

**March 13, 2022**

**All verses are copied from <https://biblehub.com/> in King James.**

As a current event I'd like to point out a couple of things and play a brief excerpt from Pastor Jack Hibbs.

**First of all know this:**

***2 Timothy 1:6 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.***

***John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.***

***Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"***

The world left leaders seemingly led by Clause Schwab of the World Economic Council (self appointed) believe in and are pushing all world leaders to what they call the "Great Reset". It involves collapsing all world currency but predominate among those is the US Dollar. The US Dollar is most difficult of world currencies to collapse by its sheer world dominance. All energy and food markets worldwide are based on the US Dollar. In the Bible you will not find the term; "One world currency" or "One world government". It takes a very small amount of reading and putting two and two together. For example:

***Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (emphasis mine)***

Even though the words “one world currency” are not in this verse can you see how we come to that conclusion by reading this verse and understanding what it means that “all” and “no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark.” It is a means to force all humanity into a single buying and selling process that is controlled by one individual in the end: Satan through his anti-Christ. If all the world’s commerce is controlled by a single entity doesn’t it make sense, then that all the world must be dominated by a single governmental agency; IE “one world government”?

As to US currency, the US had a bill presented to the House of Representatives by

<b>Sponsor:</b>	<a href="#">Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]</a> (Introduced 03/23/2020)
<b>Committees:</b>	Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
<b>Committee Meetings:</b>	<a href="#">06/30/20 10:00AM</a>

S.3571 - Banking for All Act 116th Congress (2019-2020)

This bill would set the stage for the removal of all US Currency allowing the advent of the US Digital Dollar. It is euphemistically being called the “Fed Coin” to be in direct competition with other crypto currency and especially Bit Coin both using blockchain technology but for opposing reasons. Current Crypto currency is untraceable. The proposed Fed Coin would be traceable anywhere in the world for ALL transactions down to the penny.

The following is copied from: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3571>

**Summary: S.3571 — 116th Congress (2019-2020)** [All Information](#) (Except Text)

There is one summary for S.3571. [Bill summaries](#) are authored by [CRS](#).

Shown Here:

Introduced in Senate (03/23/2020)

**Banking for All Act**

This bill requires Federal Reserve member banks to provide digital pass-through accounts (i.e., digital dollar wallets) to residents and citizens, and to businesses domiciled in the United States. Among other things, these accounts must provide specified banking services to eligible persons who elect to deposit funds into these accounts, including access to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) aid payments. These accounts may not charge fees or have balance requirements, and must provide a specified interest rate.

In areas with limited access to Federal Reserve member banks, these banks must partner with postal retail facilities to provide services.

Federal Reserve banks must permit state nonmember banks and credit unions to open master accounts for the purpose of offering digital pass-through accounts.

Postal retail facilities and certain small banks must be reimbursed by the appropriate Federal Reserve bank for operational costs incurred by offering the accounts.

Now this short comment from Pastor Jack Hibbs;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlaXEI1yQtY>

starting at 13:00 and going to 19:00. Suggest you listen to the entire 1 hour and 34 minute broadcast.

### **Now to our Study on Revelation 12:**

We now go to an event that I believe started long ago but brings it to our current days. The book of Revelation is not as you can tell written chronologically for the most part. There are events that seem chronological but are actually happening simultaneously. There are events that transpired centuries ago and are revealed in a form using terms that don't fit with worldly events or are coupled with some worldly events like this chapter.

This chapter is a panorama view of earth and heaven where the original fall from Grace started with Satan in Heaven. Earth and Heaven were so closely related that events in one, effected the other.

