James #53

The god of this world blinds people to the truth.

Open back up in Revelation chapter twelve RF.

There are many layers and principles wrapped up within all of these teachings in Revelation. I explained the best way to open up and look into prophecy and this book in particular.

/Rev 12:1 **A great sign appeared** (*horaō*)in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on **her head a crown of twelve stars**;

Something supernatural is highlighted; in this case, the origin of the Jewish race, also the human birth line of Christ and it will all point to the seed war of Gen 3:15.\

HA-RAH-O, is a verb written as an aorist, passive, indictive. It means to discern carefully, it is serious and in need of focus. Because it has already happened and it is continuing to evolve around us.

This is a sign throughout the heavens that points to the whole plan of GOD.

/The constative aorist tense considers the action of the verb in its entirety, already done in whole. The passive voice points to the subject; the great sign receives the action of the verb. It is seen and it is still being seen. The indicative mood is a declaration for the reality of this sign, which will explain the origin of the humanity of Christ.\

Within just this one verse, we see so very much of the whole plan of God pointing backward into the Garden and then into the life of Abraham.

/Rev 12:1 - *a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet*,

The sun (Jacob) is the eternal light of the Believer in Christ, salvation is only found in Christ. The moon under her feet speaks to darkness, negativity (Esau) toward divine regeneration in Christ. The 12 tribes came forth from Jacob.\

Hence the 12 stars on her head.

[Rev 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/2/s_1179002) and she was pregnant and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

This birth is of a whole new nation – Israel, and it will be in that nation that the resolution for all conflict and all answers and salvation will be found…in TLJC!

There is more than one meaning seen within this scripture.

It would be through the wives and mistresses of Jacob that the twelve tribes of Israel would be born.

The bloodline of the humanity of Christ.

God cannot die or suffer, which had to happen for fallen mankind.

Therefore Jesus Christ, to bear our sins on the cross, had to become a man — true humanity.

Furthermore, He had to go to the cross as perfect humanity, to pay the price.

Then finish the full prophetic mission in the 3 days in the tomb, the resurrection and then seated at the right hand in heaven. God’s perfect plan.

 REPEAT

Rev 12:2 - the woman Israel, referring to the nation, and within that meaning we will also see Mary the mother of Jesus.

Within the original Jews we see a unique people - in the world today they are the only ones who are both a race and a nation.

In addition to that they are also a culture. They have the distinction of having all three.

They were born through regeneration of Abaraham – a supernatural birth of a whole new people. Reflecting what happens to all of us at salvation – a new creature in Christ!

They were designed for several purposes and one was to bring forth the Messiah.

/The Jews ignored the pregnancy sign along with all the teaching of the temple, the holy days and all symbols, prophecy and typology given to them. That is why John the Baptist gave the final warnings as the last OT prophet;

Isa 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.\

Therefore, God the Holy Spirit, speaking through the apostle John, uses pregnancy under a dual, prophetic meaning to show us their problem.

/Rev 12:1 - shows the pains of Israel, the difficulty of Israel. The Jews rejected the first advent. Therefore, the virgin birth of Christ is wrapped into this prophetic meaning as well. Mary as a virgin was pregnant with the Messiah, the doctrine of the Hypostatic union. They had thousands of years to study and understand. Israel is now suffering under pains and tribulations until HIS return.\

Don’t miss this, just within a few simply scriptures we see a vast portion of the plan of God.

/[Rev 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/3/s_1179003) 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**.

The great dragon points us to Satan when his authority is unrestrained in the future (Tribulation). The crowns and heads will be multiple nations (10-12). Eventually it will fold into 7 nations under his full control.\

Prophecies within the book of Daniel point this out, specifically in Dan 7.

Many scriptures in Daniel align perfectly into the book of Revelation.

Horns and crowns in ancient cultures and Biblical history, point to leadership, royalty or the highest government of the land. Just as a strong military was seen in the horn, which was the battle call.

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/Rev 12:4 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.\**

*He might devour* - meaning it was a possibility!

Now we see a large overview of not only prehistoric history but the prophecy of the seed war of Genesis 3:15.

There is a depth of history and prophecy here that is seen again in several layers.

/*Rev 12:4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them to the earth.*

This speaks to the pride, power and authority Satan seized once he knew who would remain loyal to his rebellion.\

The point of the re-creation (shaping or re-molding) of the earth may have been the expiration point of salvation for these fallen angels.

The point between Genesis 1:1 and Gen 1:2 may have been the point of no return for Satan and those angels who stayed with him.

The original fall of Satan is highlighted here. There are many details we will have to discover in the eternal classrooms of heaven. The third of these angels are what we know today as the fallen angels of the pre-flood history.

This rebellion was Satan and his army making a final stand and refusing to accept the will, the justice and the plan of GOD.

