed Him to the Cross.

Verse five says, *"Her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."* Jesus overcame and sat down in his Father's throne and He said, *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."* (Revelation 3:21)

The one that was sitting on that throne (Rev. 4) was the same one that was born as a little child and He was caught up to the throne of God; and He's still there. Notice, He was caught up to God and to His throne. He sat in the Father's throne; that's Jesus. Israel brought forth the child who was to rule the nations, but He was caught up to God and to His throne. Why? To become an intercessor.

The question may be asked, "Will He still rule?" The answer is yes. **Jesus will still rule the world for a thousand years and sit on His own throne in the city of Jerusalem.**

This same woman, which is Israel, that brought forth the man child, the Saviour, has another great hour of persecution.

This chapter is not dealing so much with the 144,000, although the 144,000 is part of the nation.

Something else I want you to notice that is a key to the chapter. **Between verse five and verse six there is almost a two thousand year period.** That's the key to the chapter. Notice that the one that was to rule the nations was caught up to God and His throne.

As Peter was preaching in the third chapter of Acts, he said that heaven must receive Jesus until the times of restitution of all things, until the time of recreation, until the time of regeneration, until the time that the millennial reign starts. In affect, that is what it's saying.

The Christian Jews were looking for Jesus to come as a man, as a King, to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies, and they asked Him in the first chapter of Acts, as He was going away, if He would at that time restore the kingdom back to Israel. He told them that it wasn't given for them to know the time nor the season, but that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost came upon them and that they would be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the world. This was showing that the Gospel had to go around the world before He came back to sit on His throne on earth.

Verse 6: *"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."*

That's 1260 days, 42 months, or 3 ½ years. This same woman that brought forth the man child will one day have to flee into the wilderness from the face of the dragon. **Remember that this isn't the Church. The Church won't have to run from the face of the dragon. She's going up in a Rapture.**

At the middle of the week, after the two prophets have prophesied, after the 144,000 have departed from Israel to go around the world and preach the Gospel,

this same woman will have to flee from the face of the dragon.

The two prophets tell this woman where to go in order to be safe during the time of the great tribulation period so she can go into the millennium as a natural nation. This includes women, children, men, old men, little babies, and all. It's an element of people of Israel that God will use to reproduce the nation of Israel in the millennium.

The same woman, the same nation, that produced the Messiah, that produced Jesus Christ, is seen fleeing into the wilderness from the face of the dragon.

I want to show you how this woman gets out of Israel from the dragon. She goes on two wings of a great eagle. God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt by an eagle. Who was it that delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt? Moses. Exodus 19:4 says that He brought them out on the wings of an eagle. Here are two prophets that God is using in this last day. This woman has to run. That's in the last days, when the antichrist breaks the covenant and the Jews that heard the prophets know when to get out.

Verse 7: *"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"*

Verse 8: *"And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."*

Michael and his angels are fighting with the devil and his angels now. Satan lost one battle back before he came to Adam in the Garden of Eden, for he was already a fallen prince back then. (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:13-15) He lost that battle in a prehistoric age, but here, satan has embodied himself in a people and through a system. It's that Roman system. All denominations will wind up in the religious system and Rome will be the head of the thing.

This war is taking place in heaven now. Michael is fighting today. That's why Israel is taking the land and why they can't destroy Israel. Israel will stand. **When I see this woman standing on the moon and in the profile of the sun, it means that she will be put in the millennium.** This shows that satan loses the battle. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon and his angels. The dragon and his angels *"prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."* That means that they haven't got access to the heavenly realm anymore. Satan knows that he's cast into the earth; and he knows that it's finished for him. This takes place at the middle of the week.

Verse 9: *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*

Verse 10: *"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."*

Satan is cast out of the heavenly realm and it won't be long until he'll be done away with. Notice this voice from heaven. When satan is cast out of the heavenly realm it says that *"the accuser of our brethren is cast down."* This is

talking about the nation of Israel. Gentiles have accused Israel, and cast her down, and it's getting more so all the time; but the accuser is going to be cast into the earth. Satan is cast out of heaven.

Verse 11: *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

How do they overcome the devil? By the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony. What is the word of their testimony? It's the Old Testament Jewish law that they have held on to ever since God gave it to Moses.

Those true orthodox Jews will give their lives for the Word of God in that hour, because the antichrist will launch a hate campaign against the Jews. He'll put to death the foolish virgins, and the other saints that hear the 144,000 Jewish preachers that cause them to break with organized religion. The Bible says that *"they loved not their lives unto the death,"* which means that they died for their stand for the Word.