God gives us a clue that what He is about to describe He calls it a “wonder”. That is another word for a “sign”; something that is not easily understood perhaps but points to an important event, time. In this case it is a panorama from the time of the so called Edenic Covenant (the covenant God made in the Garden of Eden between Himself and Adam and Eve) (Hosea 6:7 refers to it as a covenant) through the crucifixion and resurrection and even to our current circumstances today in 2022. There are two types of Covenants in the Word of God. They are conditional and unconditional. The Covenant with Adam and Eve was “conditional”. If they wanted to happy and healthful lives, then the condition was to; “not to eat of the tree of Good and Evil”. An unconditional Covenant would be, like that found in

***John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”***

In other words, God declared His love of man before man recognized Jesus as Savior. There is a condition on salvation and that is “believe”. It did not cost us anything, it was free, and the price of salvation was paid by Christ. But the covenant of God’s Love was from God to man, in that God loved man before man loved God. He loved you before you were even born and to show us how much He loved us He gave His Son as payment of debt for us.

# Revelation 12

## The Woman and the Dragon

**1And 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:**

This sign of a woman may well account for at least three to four different women and encompass all Godly women and may well include the Church. So, it covers in a simile events from the Garden of Eden to the Church today as Christ created it.

The first of the women would be Eve the mother of all mankind. The second woman would be Sarah, Abrahams wife the mother of Isaac who would be the father of Jacob who became father to the 12 tribes of Israel and then Mary the Mother of Christ and the third woman would be all Godly women who have carried life within them and blessed the world with Godly children and the True and Living Church that Jesus Christ founded with His Blood and Testimony.

***Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.***

The penalty for the sin of Eve aside from terminal life was two main prongs;

This word “sorrow” in Hebrew is;

*Transliteration: etseb*

*Definition: a hurt, pain, toil*

1. Pain in bringing forth children
2. Husband ruling over women

This verse even though directed at Eve, it was addressed to her as the mother of all coming human life. However, it was a sentence for all women who would live and marry whether they gave birth or not. For those that gave birth, pain would accompany that child birth.

Clothed with the Sun involves the relationship with Christ; Christ being the Sun that lights the entire world. The woman clothed with the Sun could easily be spelled SON instead of SUN. So, if we are correct in the Sun being Jesus the SON then who is the woman.

I believe there are two possibilities; Israel or the Church.

Either and both could be considered; Israel due to this being a view of history and the Godly protection Israel has experienced over the years since God chose them.

Read that verse again:

***1And 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:***

In a way, God covered Israel as His bride; even though He later divorced her. That divorce was of course a metaphor to exhibit the terrible consequences of adultery and idol worship. God continues to this day to protect Israel and will do so until those who choose Christ are saved to the very end of Tribulation.

The second is the Church and even though some time in the future from when this event was seen Christ is bequeathed to the Church; the Church is the Bride of Christ and as the husband He would cover His Bride as is described.

Again:

***1And 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:***

This Church is not man made it does not have pastors or priest, deacons, or deaconesses as Christ Himself is the High Priest, Teacher, Founder and King. The only designated seat for Elders is around the Throne of God and there are 24 seats.

So just as God covered and continues today to cover Israel, Jesus covers the Church His Bride. "clothed with the sun"

The woman is seen with the moon under her feet; depicting the subjugation of Satan as a type of imposter that can only reflect the True Light of the Sun and is under the feet of the woman or women and men who would follow God and His Christ.

God would put enmity between the woman or all of human kind and Satan;

***Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.***

The crown of the 12 stars is a reference to the nation Israel the sons of Abraham.

### ***The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 12 from BibleStudy.org***

*Twelve can be found in 187 places in God's word. Revelation alone has 22 occurrences of the number. The meaning of 12, which is considered a perfect number, is that it symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as a perfect governmental foundation. It can also symbolize completeness or the nation of Israel as a whole. For example, Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons, each of which represented a tribe begun by a prince, for 12 princes total.*

*God specified that twelve unleavened cakes of bread be placed every week in the temple with frankincense next to each of the two piles that were to be made. The priests were commanded to change the bread every Sabbath day (Leviticus 24).*

*Christ called and choose twelve men to bear witness to what he did and to spread the good news of the gospel to*

