

The Book Of Revelation
Chapter 12
“A Woman Clothed With The Sun”

As we come to chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation, we are going to see some very interesting descriptions of people and beings:

- ☞ *A Woman clothed with the Sun.*
- ☞ *The Moon under her feet.*
- ☞ *A garland of 12 stars on her head.*
- ☞ *The woman giving birth to a man child.*
- ☞ *A fiery red dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns.*

It is because of these descriptions, and others, that many have said that you cannot understand what the Book of Revelation is saying.

- ☞ **There is even a movement today** by some very prominent Christian Men that are teaching that the Book of Revelation was already fulfilled 1900 years ago.
- ☞ **Now, they didn't get that opinion** from just reading the Bible, they got that opinion by reading other men's commentaries on the Book of Revelation.
- ☞ **There are people here today** that are a little uncomfortable as we study the Book of Revelation, because a pastor told you years ago that you shouldn't read the Book of Revelation.
- ☞ **And yet, the Book of Revelation in chapter 1** promises that if you will just read it and do what it says, “*You will be blessed*”.

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near...

So, I am going to ask all of you to do something this morning, Will you just let the Bible Speak to you in it's own words, and listen to what it has to say?

- ☞ **Forget about every other thing you have heard** about this Book and just let the Bible speak for itself.
- ☞ **Don't read commentaries** or Books on Revelation, just compare Scripture with Scripture and let the Bible speak for itself...OK.

You see, the answer to who the woman is, her child, the Sun, the Moon, the 12 Stars and the fiery red dragon, every description in The Book of Revelation, is found in the Bible itself.

2 Timothy 2:15 Paul told Timothy:

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

To “**Rightly Divide The Word of Truth**” means to be able to take the Bible and compare a verse with other verses, to “Divide” the Bible into the scriptures that have to do with a particular subject.

Take for example: Where is the chapter in the Bible about marriage and family?

- ☞ **The answer?** There isn't particular chapter on just marriage and family.
- ☞ **The scriptures** dealing with this subject are disbursed throughout the entire Bible.
- ☞ **You need to know** how to find them, when you need them.
- ☞ **Then taking one scripture, you compare it with another**, and then you gain an understanding of what the Lord wants.

1 Corinthians 2:13

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**

All you need to compare scripture with scripture, is your Bible and a good Concordance that has all of the different words in the Bible.

- ☞ **Look up the words**, "Husbands", "Wife", "Children", "Marriage", and so on, and you will find that there are dozens of scriptures in the Old and New Testaments that when you "*Divide them out*", will give you a clear teaching of that particular subject.

There are 2 mistakes that people make concerning the Book of Revelation:

1. **They don't read it** and study it for themselves.
2. **They have formed their opinions** of Revelation, from other teachers and commentaries, **but have not checked it out for themselves**.

Be wise, Just let Gods Word speak to you all by itself, comparing scripture with scripture, and let the Bible be it's own interpreter.

So, let's jump into chapter 12...

Revelation 12

1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: **a woman** clothed with **the sun**, with **the moon** under her feet, and on her head a garland of **twelve stars**.

There are several strange descriptions given here in chapter 12 verse 1

- ☞ *A Woman*
- ☞ *The Sun*
- ☞ *The Moon*
- ☞ *Twelve Stars*

What is the identity of these 4?

- ☞ **Remember**, the entire Book of Revelation is written in code.
- ☞ **The answers** to these codes are found also in the Bible.

Romans 15:4 Paul Wrote:

For whatever things were written **before** were written for our learning

Paul was an expert on the Old Testament, he refers to it hundreds of times in the letters he wrote in the New Testament.

- ☞ **Here in Romans chapter 12**, Paul said that all of the things that were written in the Old Testament, were written for us to learn how to understand the New Testament.

The answer to this Riddle of the Woman, Sun, Moon, and the 12 stars, is found in the Old Testament Book of Genesis:

- ☞ **Jacob** is the son of Isaac, who is the son of Abraham.
- ☞ **Jacob had 12 sons** that became the 12 tribes of Israel.
- ☞ **Joseph** was the second to the youngest of the brothers, and so his father Jacob favored him a little, no he favored him a lot.
- ☞ **As a result**, the other 11 Brothers all **despised** Joseph.

