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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

CHAPTER 12

12 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. ² Then being with child, she 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. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

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.

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. 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."

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*. 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. ⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood

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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. (Revelation 12:1-17 NKJV)

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Listen to the eloquence of the stars, singing of their glorious Creator. David wrote a psalm after hearing their line:

19 The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows his handiwork.

² Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³ *There* is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.

⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tabernacle for the sun,
⁵ Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
(Ps. 19:1-5 NKJV)

Chapter 12 became the study of *The Star of Bethlehem*, an educational video that reveals the stars the night the magi visited the village. The constellation “Virgo the virgin” was clothed by the sun with the moon at her feet. A great star slipped through Virgo, representing the birth of Christ as the king planet, Jupiter, the brightest of all by its proximity to Venus, the planet of love. The magi tracked an extraordinary “star” that seemed to stop over Bethlehem by the planet’s retrograde motion, December 25, 2 BC. The night they entered the house with gifts for the Toddler was history to John.¹¹⁶ (Mat. 2:11) [Gr: *paidion*, “young child”]

In the video, the sky revealed more than the past; it was also a portent of the future. (Mic. 5:2) *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven. (12:1)* The virgin constellation, Virgo, delivered the male Child, Messiah, who would rule the earth with a rod of iron but was first taken up to God. (12:5) The ancient stars repeat its good news by the will of Him who made them. All of

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nature responds to His will like the earth that swallowed the flood (in 12:16).

Clothed with the sun, the virgin was covered by the Spirit whose Word lived with us as God's Son, the Son of man. (Is. 7:14; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:1-3,14) John saw the sky as the magi had.

The backdrop of history reveals a dragon with ten horns and seven heads with crowns. In this scenario, long before the great empires coveted her Child's Kingdom, the *virgin was the virgin daughter Israel* (Jer. 31:4), bursting to birth her Deliverer.

Similar to John's vision, Jacob's son Joseph had a dream in which the moon and sun represented his mother and father. Here its symbol, the moon, is Mary's spiritual mother. (1 Pet 3:6) Both Sarah and Mary gave miraculous births by a promise from God; Sarah's showed God's faithfulness, but Mary was more greatly blessed than her ancestor. [Gr.: *parthenos* {14x}, maid/virgin. Heb.: *almah*, maid/virgin, or it would not be a great sign (in Is. 7:14).]

Joseph's dream also had eleven of the twelve in John's vision. Its stars crowned the virgin as Joseph and his eleven brothers. His forgiveness for their sin against him resulted in the blessing of the patriarchs, the twelve gates of New Jerusalem and twelve names on the priest's ephod and shoulders--the tribes that were firstfruits in chapter 7. The moon and sun bowed to Joseph, but the sun covered the virgin who conceived by God. (Lk. 1:35)

In John's vision, the stars retold the story of the Child (in Is. 7:14; 9:6). Covered by His Spirit, His mother's blessing excelled Sarah's who, though barren, gave birth to Isaac in her old age; but the young virgin birthed a Son whose Father was God.

The dragon had power and dominion and swept a third of the angels out of heaven down to earth. Before losing any of his kings, he pursued virgin Israel for centuries, trying to destroy the promises and oracles of God by destroying His light bearers.

Thirty-six years after Christ ascended to heaven, 12:6 shows the flight of the virgin. Jewish believers in Jerusalem watched as Romans besieged the city. Josephus wrote that for an unknown reason, its troops returned to Rome; then back up to Jerusalem.

A miscommunication from Rome gave the church time enough to leave the city and cross the Jordan to Pella before Jerusalem was taken, fulfilling the omen of Joel's pillars of smoke (in Jl. 2:30). Thus, the Jews were scattered to the nations in 70 AD, but the church was spared.¹¹⁷

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Jesus had forewarned His disciples to flee at the appearance of the armies outside the city. (Lk. 21:21) As He had prophesied, its temple was razed without a stone on another. By His words, in vengeance, God sent the Jews to all nations till after the world wars. They regained Israel in May 1948 and Jerusalem in June 1967, a sign that the gentiles' times were closing. (Lk. 21:20-24)

12:5-6 refers to the believers who fled to Pella. During the holocaust, a remnant of Jews hid in caves, escaping its genocide in basements and barns; fleeing to forests or burrowing in holes.