*the entire world. After he was raised from the dead, Jesus told the eleven disciples (Judas had killed himself) that God had given him ALL power and authority in both earth and heaven (God's divine authority - Matthew 28:18).*

*Twelve thousand from each tribe of Israel (144,000 total) will receive salvation during the end time's Great Tribulation (Revelation 7). A set of 144,000 (12 x 12,000), possibly the same as those in chapter 7, will be taken from earth in order to serve and follow the Lamb of God (Revelation 14:1 - 5). Christ's bride in Revelation 12, the church, wears a crown containing twelve stars.*

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

### **Travailing from Strong's Concordance**

Phonetic Spelling: (loo'-pay)

Definition: pain of body or mind, grief, sorrow

Usage: pain, grief, sorrow, affliction.

HELPS Word-studies

**3077** *lýpē* – properly, distress, vexation; (figuratively) physical or emotional pain; *heavy, heart-sorrow* (grief) that *brings a person down*.

This travailing in a general sense covered centuries in one understanding of this sign. It began with the travailing that Eve would experience due to sin as promised by God and continue on for all women in child birth. But not just mankind but all of creation would be in travail.

It would encompass the travailing of Sarah as she was finally given a son that God promised and would be the foundation of the Nation Israel that God had Chosen.

It would include the travail of Mary the mother of Christ Himself as her first born and the very Son of God and it includes the travailing of all women in child birth especially those Christian women even though involved in the passing of the sin gene from generation to generation Christian women were also mighty in the passing on of Christ to their children.

In that vein it could also be the travailing in child birth as in the birth and growth of the True Church of Jesus Christ. That Church cannot be duplicated, it is a single sovereign entity that belongs to Jesus and Him alone; its only administrative board are the 24 Elders that sit before the Throne of God. Their sole response is to worship God and His Son. Many Christian women who are childless are also critical in passing on of God's Love, Mercy and Grace to children in their lives.

Even though this verse could specify Mary, due to vs 5 identifying the child as one that would rule the nations but at the same time this event was planned from the beginning of time. So, God knew what His Son would do and the travail that Mary and women in general would endure, God endures as well. However, it is

broader than even about Mary; it encompasses the travail of all creation.

In the broadest scale we can look at is the delivery of the entire earth from the pain and suffering it has endured since the fall of man.

***Romans 8:21* Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

**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.**

Another sign in heaven; a great red dragon. It is not hard to understand who this would be, it is Satan himself having a description of a might beast; 7 heads represent earthly universal sovereignty from the 7 crowned heads.

Crowns and heads = political and social/economic sovereignty

The ten horns represent complete power on the earth.

Horns = power in this case demonic power.

This sovereignty and power is only temporary and was connected to the transfer of the Title deed to the earth at the fall of Adam and Eve. We saw in the last chapter that event was reversed from the Title being rescued from Satan and given to the proper owner Jesus Christ. We saw that in the last chapter so you can see that Revelation bounces back and forth between history and future events.

***Revelation 11: [15](#) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

Back to the description of the Red Dragon, we see Satan described similarly in Chapter 17 of Revelation.

***Revelation 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.***

The term dragon or beast was used in the Old Testament as a description of what was known at that time that struck fear into the hearts and minds of the earthly population. Satan is described as a serpent, red dragon or beast amongst other terms. The bottom line is that he is a created being by God and has fallen from his position of splendor within God's domain and is now an enemy of God and Christendom. Satan is now described in terms that reflect his fallen nature that embraces a repulsion by human

beings in general and specific rejection by God, His Son Jesus and Christians as the Bride of Christ.

**4And 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.**

The tail of course would be consistent with a dragon that is being used to describe Satan. The image is that with a swipe of his tale Satan took 1/3 of the angels in heaven.

***Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.***

The term used for “star” in this verse is actually defined as a star strewn about the heavens. The imagery is that Satan had great power, enough so that 1/3 of all the angels would follow him. We know that 1/3 of all the stars in the heavens did not fall onto the earth or the earth would not exist, so we must take it as a simile. So, the point God is making both in this verse and in Jude is that Satan used his power of persuasion and position as the Worship Leader in Heaven for personal glory, falling from God’s Grace and dragging a substantial number of angels with him to their doom.

***Ezekiel 28: 13Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the***

**sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.**

**14Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**

**15Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

**16By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

**17Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.**

**18Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.**

**19All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.**

Satan had contrived to disrupt God's plan at many points in history starting in heaven with his own rebellion and then at the Garden of Eden. Satan's plan was to get man to reject God, just like he and his fallen angels had done. The pain that would cause God was likely calculated by Satan, to cause God to abandon

man and the earth. God's response though was to love man with a love that was inconceivable to Satan and even to us; even though a penalty was to be imposed upon man and woman for their sin of not believing God. God did not destroy man, so Satan failed at that juncture.

With another failure Satan had to look to his next opportunity and they were plentiful.

Satan's attempted and continues to attempt to disrupt God's plan; although there are many more subtle attempts by Satan these are the five most prominent.

These are from Don Stewart of Blue Letter Bible, I added a few more descriptive words on each event.

[https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don\\_stewart/don\\_stewart\\_84.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don_stewart/don_stewart_84.cfm)

- 1. The Human Race; in the Garden of Eden Satan got Adam and Eve to not believe God. The flood of Noah's and the tainting of the blood of mankind with that of fallen angels the Nephilim.**
- 2. The Nation Israel; at numerous points including Abraham and Sarah's servant Hagar trying to help God along and had Ishmael which would have subverted the true blood line.**
- 3. The Promised Line; targeted again disrupting during the time of Ester to destroy all Hebrews and Israel with it.**
- 4. Jesus Christ; His Death was to be permanent.**

Perhaps the most horrific and ongoing plan of Satan is;

- 5. The Church; destroy the messenger destroy the message. Make the church non-effective, divided into many denominations, caught up in worldly images,**

false prophets, false religions, false teachers, deceit, corruption at the highest levels of organized religion, sexual perversion within these man made religions. In the end, the gentiles cannot tell the difference to them all religions are alike and none can be trusted.

**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.

Undoubtedly this is describing Christ and His birth to Mary. But it goes beyond that one event even though the most important birth in the history of mankind. The events from birth to resurrection developed over 32 years but reading this one would think it was instantaneous, but we know it was not.

In other words, when Jesus was born He was not immediately “caught up to heaven”, Harpazo in the Greek or Rapturo in Latin which in the English language is “Rapture”.

Jesus stayed on the earth for about 32 years carrying out His Father’s Will.

**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.

There was a lot of fleeing into the desert throughout the Bible, but in this verse, we see something more specific and that is the time that the woman is in the wilderness in which she had a place prepared for her.

**Q.** Let's start with the her? Who is she?

This event is a specific event but can also cover a number of events that would focus on Israel.

We have looked back to see the timeline involving Israel's creation, to Mary and the creation of Jesus the Messiah. Now we look forward beyond 2022 to see another event.

This "woman" is Israel during the Tribulation.

Those in Israel are encouraged to flee to the mountains in general due to the coming persecution of the beast against any Israeli or Christian in or around Jerusalem.

There are two places that are of interest nearby Israel but nothing is certain about either as being a specific location for Israel to flee to; the Hebrew Bozrah and in Greek Petra. The second place in general is Pella also in Jordan and a location that the Christians fled to during the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome.