Genesis 37:1-36

- 1 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.
- 2 This is the history of Jacob. **Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers.** And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.(Told on them)
- 3 Now Israel (**Jacob**) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.
- 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.
- 5 **Now Joseph had a dream**, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.
- 6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:
- 7 "There we were, **binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to** my sheaf."
- 8 And his brothers said to him, "**Shall you indeed reign over us?** Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
- 9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

Now, notice here that the description is the same as Revelation 12, and they are even in the same order as Revelation 12:

- 10 So he told it to his father (Jacob) and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

Don't miss this here: Joseph's father Jacob understand that the dream is about him, Rachel his wife, and the other 11 brothers, **THAT IS JACOBS INTERPRETATION...**

In this account we see eleven stars, plus the sun and moon bowing down before Joseph.

- ☞ **The 11 Stars** are Joseph's brothers.

- ☞ **The sun** is Joseph's father Jacob.
- ☞ **The moon** is Joseph's mother Rachel.
- ☞ **Joseph's brothers are unhappy** with him because he had told them about the dream that he had.
- ☞ **Joseph said** that they all had come before him and bowed down before Joseph.

Verse 9, Joseph says that in his dream: *"The sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."*

- ☞ **Joseph's father Jacob responds**, *"Shall your MOTHER AND I AND YOUR BROTHERS come and bow down to the earth before you?"*
- ☞ **Again, By Jacob's response**, we can tell that he understood that He was the "**Sun**", Rachel was the "**Moon**", and their children, the 11 other brothers were the 12 stars.

Mystery Solved!

And we didn't even need one of mans commentaries to figure it out. Can you believe it, God didn't need us to help Him out at all!

- ☞ **This story all came true** later in the Book of Genesis as there was a great famine throughout the whole world
- ☞ **Jacob, the father**, living in Israel, hears that there is grain to be purchased in Egypt where Joseph ended up after his brothers sold him to some slave traders.
- ☞ **Joseph was found to be** an interpreter of dreams, and interpreted Pharaoh's dream of the 7 skinny cows eating the 7 fat cows. (Genesis 41)
- ☞ **Joseph told Pharaoh** that the dream meant that there would be 7 years of tremendous harvest in Egypt, then 7 terrible years of drought that would cause a world wide famine.
- ☞ **So Pharaoh placed Joseph** as **SECOND in charge** of the entire kingdom of Egypt, to oversee the storage of the harvest for that 7 years of abundance and then the disbursement of the grain during the 7 years of famine.

Genesis 15:13

Then the Lord said to Abram: "Know certainly that **your descendants** will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, (**Egypt**) and will serve them, and **they will afflict them four hundred years**."

Guess how long Abrahams descendants, Jacob and his 12 sons, were in the land of Egypt? **Exactly 400 years!**

- ☞ **We learn later** that **it was the Lords plan all along**, to get Jacob and his 12 sons to the land of Egypt, so he caused a World Wide Famine, just to draw Jacob and the 12 brothers to Egypt.

Wait a minute!, you mean to tell me that the Lord of the Universe caused a world wide famine, just to fulfill His word?

That exactly what I am saying.

- ☞ **When Josephs brothers sold him** to the Midianite Slave traders, who took Joseph to Egypt and sold him as a slave, **that was the Lord working.**
- ☞ **When Joseph was placed** into the household of Potiphar as overseer of his household, **that was the Lord working.**
- ☞ **When Potiphar's wife accused Joseph** of attempted rape, which Joseph didn't do, and then Joseph was thrown into prison, **that was the Lord working.**
- ☞ **While in prison**, there was also a **Baker and a Cupbearer** to the Pharaoh, in prison, who had done something to offend Pharaoh.

The Baker and the Cupbearer each had dreams and Joseph was able to interpret them.

- ☞ **When the Cupbearer got out of prison**, he eventually told Pharaoh, who by this time had had his own strange dream, that Joseph was able to interpret dreams.
- ☞ **Joseph was brought to Pharaoh** and interpreted the dream of the 7 years of plenty and the 7 years of famine.

Yes, in all this, the Lord was working his Will.

- ☞ **Wait minute**, that means that for us to be able to interpret who the woman, the sun, the moon and the 12 stars are here in Revelation chapter 12, the Lord had to unfold this whole story in the Book of Genesis.
- ☞ **That's Right!**
- ☞ YOU SERVE A MIGHTY GOD, WHO, IF NECESSARY CAN MOVE THE ENTIRE EARTH FOR YOU, IS THERE ANYTHING TO HARD FOR HIM?