Archeologists recently discovered caves near the town where the believing Jews had hidden during the forty-two months of the prophecy (12:16): *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 three-score days.* (12:6) Remains of their presence have been found in the caves near Pella.¹¹⁸

Though scholars say the Bethlehem star never existed, they believe Herod died in 3 BC and search the skies of 7–3, but the Word reveals a different year of his death, leading the filmmaker to another discovery. If Kepler and the astronomical software are correct, Jupiter met Venus in 2 BC, a year after they say Herod died. Larson found the unedited works of Josephus, which date the year of Herod's death at 1 BC. [Jesus was born in ~ 3 BC.]

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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. (Rev. 12:10)

Yeshua, the Lamb of God, was crucified in our place for our **salvation**. (Is. 53) By faith in Him, slavery to sin is abolished; by **His strength**, we enter into His **Kingdom and power** forever.

Salvation: The Great Awakening was an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, discovered by Waldo in the 12th century and Wycliffe and Hus in the 14th, respecting the Bible above church dogma. John Wycliffe corrected the Latin Vulgate in his Greek version and translated the Bible into English. In the 15th century, the movable-type press printed copies for the public as its good news spread in Europe. In the 16th century, Tyndale's English translations led to his martyrdom by Rome's church but were

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used near his death; Henry VIII ordered a translation of Coverdale's and Matthew's Bibles in every church. Erasmus, Luther, and Calvin shaped Christian theology with the truth but in part. The church was returning to its roots. In the 17th century, King James I commissioned the *Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*, much by Tyndale.¹¹⁹ In the 18th, the Great Awakening sent missionaries with the gospel to farms, villages, and outlands. The revived church made a way in the darkness by the light she had.

Strength: In the 19th century, the Holiness Movement stirred national consciences to end slavery. Evangelical ministries were burgeoning—including well-known names like Finney, Moody, Livingston, Wesley, Booth, Wigglesworth, and others.

The Kingdom and power: In the 19th century, Jews were assimilating into the church to avoid persecution when the Welsh and Azusa Street revivals reintroduced Pentecost.¹²⁰ Its latter rain was prophesied in Joel 2:28-3:2, which foresaw the Jews' return to the land and Israel's rebirth as a nation in a day. In 1967 the Jews retook ancient Jerusalem, and the power of the Spirit was poured out on a new generation. He's like the wind.

Had Michael the archangel returned to Israel? At her return to the promised land, a great eagle flew Israel *to her place... like those who dream.* (12:13-15; Ps 126:1-3) Its wings strengthened a lion and then a leopard in Daniel 7; now the eagle was hers:

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. (Rev. 12:14 NKJV)

Prophecies can appear, resettle, and repeat, and *times* can be months, years, decades, centuries, or more. At the end of the age, *time, times, and half a time* may be decades after the holocaust at the dragon's return when *the abomination of desolation* reenters the temple. (Dan. 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 2 Thes. 2:1-12; Mat. 24:15-22)

In 70 AD the Jews had fled a fruitful land for the wilderness of the nations. Languishing in the absence of her people, over the centuries, she had become a barren wasteland. In 12:14 she flies *to the wilderness to her place*, a then desolate country. Travelers who expected to see her glory were dismayed by her emptiness.

One night, more than two thousand years ago, stars signaled the birth of a Jewish King, and magi in the East rejoiced. It was

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not an evil omen, but a wonderful sign. The stars spoke of another birth during the Days of Awe in Israel's seventieth year.

The Night the Stars Fell

So-called "falling stars" are omens in the heavens. In John's time, men called all the sky's shining objects "stars." In 12:4 stars are fallen angels, swept out of heaven by the dragon's tail. And as it's written, the enemy masquerades as an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14; Jude) The seven stars in Yeshua's right hand are the seven angels of seven churches. (1:20) And then there are stars.

When the star rose in the East, the magi knew the King was born. After finding the young Child in Bethlehem, they returned home. No one could have predicted the astronomy of the skies in those days. Its computations weren't understood until the 17th century when Johannes Kepler looked into God's universe and wrote *Three Laws of Planetary Motion*.¹²¹ Now software uses his calculations, and we can watch the reruns.

Since 902 a phenomenon has recurred in the sky. The Leonid showers fell toward earth as hundreds of thousands of meteors lit the black sky in 1833, pouring like rain for three nights.¹²² Men thought it was the end of the world; a century later, the eighth king came up (in Dan. 7:8). That's how a timeline works.

Revelation opens an ancient sky for us to study its stars whose constellations reappeared recently as they had in chapter 12 but not to announce the holy birth; there was a variation. September 23, 2017,¹²³ was Tishrei 3, 5778, the third day of the seventh month in Israel. The sign reappeared in a Shemitah year during the Days of Awe for the first time in two thousand years. (Lev. 23:23-32) The Shemitah brings blessing or judgment every seven years. Although men lose track of time, God still keeps it.