***Matthew 24: 15When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:***

<https://escapeallthesethings.com/abomination-desolation/#comment-4587>

*Note for later study; the “abomination of desolation” is a person, not an event. I had for the longest time thought that “the abomination of desolation” was when the beast entered into the “Holy Place” and committed some outrageous act therein. But if you read this verse carefully it is the “abomination of desolation” that will stand in the Holy place. Over the next couple of weeks take the time to look into this and when we are together again, we will take a few minutes to discuss this issue.*

*Be warned that many commentators hold that it already took place when Antiochus Epiphanes entered into the Holy of Holies burned incense etc; but what Daniel talks about is yet a future event in a temple that has not been built and in a temple that is not sanctified by God.*

*That leads me to believe that the Abomination of Desolation is not an event but a person standing in a place that is not sanctified by God but by the Beast trying to imply that he has caused some great offense to God is not true. The beast has not entered into God’s Holy place but instead into a manmade place. The Beast is an abomination, and he brings with him desolation.*

## From Strong's Concordance

*Phonetic Spelling: (bdeI'-oog-mah)*

*Definition: a detestable thing*

*Usage: an abominable thing, an accursed thing.*

**946** *bdélygma* (from [948](#) /bdelýssō, derived from bdēō, "to reek with stench") – properly, what emits a foul odor and hence is disgustingly abhorrent (abominable, detestable); (figuratively) moral horror as a stench to God (like when people refuse to hear and obey His voice).

*Phonetic Spelling: (er-ay'-mo-sis)*

*Definition: a making desolate*

*Usage: a desolation, devastation.*

**2050** *erēmōsis* (from [2049](#) /erēmóō, "lay waste, make destitute, barren") – desolation (desecration) that results from being cut off (isolated).

## The War in Heaven

**[7](#)And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, [8](#)And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

It is a mystery yet to be unveiled but for whatever reason Satan has access to the heavenlies; whether or not that includes God's throne it is doubtful. But in any case, when Tribulation is half over,

and the Beast makes war against all Israel and those who are Christians it appears a simultaneous war erupts in Heaven. This war may have been fought a long time ago and only now is the full affect felt in any case it is fought by Michael the Arch Angel of God along with the other Angels of God. The battle is of course against Satan and his fallen angels. The war is lost by Satan and he and his legion are cast down to earth apparently for the last time.

**9And 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.**

An interesting phrase “into the earth”. You would think the term would be “onto the earth” or something similar. What abides beneath the earth’s crust is revealed in prophecy.

**10And 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.**

Let’s create a little time line on what we know so far;

**Q.** Where is the church when tribulation starts?

Raptured to heaven to be with Christ

**1Thesalonians 4: [13](#)But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14](#)For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15](#)For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16](#)For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17](#)Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18](#)Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (emphasis mine)**

**Q.** Where are the 144,000 witnesses at the beginning of Tribulation?

Likely Israel

**Q.** Where is Satan in vs 7 and 8?

Operating between heaven and earth

**Q.** Who are the three main characters in Satan's plan during Tribulation?

Anti-Christ

False Prophet

Beast

**Q.** Where is Satan in vs 9?

On the Earth.

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**11And 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.**

**Q.** Over came who? Who is “him”?

The “him” is Satan the dragon and his association with the Anti-Christ, the False Prophet, and the Image of the Beast. Satan will try to stomp out all knowledge and access to Believing in Christ. He will fail, they will overcome “him” and cross over to the other side is the intent of the meaning here.

**Q.** Who are they?

In this context we know that the Church is in heaven with Christ, so this verse is likely speaking of those who came to Christ during the Tribulation including the 144,000. They loved Jesus more than they loved their own earthly lives and willingly spoke of Christ and His redeeming blood even unto death for many of them.

**12Therefore 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.**

So, there is a clear division; those who live in heaven and those who live on the earth and sea. Those in heaven are safe and are

free to rejoice; those on the earth and sea are in grave danger. God has already poured out great punishment and more is to come.

### **The Dragon Persecutes the Woman**

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

This is now clearly back to Israel, as a nation, the blood line of the King to come. Satan has immense distain and hatred of mankind in general and for Israel specifically. By extension though through Israel, the Gentile Believers who together constitute the “Church” meaning those Believers who come to Christ after Rapture will be hunted along with Israel. He will attempt to pour out his vengeance on Israel during this last 3 ½ years of Tribulation.