Whatever you are going through this morning, your Lord, your God, can move the entire earth if He needs to, to take care of you and fulfill His promise to bless your life...

Do you remember Joseph and Mary in the New Testament, that a census was called for by the Roman government, so that every man had to return to place of his ancestors birth.

- ☞ **Joseph's family was from Bethlehem**, so he had to go the Bethlehem to register, **coincidentally during the time of Mary delivery of Jesus.**
- ☞ **All this**, so that Gods Word concerning the fact that the Messiah had to be born in Bethlehem, would be fulfilled.
- ☞ **The Lord moved the entire world population, just to get Joseph in the right place at the right time, to Fulfill His Promises.**

Micah 5:2

“But **you, Bethlehem** Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet **out of you shall come forth to Me The One** to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting.

- ☞ **Even as**, the Lord caused a world wide famine to get Josephs family to Egypt, to fulfill His word.
- ☞ **So, the old man, Jacob**, sends Joseph's brothers to Egypt to get food.

- ☞ **Joseph, by this time** had been appointed the head of all of Pharaoh's affairs, in fact, the whole kingdom.
- ☞ **Joseph's brothers had to come in before him** and beg for food, as they did they all bowed down before Joseph

Genesis 42:6

Now **Joseph was governor over the land**; and **it was he who sold to all the people of the land**. And **Joseph's brothers came** and **bowed down before him** with their faces to the earth

Now if your brothers sold you into slavery, and later you had them before you at your mercy, what would you do to them? *"What goes around, comes around..."*

Listen to what Joseph did:

Genesis 42:8-9

8 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 Then **Joseph remembered the dreams** which he had dreamed about them

Genesis 42:24

And Joseph turned himself away from them and wept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them.

Then later as Joseph sent the brothers back to get their youngest brother Benjamin, when they were all back before Joseph, he said to them all:

Genesis 50:19-21

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"

20 But as for you, **you meant evil against me**; but **God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive

21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them

Did you get that? Whatever man might mean to destroy you, God will turn it around and make it turn out for good...If You will just trust Him!

So, back to Revelation 12, The stars in this woman's crown in Revelation 12:1 are these 12 sons, the 12 tribes of Israel.

- ☞ **The woman:** is the nation of Israel.
- ☞ **God had chosen Israel** to be the instrument through which the messiah would be born.
- ☞ **He was to be** a descendant of Abraham.
- ☞ **He was to be** a descendant of David.

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2 Then (The Woman, Israel) being with **child**, (JESUS) she (ISRAEL) cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, **fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.**

4 His tail drew **a third of the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth. And **the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.**

- ☞ **The child** in verse 2: Is Jesus.
- ☞ **The messiah** is to be a direct descendant of Abraham and David.
- ☞ **Jesus is born** in their direct line, but the nation of Israel rejects Jesus as their messiah.
- ☞ **We see here in verse 2**, that the nation of Israel is crying out in labor and pain to give birth to the messiah.

Notice The Dragon, satan wanted to kill Jesus as soon as he was born.

- ☞ **The fiery red dragon:** satan, is ready to destroy the child Jesus as soon as he is born.
- ☞ **How did satan try to kill Jesus** as soon as He was born?
- ☞ **Through Herod.**

Matthew 2:7-14

7 **Then Herod**, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, **"Go and search diligently for the young Child**, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, **that I may come and worship Him** also."

12 Then, being **divinely warned** in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for **Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.**"

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and **departed for Egypt,**

- ☞ **Herod was very paranoid** about anyone trying to take over his throne.
- ☞ **Herod had already killed his wife and son** because he was so paranoid.
- ☞ **There was a saying during Herod's reign** as king **"It is safer to be Herod's pig than to be his son."**

Through Herod, satan was working to destroy Jesus as soon as He was born, just like this says here in Revelation 12

Jeremiah 31:15

Thus says the LORD: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation *and* bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they *are* no more."

PICTURE OF "RACHEL'S STONE" IN GOLAN

- ☞ **Amazingly, This attempt by satan to kill Jesus,** was the Very first prophecy given in the Bible by God.

The Lord said of satan, that he would “**Bruise the Heel**” of Jesus, a fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 where God would put hatred between satan and the seed of the woman who is Jesus.

Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity **between you and the woman**, and between your seed and her Seed; **he** (Jesus) **shall bruise your** (satan) **head**, and you (satan) shall **bruise** His (Jesus) heel (Crucify) ."

