

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 12 PT. 1: The Woman Israel

Revelation 12:1-6 (NASB)

The Woman, Israel

“¹ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ² and she was pregnant and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

The Red Dragon, Satan

³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven crowns. ⁴ And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.

The Male Child, Christ

⁵ And she gave birth to a Son, a male, who is going to ^[a]rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days.”

Review:

John has just heard the 7th Trumpet sound. The 24 Elders have fallen on their faces. Why?



- The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.
- Worship has broken out in Heaven again because of the Faithfulness of The Word of God.
- John gets to see into the Holy of Holies and He put His eyes upon the Ark of His Covenant.



Question:

Why is it that out of everything that is in the Temple of God, that the Ark of the Covenant gets highlighted?

Answer:

Because His Covenant is in it. His Covenant is in the Holy of Holies!

- When the Ark was placed in the Temple, a cloud filled the space, signifying the glory of the Lord.
- The Ark was built by Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur.
- It was originally carried by the Israelites during their 40 years in the desert, and later moved to Shiloh after the conquest of Canaan.
- King David then took the Ark to Jerusalem, where his son Solomon installed it in the Temple.
- The Ark has been missing for around 2,000 years.

The Most Popular Theory:

The Ark was moved to Egypt by Levitical priests before the Babylonians attacked Jerusalem in 586 B.C. From there, it is said to have been moved to Ethiopia, where it is currently housed in the St. Mary of Zion cathedral in Aksum.

Note: The Contents of the Ark of the Covenant also help us understand why God's Promises matter.



- Aaron's rod was placed in the Ark of the Covenant to represent the tribe of Levi's exclusive right to the priesthood. **Hebrews 9:4** tells us that Aaron's rod remained in the Ark of the Covenant as a testimony of God's choice of Aaron and Moses to lead His people.
- Pieces of the manna that sustained the Israelites in the desert. In **Hebrews 9:4**, Moses instructed Aaron to place a jar of manna in the Ark of the Covenant to be kept safe for future generations.
- The original stone Tablets of the Ten Commandments (**Second Set**).

Understanding: The first set of Tablets were shattered by Moses in **Exodus 32:19** when he saw them worshipping the Golden Calf. Moses returns to speak with God on the mountain, continues praying for the Israelites (**verses 31-34**) and, at the end, receives replacement Tablets (**Exodus 34**).

Psalms 138:2 (NASB) – “I will bow down toward Your holy temple. And give thanks to Your name for Your mercy and Your truth; For You have made Your word great according to all Your name.”

Key: Everything goes back to the Word!

Verse 1

“A Great Sign Appeared In Heaven”

Sign-(Greek)-*semeion*.

- That by which a person or a thing is distinguished from others and is known.
- An unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature.

- To confirm a miracle.
- To show the finger of God is in it.

The Woman Is The Great Sign



Question:

Who is the woman?

Answer:

Remember: Scripture Interprets Itself! (Genesis 37:1-11)

Genesis 37:9-11 (NASB) – “Then he had yet another dream, and informed his brothers of it, and said, ‘Behold, I have had yet *another* dream; and behold, the sun and the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’ ¹⁰ He also told *it* to his father as well as to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, ‘What is this dream that you have had? Am I and your mother and your brothers actually going to come to bow down to the ground before you?’ ¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.”

Jacob (Israel): sun

Mother: moon (under his feet)

Eleven Stars: Joseph’s brothers (Crown of Twelve Stars)

Note: On May 14, 1948, the British withdrew from overseeing the land designated by the United Nations to be returned to the Jewish people as a national homeland. A fledgling government declared its independence as the sovereign State of Israel.

After thousands of years, the people of Israel (the Jewish people) once again possessed the Land of Israel – in direct fulfillment of Bible prophecies found in **Isaiah 66:8**.

Verse 2

“And She Was Pregnant”

Understanding: Israel is the Nations that gave birth to the Messiah!

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

- The Bible shows Jesus' lineage as part of the genealogy of Israel in the Gospel of Matthew.
- **Matthew 1:1-17**, is where it traces Jesus' ancestry back through Abraham and King David, establishing his lineage as a descendant of the Israelite people.

Matthew 1:16-17-Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

- This is a total of 42 generations from Abraham to the Messiah.

“Cried In Great Pain To Give Birth”

- Israel has always suffered to remain a nation.
- Even in times of great persecution, Israel still gave birth to Messiah.

Verse 3

“Another Sign” - The Red Dragon: The Same Kind of Sign



Who is This?

Rev. 12:9 (NASB) – “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;”

Understanding: The great deception in the world today is caused by Satan! We were warned in the Word. Timothy exhorts Believers to “**Preach The Word**”!

2 Timothy 4:1 (NASB) – “¹ solemnly exhort *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; correct, rebuke, *and* exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³ For *the* time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”

- Many will choose preference over truth for **themselves**.

The Dragon Symbolism:

Eighth Kingdom: Babylon Revived



Seven Heads

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persian
5. Grecian
6. Roman
7. Revised Roman

"The seven heads ... are seven kings" (Rev. 17:9-10)
"The beast ... is the eighth" (Rev. 17:11)
"The woman ... is that great city ... Babylon"
(Revelation 17:18-18:3)

Explained in Revelation 17 (Will Be Given More Detail Then):

- Seven Heads
- Ten Horns
- On His Heads *were* Seven Crowns

Verse 4

“The Tail Swept Away A Third of the Stars In Heaven and Hurled Them to Earth”



Why the tail? This is the suggestive power of darkness! He **only** needed his tail – the power of “persuasion”: “Don’t think for yourself. Let me tell you what you should do!”

Isaiah 14: 12-16 (Read All) - The Fall Of Lucifer (Also Ezekiel 28)

Isaiah 14:12 (NASB) – “How you have fallen from heaven, You star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who defeated the nations!”

Revelation 12:4 – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

➤ Satan **did not** leave heaven. He was **thrown out!**

Note: The Old Testament does not say how many, but in **Revelation 12:4** it is clarified as $\frac{1}{3}$ of the angels in heaven.

“The Dragon Stood Before The Woman So When She gave Birth, He Might Devour It”



Understanding: Satan really thought he was destroying G-d’s plan with the death of Jesus, but He was only being used to fulfill Father’s plan!

The Deceiver Was Deceived:

John 19:10-11 (NASB) – “So Pilate said to Him, ‘Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?’”¹¹ Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above; for this reason, the one who handed Me over to you has *the* greater sin.’”

- “the one who handed Me over to you has *the* greater sin” – this was Judas, the son of perdition (John 6:70-71).
 - *perdition* - in an unredeemable state.
- The concept is alluded to in the New Testament, particularly in the writings of Paul.
- Paul suggests that Satan was essentially "fooled" by G-d's plan in allowing Jesus' crucifixion.
- Paul implied in **1 Corinthians 2:6-8** that if he had understood the full implications, he would not have instigated it.

Verse 5

The Male Child -Yeshua/Jesus The Christ

The Resurrection of Yeshua



Revelation 12:5 (NASB) - “she gave birth to a Son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.”

Verse 6

Note: Now we leave history and go to the time the Book of Revelation covers.



Revelation 12:6 (NASB) - “Then the woman (**Israel**) fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days.”

Remember: This is the Great Tribulation Period. 1,260 days or 3 ½ Years.

- These are the Jews/Israelites that become Believers of the Great Tribulation.
- John is seeing the Believing Jews being protected by Father during the last 1,260 days of the Tribulation times.

Note: Israel once again is protected in the Wilderness. His Covenant has gone full circle! His Covenant with Israel is Eternal!

He made us a promise. He’s going to keep it. Press into His promises!

The End