**14And 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.**

Imagery plays a large part in interpreting God’s Word in Revelation from time to time. There are times when we just don’t understand it, there are times when we define things out of context and there are times when we can see previous events that help explain what we are seeing in the present.

The woman Israel is fleeing Jerusalem as Satan, the Anti-Christ, the Beast and the False Prophet are all focusing their anger on Israel and anyone who refuses to worship the Beast or his image.

***Exodus 19:4 4Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.***

God refers to a time when with great speed and agility He moved Moses and Israel out of Egypt. As we read of the exodus, speed and time may not seem fast but to have moved a million people by foot from Egypt toward the Promised Land, it was extraordinary. The same type of help will be rendered to those fleeing Jerusalem at this time.

The remnant of Israel will flee into the wilderness of Jordan to a place prepared by God to help her survive the onslaught of Satan for 3 ½ years.

**15And 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 is a simile as Satan does not possess that type of power. The power he does possess is with a large army that is quite capable of pursuing and destroying Israel. Out of his mouth is a reference likely to the orders he gives to pursue and destroy the

remnant of Israel as it flees to the mountains most likely into Jordan.

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

The earth is at the command of God and God through His power is able to cause the earth to open up likely through an earth quake; the resulting fissure is large enough to swallow the pursuing army of Satan.

**Q.** Has anything like this happened before in Scripture?

*Numbers 16: 32And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. 33They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.*

**17And 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.**

**Q.** In a general sense, who is the seed of the woman Israel?

As gentiles we are grafted into the woman Israel in a sense. It is through the woman Israel that the world including the gentiles received Christ. It is through Christ that we receive redemption, so we are in a narrow sense the seed of the woman Israel. Not

replacing Israel, however God will replace Israel within His Kingdom with Believers. Believers are made up of whom?

***Galatians 3: [26](#)For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. [27](#)For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28](#)There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. [29](#)And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (emphasis mine)***

I know the idea of replacement theology and it is offered as doctrine around the world today by many churches. It is a falsehood that has grown like a cancer. It will be accurate in the future at the time after the Millennial reign of Christ, which is a reference to Galatians 3:26-27 but until then Israel remains the apple of God's eye.

However, I would submit to you that there is a division of sorts here. In the spiritual sense this is already the case, in the physical sense it has not yet happened.

***Zechariah 8: [23](#)Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.***

In what days? It is the Millennial time of Christ's reign on earth.

**Q.** In heaven with Christ is there a division of Jews and Gentiles or Greeks right now?

No, there are only believers.

**Q.** On earth right now is there a division of Jews and Christians?

Yes.

**Q.** Does God love one above the other?

That is a challenging question and I think is again a matter of division. In this world God loves His Chosen people Israel, Jesus died for them; it was through the task given Paul that the death of Christ was offered to all who would believe. The division is more from a religious perspective than a Spiritual one. The Spiritual perspective demands surrender to Christ and His Offer of Salvation. Refusal of this “free gift of salvation” regardless of who you are genetically will result in an eternity in Hell.

God’s desire is that all come to a saving knowledge of His Son Jesus Christ, Jew and Greek (Gentile) alike.

It becomes clear when we consider this last verse Revelation 12:17 in whom Satan targets, it is those people who keep the commandments of God and have a testimony of Jesus Christ. As we have learned in God’s economy there is no Jew and there is

no Greek (also meaning Gentile) there is only believers and non-believers.

***Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.***

At your last heartbeat, there becomes only two eternal realities. Eternity with Christ or Eternity without Christ. That decision is required before that last heartbeat. At the last beat of your heart none of this earth matters anymore. None of your possessions, will mean a thing.

Recap:

John is shown a woman clothed by the sun with her feet resting on the moon. A picture of Israel.

The woman (Israel) flees to the wilderness for 1260 days.

God will protect those of Israel who have fled for 3 ½ years until the end of the Tribulation.

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