- ☞ **This is an interesting statement** because **the woman does not have seed**, only the Egg, the man has the seed.
- ☞ **Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit**, his father is God, in the sense of His being born as a man.
- ☞ **Here the prophecy is** that a woman will have the seed, this was fulfilled in Mary, God's seed within her.

Next we see in verse 4 “**he (satan) drew a third of the stars of heaven...**”

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- ☞ **This is a reference** to Lucifer's fall from heaven.
- ☞ **Third of the stars:** as Lucifer was cast out of heaven, he took with him 1/3 of the angels (the stars)

Lucifer as described by God, in the Book of Ezekiel:

Ezekiel 28:12-19

12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 **You were in Eden**, the garden of God; **every precious stone was your covering**: the **sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald** with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.

14 "**You were the anointed cherub who covers**; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

15 **You were perfect** in your ways from the day you were created, till **iniquity was found in you**.

- ☞ **It appears that 1/3 of angels** under Lucifer joined him as he rebelled against God.
- ☞ **Jesus said** that he was there when Lucifer fell, and He saw it...

Luke 10:18

And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

We don't know exactly when this happened, but it appears that it did happen before the creation of man

- ☞ **This is because** we see satan present already in the Garden when Man is created.
- ☞ **Some scholars have stated** that they believe that Lucifer rebelled against God because he was against the idea of God creating man.
- ☞ **It does make sense** because ever since the creation of man, satan has been trying to destroy man.

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- 5 She (ISRAEL) bore a male Child JESUS who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

- ☞ **Fiery Red Dragon:** Satan
- ☞ **Seven Heads Ten Horns:** European Nations
- ☞ **Third of the Stars:** 1/3 of Angels in Heaven.
- ☞ **The Woman:** Israel
- ☞ **Male child:** Jesus

Jesus is to *“Rule all nations with a rod of iron”*

Psalm 2:7-9

- 7 "I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.
- 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.
- 9 **You shall break them with a rod of iron;** you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

- ☞ **Jesus was** **“Caught up to God”** he was resurrected and taken back to heaven.
- ☞ **This is a reference** to: Mark 16:19

Mark 16:19

- 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, **He was received up into heaven**, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Revelation 12:6

- 6 Then the woman (ISRAEL) fled into the wilderness, where she has **a place prepared by God (PETRA)**, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (**3 1/2 YEARS.**)

What an amazing prophecy here!

- ☞ **The Messiah** will come from Israel.

- ☞ **At the moment He is Born (He will be Human)**, satan, the fiery red dragon will try to kill Him, which he did through Herod.
- ☞ **Then later**, Israel, the woman, will flee into the Wilderness where God will have already prepared a place for her.
- ☞ **He will feed her** and protect the nation of Israel for 1,260 days.
- ☞ **The exact number of days** that will remain in the last 3 1/2 years of the Great Tribulation.

Incredible, Such precision and accuracy, and it was written 2,000 plus years before it is going to happen...

2,700 years ago, the Lord spoke to Daniel and told him that what will cause Israel to want to flee into the wilderness, will be the "**Beast**", the antichrist, coming after Israel to try and once and for all destroy her...

Daniel 9:27

Then **he** (Antichrist) shall confirm **a covenant (Peace Plan)** with many for **one week; (7 Years)** But **in the middle of the week (3 1/2 Years)** He shall bring an **end to sacrifice** and offering. **(Temple Must be Rebuilt)** And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, (See Matthew 24:15) Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Matthew 24:15-16

16 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),
16 "then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**

Jesus is speaking of the prophecy that Daniel was given by God, that when the nation of Israel see's "**The Abomination of desolation**" happen, that is their signal to get out of Israel and flee into the mountains.

- ☞ **Revelation chapter 13 says** that what will trigger the Abomination of Desolation, is the one that is called "*The false Prophet*, will have the power to make the image of the beast come alive and speak...

Revelation 13:15

He (**the false prophet**) was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

The "**false Prophet**" will have the power to "**Breath Life**" into the Image of the beast and make it speak.

- ☞ **When the nation of Israel is told this by the false prophet**, to fall and worship the beast who has become this world wide ruler, they will know it is time to flee into the mountains.