Verse 12: *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."*

This is the third woe. Satan is cast out and is turned loose in the earth. *"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth,"* for the reason that satan is come down. When he is cast out into the earth he knows he's cut off from the heavenly realm. The Bible says that he has great wrath. He knows that he's only got 3 ½ years to do what He's going to do, so he calls a hate campaign. He kills; and there will be anarchy all over the world. The Bible says that it will be a time of trouble and it's called "Jacob's trouble." Yes, there is one more dark hour that Israel has got to go through. The fifth seal says that white robes were given unto them, and it was said unto them to wait for a little season until their brethren and fellow servants be killed as they were. This fulfills the second part of the fifth seal.

Verse 13: *"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."*

What woman is he persecuting? Israel. Israel was the woman that brought forth the man child. It wasn't the Church; it was Israel. The Church is gone at this time; so how could the dragon persecute the woman if the woman was the Church?

You can't make the woman in the first verse be the Church, and then make the woman that this dragon is persecuting in this thirteenth verse be another woman. It is the same woman. It's Israel. Israel is the one that brought forth the man child. Israel is the one that brought forth the Saviour, and the dragon knows it.

When those two prophets are prophesying during the first 3 ½ years of the 70th week of Daniel, they will tell the nation of Israel that when they see the covenant broken to get out of the land.

Remember here, that when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and the Romans came in and closed off the city, there was a prophecy laying there. It

was, "when you see this city surrounded, you that are in the city and in the fields get out, and go on out into the mountains." (Luke 21:20-24) That took place when Titus destroyed Jerusalem. The armies were the sign that said, "Get out of the land and get into the mountains."

Here is a woman, Israel, the Jews that God is going to use to repopulate the nation. By the time the covenant is broken and the dragon is cast into the earth and begins persecuting, this woman has two wings of an eagle; they've got the message of two prophets. Notice the woman leaving the land. At this time, God has already called out and specified 144,000 men to preach that everlasting Gospel during the tribulation period.

Now watch this other group made of men, women, and children that gets a message of the prophets. Notice the next verse.

Verse 14: *"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."*

Remember in Exodus, how it says that God brought Israel out of Egypt on the wings of an eagle. This woman was given two wings of a great eagle. How many? Two. Two prophets. She was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time (one year), and times (two years), and half a time (1/2 year), from the face of the serpent. This makes 3 ½ years.

The two prophets will know, but there's a place somewhere and God knows where it's at. Somewhere God will open up a nation and let those Jews in and protect them during the last part of the 70th week of Daniel.

They were hidden out in different countries during the persecution of Hitler, and God preserved them. God brought them through all that persecution. When Hitler was determined to kill every Jew, God brought them through.

This woman (those that God will use to repopulate the nation of Israel) has got a specific place that she goes to. Where is that? God knows and the two prophets will know. It is thought to be the USA and Canada.

Verse 15: *"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."*

This flood is the pope's army, the Roman army. As he sends it after this woman, the devil will realize that there is a big bunch of people missing in Israel, but they've already gone.

There will be a time of peace, and the beast (the pope) will give them rights the first 3 ½ years until the devil is cast out. When the devil is cast out he'll clamp down. When he clamps down the woman is already gone. She has already gone out of Israel, and the pope will send the armies out after her and try to find her, and all the time he will be killing the foolish virgins and other saints that are left here, and killing all the Jews that stay with the Word of God.

We see in the fifteenth chapter of Revelation, those who stand on the sea of glass. It's those who have come through the fires of tribulation to get to the

throne, but the woman is somewhere safe in the earth, and she'll go into the millennial reign as a natural people.

Verse 16: *"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."*

This verse does not mean that a great earthquake will swallow the armies of the pope. It simply means that the armies are unable to find the woman, just as Hitler's armies could not destroy the Jews that were hid in different nations during World War II. When the devil in the pope realizes his armies can't destroy the woman (Israel), verse 17 is fulfilled.

Verse 17: *"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

The dragon was wroth, or mad, at the woman because he saw that she had escaped. When the dragon saw that the woman had escaped, he became so mad that he just began to kill everybody that even talked about God. *"And went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**"* What does that mean? It means both Jew and Gentile.

How would the Gentiles be the seed of the woman Israel? They came in and were made partakers of the New Covenant that God made with Israel. It was through Christ, the seed of Abraham, by promise. When the dragon goes forth he persecutes the foolish virgins, and all those who failed to make the Rapture, and everyone that calls on the name of God.

Do you see the twelfth chapter of Revelation? Who was the woman that brought forth the man child? Israel. What was the dragon? It was the devil as he embodied himself in the Roman Empire. Who is the woman who ran to the wilderness? It's those Jews that heard the message of the two prophets, and left the land of Israel before the dragon could slay them.

These Jews who go into the wilderness are to go into the millennium as natural people. This woman that fled to the wilderness is not to get a glorified body. She's to produce a natural nation on earth during the millennium. Amen.