/What we can now see in the fallen angels led by Satan, is the result of free will on an unbridled journey. As GOD removes HIMSELF from their presence and gives them over to the lust of their own desires, a great example for us;

Psa 81:12 “So **I gave them over to the stubbornness**of their heart, **To walk by their own plans**.

(Rom 1:20-32, Eph 4:19, Jud 1:5-8) \

There is a dual meaning wrapped up in this next part of verse 4;

/*Rev 12:4 - the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.*

Gen 3:15 And **I will make enemies Of you and the woman,** And of **your offspring and her Descendant**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”\

This obviously speaks to the satanic warfare leveled against TLJC and anyone who believes upon HIM.

This points us toward the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union as well.

There is a view of the anti-Semitism aspect to this, that should not be overlooked because of verses 1 and 2 pointing to the birth of Israel and the bloodline of the Messiah through that new nation (Abraham, Isaac & Jacob).

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The consistent attacks against true Isreal and the land of GOD we often call Zion is seen within this as well.

Satan wants to devour the CHILD but he failed – remember how King Herod sent out his troops to slaughter the male babies once he heard about the birth of Christ?

I believe there is a reason the childhood of the humanity of Christ was protected and almost invisible other than one time in the temple at the age of 12 - where HE proclaimed, ‘*I am about my Father’s business.’*

We are now the children of God – Satan attempted to infiltrate and destroy Israel repeatedly in the OT. How many times was the nation of Israel almost wiped off the map in the OT?

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This verse speaks to the very doctrine of the angelic conflict and angelic warfare since the garden.

Satan, attacks and tempts as well as places stumbling blocks for the children of GOD in the form of adversities.

Rev 12:5 And 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.

This is obviously our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

This points to the victory on the cross, as well as the completed mission of the person and work of the humanity of Christ.

HE sat down at the right hand in resurrected glory. This ended the first advent of Christ.

The future tense - HE will come back in the 2nd Advent to rule from Jerusalem.

In a few short verses we see the prophecy of the first and second advent of TLJC.

[/Rev 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/6/s_1179006) 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**.

This points into the 7 years of Tribulation and the protection of true Israel (Bels). This reference to a three and one-half year period connects these events with the final seven years of the Dan 9 prophecy.\

The woman references true Israel, those who listened to the 144 thousand Jewish evangelists and became born again.

/This is taught as well from our LORD in Matthew 24:21-28. Dan 9:27, Dan 11:31;

Dan 12:10 Many will be purged, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, **but those who have insight will understand**. 11 “And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and **the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* 1,290days.**\

The half way point of the Tribulation is when Satan is revealed and the Abomination of Desolation is erected in the temple, then it comes to life!

[/Rev 12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/7/s_1179007) And **there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon**. The dragon and his angels waged war,

This has a connotation of past and future within it. Angels who repented became the elect angels, the ones who GOD used to suppress the 1/3rd following Satan. This also highlights a battle at the mid-way point of the Tribulation.\

[Rev 12:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/8/s_1179008) and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

[/Rev 12:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/12/9/s_1179009) And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; **he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him**.

This may reflect the first and second fall of Satan.\

Satan has lost authority in heaven, he has lost in a battle against his replacement Michael.

He knows he will face this same battle again in the future.

His authority and power now are only within the atmosphere of the earth. We as Christians need to be alert …not afraid, but awake to this fact;

/Jhn 12:31 “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your offenses and sins, 2 in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.\

The fact is Satan and his army use Unbels and weak Bels to bring pressure and temptations upon the children of God.

If Satan was not afraid to tempt and pressure the humanity of Christ…how much more so will he do this to us!?

/Luk 4:5 And he led Him up and **showed Him all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “**I will give You all this domain** and its glory, for it has **been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want.\**

Satan was not lying within this bold statement; he has great authority and power to bless humanity in many temporal realms of this earth.

/2Cor 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, **it is veiled to those who are perishing**, 4 in whose case **the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving**so that they will not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.\

Don’t underestimate the power of the KOD. Do not walk in fear… be bold but alert, be strong without becoming arrogant.

/Satan desires to keep the truth of the Gospel of Christ darkened to this lost and dying world. He desires to keep Christians working from their flesh in religion or operating in lust patterns in their emotions. He has three levels of attacks he uses for this world (Bels & Unbels), deception, counterfeits and emotions (lust patterns and trends).\

5. The devil is the central antagonist of the angelic conflict in human history, Hebrews 1 & 2.

6. Satan has an organisation to defeat mankind - Ephesians 6:10-12. Since Satan means “enemy” he is the enemy of the Church, Revelation 2; he is the enemy of doctrine, Matthew 13:9; he is the original murderer of the human race, John 8:44; he is the enemy of Israel, Revelation 12:13; he is the enemy of Christ, Revelation 12:4.

7. The devil has strategy to control nations, Revelation 12:9; 20:3; he has strategy to control the human race. In the development of the cosmic system he has found the perfect way of doing it, 2 Corinthians 2:11, we are not ignorant because we have a detailed profile of him in the Word of God.