There is a very interesting scripture in the Book of Isaiah, where The Lord asks Jordan (Moab) to allow Israel be sheltered there

Isaiah 16:4

Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioners is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

The amazing this is that the Antichrist will have command over the entire world, all except one tiny nation, guess which one?

The Antichrist shall not be able to conquer Jordan, because this is where Petra is, the place where The Lord will shelter Israel from the Antichrist for 3 1/2 years

Daniel 11:41

He (**Antichrist**) shall also enter the Glorious Land, (**Israel**) and **many countries shall be overthrown**; but **these shall escape** from his hand: **Edom, Moab**, and the prominent people of **Ammon. (Jordan)**

PICTURE OF JORDAN

So, at the command to worship the image of the beast, Israel will begin to flee into the mountains, and make their way to Jordan, down the valley, into Petra.

In Matthew 24 15–21, Jesus warns his disciples about this time.

Matthew 24:15-21

15 "Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation**,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**. TO PETRA

17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 "**For then there will be great tribulation**, THE GREAT TRIBULATION STARTS AT THE MID POINT (3 1/2 YEARS) such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

- ☞ **Notice in verse 16 of Matthew 24**, Jesus says when you see the antichrist do this flee to the mountains, to Petra.
- ☞ **Don't go back into your house to get anything, just run.**
- ☞ **Petra is south** and east of the dead sea.
- ☞ **It is in the Ha'arva** valley of Jordan.
- ☞ **It is a fortress the cannot be overcome**, carved out of the side of a rock.
- ☞ **Israel will be there** during the last 3 1/2 years of the great tribulation. (1260 days

Road to Petra

Up to this point satan has had access to heaven, now here in Revelation 12, verse 7, it appears he is cast out of heaven for good

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- 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; **and the dragon and his angels fought,**
- 8 but they did not prevail, **nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.**
- 9 So the great dragon was **cast out,** that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Remember, In Matthew Chapter 8 Where Jesus Said He Saw Satan Fall From Heaven Like Lightning.

Luke 10:18

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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- 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been **cast down.**
- 11 "And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,** and they did not love their lives to the death.
- ☞ **This is us,** we overcame satan by the blood of the lamb.
 - ☞ **Notice they did not love** their lives to the death.
 - ☞ **Those that remained faithful** to Jesus during the tribulation period, contribute to satans final casting out of heaven.
- 12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil **has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.**"

Now satan knows that his time is very short so he comes down to the earth to intensify his plans of destruction.

- 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted **the woman** who gave birth to the male Child.
- ☞ **The woman:** satan persecutes the nation of Israel.
- 14 But the woman was **given two wings of a great eagle,** that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time,** from the presence of the serpent.
- ☞ A "**Time**" in the Scriptures is 1 year.
 - ☞ "**Times**" would be two years.
 - ☞ So a time, and times and half time is 3 1/2 years.

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- 15 So **the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.
- 16 But **the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood** which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 59:19

... **When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.**

“A Standard”; In Hebrew “**Nuwc**, (noos)

- ☞ *Make vanish away.*
- ☞ *A way of escape*
- ☞ *To make flee*
- ☞ *To hide*

The world, satan, every enemy that raises up against you, the Lord will lift up His Standard, His defense, against them for you...

Did you ever wonder why there has been such hatred toward the Jewish people and their nation?

- ☞ **Why did Hitler** murder over 6 million Jewish people?
- ☞ **How did he deceive the minds** of all of the people into following his plan?
- ☞ **Satan had Hitler** completely under his control.
- ☞ **It was Satan’s plan** to destroy the Jewish people.
- ☞ **It was an attempt** once and for all to wipe out god’s chosen people.
- ☞ **It is amazing** that the Jewish people survived.
- ☞ **There has never been a people who lost their country** and were scattered all over the face of the earth, who then came back into their own homeland again and existed again as a nation.

Here in verse 15-17, satan again is seeking to persecute the Jewish people.

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15 So **the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 But **the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood** which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ

- ☞ **Verse 15:** satan appears to send a “flood” of possibly military soldiers after Israel as she flees Jerusalem.
- ☞ **Verse 16:** apparently in a supernatural way, the Lord opens up the earth in perhaps a great earthquake and swallows the attacking army.
- ☞ **Verse 17:** in his anger satan turns to fight against the Christians who are left during the tribulation period.

Bottom line, No weapon, no force, no enemy formed against you can touch you, except the Lord permit it, and along with the permission, The Lord will protect those that belong to Him...