The Savior's return is related to the rebirth of Jerusalem. In ancient days, the stars had spoken, but how did they know Israel would be pregnant again? Rather than the birth of the Child, in 2017, Mercury, Mars, Venus, and Regulus formed a straight line through Leo the lion's feet—His rod of iron! (12: 5) The sky is metaphorically announcing His return: Yeshua the Messiah will soon reign as King of kings; first, however, He warned His followers of an abomination, a destroyer with an idol in the temple.

Mercury and Mars represent imminent war, which comes though wars and rumors of wars have continued. (Rev. 16:9; Lk.

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21:9-10) Regulus and Venus, the King and His Bride, appear for the royal marriage, but first the war occurs as His wrath ends.

May 14, 2018: the United States Embassy opened its doors in Jerusalem on the seventieth anniversary of her rebirth as the first nation to bless her capital. After nearly two thousand years, it was a sign to the world.¹²⁴ (Ps. 48:1-2; Mat. 5:34-35; Lk. 21:24)

From the Torch to a Pit

A flood of threats and curses pursued the Jews for centuries, but Israel has been undefeatable, thwarting her ancient enemies who'd destroy her if possible, yet she is far from Him who wars on her behalf. Israel is in the cross-hairs of a spiritual war:

¹⁵And the serpent hurled water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had hurled out of his mouth.¹⁷So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. (Rev. 12:15-17 NASB)

Lucifer had fallen into sin before God created mankind; he had coveted the glory and throne of his Creator. (Is. 14:4-20) After the torch bearer fell, God made man in His image and after his likeness, and the devil dug the pit deeper by coveting God's creation. After he lost the war in heaven, he lost the greatest war on earth when God restored His people to their land.

In their meetings, Churchill was slighted by the president's cold shoulder. They'd been advocates for freedom and close friends, but Roosevelt preferred the charismatic Stalin although Stalin was a fascist and a murderer. The prime minister believed his friend had chosen their enemy above him; in fact he had.¹²⁵

F.D.R. didn't live to see the war end. Vice President Harry Truman took the oath of office to replace him after his untimely death. Truman's former business partner and friend was Jewish. It's unlikely the president before him would have come to her aid, but Harry felt honored to help Israel. Churchill and Truman had kindred spirits, both eager to speak up for the Jews.

A serpent saw a subtle chance to influence leaders in WW2. Their conversations left lasting effects on the world since then.

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Several scriptures indicate that the rulers aren't alone, but kings, invisible personalities, can persuade, influence, and lead them.

What about Words?

Leaders bear the onus of their words; we all do, but we who affect many lives have the greater responsibility. Words are like seeds, planted in our hearts; once rooted, they produce fruit. We saw the fruit of a man's speech when crowds swore an oath of allegiance to a dragon that spoke by the man, but *the beast was slain* and was *sent to perdition (in Dan. 7:11)*. How many itching ears had he deceived before his head was given a deadly wound?

Though invisible, spoken words have power to overthrow kings and empires. Words command nations and alter the course of history. Words change lives. Words spoken by faith transform the course of our future. Words influence perspectives and alter attitudes. A personal conversation can make a difference forever; so can a prayer.

After the war, Winston Churchill was voted out of office but became a great statesman. America remained an ally to Israel. President Truman figured he was "God's Cyrus."¹²⁶ He believed he was made president by Providence to help the Jews as Cyrus the Great had done over five centuries before Jesus Christ was born. It seems he was right about that. President Truman wasn't a saint, but loved Israel because his Christian parents had taught him to respect the people who had given us the Holy Bible.

Nebuchadnezzar, whom God chose to take the Jews captive to Babylon, finished his days blessing the Jews and their God. Years later, the Creator of heaven and earth stirred the heart of Persia's King Cyrus, choosing him to return the Jews to the land and to monetize the reconstruction of Jerusalem and its temple.

Their legacies are lessons for us when we're tempted to set up mortals as idols or criticize the authorities over us. Among the worst sins, self-righteousness is quick to condemn and slow to forgive. At the time of Christ, it was the sin of the religious elitists; this is why it's essential that we emit His righteousness, not our own. Wisdom is conceived; matured, she gives birth to words and deeds: Jesus said, *wisdom is justified of her children.* (Mat. 11:19)