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# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## CHAPTER 12

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

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, <sup>8</sup>and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers *and sisters* has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup>And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life *even* when faced with death. <sup>12</sup>For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

<sup>13</sup>And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to

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the male *Child*.<sup>14</sup> But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she \*was nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent.<sup>15</sup> And 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.<sup>16</sup> But 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.<sup>17</sup> So 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. (Revelation 12:1-17 NASB)

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Listen to the eloquence of their speech as the stars announce the news of their glorious Creator. *Their line* is lyrical:

19 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. (Ps. 19:1-5)

Chapter 12 became the study of *The Star of Bethlehem*, an educational video that reveals the stars of the sky on the night the magi visited the village.<sup>115</sup> “Virgo the virgin” was clothed by the sun with the moon at her feet. By the interpretation of Joseph’s dream in Genesis 37, the moon is her spiritual mother, Sarah. A great star slipped through the constellation, representing the birth of Messiah as the king planet, Jupiter, through Virgo the virgin.

The night the magi saw the star over Bethlehem was history to John as it is to us. The sky revealed more than the past; it was a portal to the future—even for today. (Mic. 5:2) Its universal news has been retold by the stars throughout the ages: *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven. (12:1)* The night sky

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surrounded Virgo who labored to deliver a male Child. The Anointed One would rule with a rod of iron but was first taken up to God. The Spirit covered the woman [*clothed with the sun*] who conceived the Word who'd be the Son of God. (Is. 7:14; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:14; cf. Gen. 37:9-10)

The moon under her feet revealed her as a daughter of Sarah, yet greater than Sarah since Mary's blessing was greater than hers. Even so, He who blesses is honored above the blessed ones.

Mary and Sarah gave miraculous births, each by a promise from God, but Mary's excelled her ancestor's. (1 Pet. 3:6; Heb. 7:7) [In chapter 12 the Greek *gune* can be "virgin: but is often "wife" {129x} or "woman" {92x} and is used for its double-meaning. Though the Greek *parthenos* {14x}, or "virgin," is not used, the constellation Virgo represents a virgin. In Is. 7:14 *almah* means "virgin."]

The woman in chapter 12 is a virgin, fulfilling the prophecy, but there's more. The stars point to a virgin who births a King; but in the days of Rome, the seven heads lacked five of the seven crowns. When Mary was alive, five kings had fallen (in 17:10). Thus, the virgin with a garland was before Mary; Israel is in the vision. She was true to the faith as the *virgin daughter of Israel* (in Jer. 31:4; Am. 5:2) when the virgin Mary, an Israelite herself, gave birth to her Son who was caught up to God.

Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 66 AD, and the church fled to a place prepared for them in the desert. At that time, there was war in heaven. The serpent was banished to earth but would rise from its pit; yet before losing any kings, it had pursued virgin Israel.

Looking into the heavens, Jupiter and Venus appeared as one star. Astronomers called "magi" followed its light until it seemed to stop over Bethlehem December 25, 2 BC, in the documentary that searched the skies and the scriptures. That night the magi went to their house with gifts "for the young Child." [Gr: *paidion* is a young child.]

John looked up and saw twelve stars on the head of Virgo: The prophesied virgin wore a garland lit by the twelve patriarchs as her blessing. (Lk. 1:48) The ancient villain came with princes, dominions, and powers, chasing Israel's offspring for centuries, wanting to destroy the Child at His virgin birth.

After Christ's ascension to heaven, 12:5-6 reveals the flight of believing Israel. Thirty-six years after His ascension, Jewish believers in Jerusalem watched Roman armies compass the city.

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Josephus attested that, for an unknown reason, their troops returned to Rome and later turned back to Jerusalem. An apparent miscommunication allowed believers to leave the city and cross the Jordan to Pella before the temple's destruction when the Jews were scattered to the nations in 70 AD.<sup>116</sup>

Archeologists recently discovered caves near the town where believers allegedly hid during the siege.<sup>117</sup> (12:16) Wherever they went, they hid for forty-two months, according to the prophecy: *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.* (Rev. 12:6)

Jesus had warned the disciples to flee at Jerusalem's siege. (Lk. 21:21) As He prophesied, its temple was left with no stone on another, and God scattered the Jews to all nations. (Lk. 21:20-24)

Josephus cited history to mark time. Though scholars say the Bethlehem star never existed, they also believe Herod died in 3 BC, having ruled from 37–3 BC; therefore, they search the sky of 7–5 BC, but the Bible corrects the date of Herod's death. Though scholars challenge the inspired writings, they rely on writings of historians, which are fallible. [Christ was born in 4–3 BC.]

Unless Kepler or the astronomical software is wrong, Jupiter met Venus in 2 BC, one year after Herod supposedly died. However, in Larson's research, the earliest writings of Josephus attest to Herod's death in 1 BC:

<sup>10</sup> 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)

The Word of God offered **salvation** to the Hebrews since Yeshua gave His life as the sacrificial Lamb of the new covenant for the renewal of their hearts and lives. (Jer. 31:33) By faith in His blood, **slavery to sin is abolished**. We were set free to live in **His strength**. He sent His Spirit to establish His **Kingdom and power** forever. The events above are historically ordered.

**Salvation:** The Great Awakening was an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, discovered by Waldo in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and Wycliffe and Hus in the 14<sup>th</sup>, respecting the Bible above church dogma. John Wycliffe corrected the Latin Vulgate in his Greek

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translation; then, translated an English version of the Bible. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the movable type press printed translations for the public, and the good news spread. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Tyndale, Erasmus, Luther, and Calvin impacted Christian theology. They had seen the truth in part, but the church was just beginning its restoration. In the 17<sup>th</sup> King James called for an *Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*, mostly Tyndale's translation. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, a Great Awakening brought the gospel to the world as missionaries went forth with its wonderful news.<sup>118</sup> Our body was making its way through the darkness by the light we had:

**Strength:** In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Holiness Movement stirred the national conscience, ending slavery. Evangelical churches sprang up, inspired by men like Finney, Palmer, Booth, Moody, Smith, and Wesley, among many others who led revivals.

**The Kingdom and the power:** In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Welsh and Azusa Street revival reintroduced Pentecost to the church.<sup>119</sup> At the fullness of time, in 1948 Israel became a nation in a day. In 1967 the Jews regained ancient Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit revisited the nations with the gifts manifested as at first. Its latter rain was just beginning, as predicted in Joel 2:28-3:2, pointing to the future return of the captives to Judah and Jerusalem.

Satan was about to rise from the abyss after his fall; since then he has stalked the church and Israel, spewing out propaganda like a flood. (12:13-15) God doesn't renege His promises; they never fail. The eagle was sent by God to support the Jews' return to their homeland, *like those who dream (in Psalm 126)*.

<sup>14</sup> 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)

In 70 AD Jews fled a fruitful land for the wilderness of the nations. Languishing in the absence of her people, she became a barren wasteland till her nation was *given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness to her place*. The words, *time, times, and half a time* are not quantified here.

Prophecy can appear, shift, resettle, and repeat. In the case of Israel, the times were decades. Unlike Rev. 12:6, in verse 14 she flies *into the wilderness to her place* and returns to a desolate land. (ZGE, YLT agree) Here time, times, and half a time could be

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the number of decades from the holocaust till the reappearance of the red dragon as *the abomination of desolation*, which Christ said would come back before He does. [1 + 7 + ½ decades?]

A flood of words pursued them for centuries, but they seem unconquerable, thwarting powerful enemies who would destroy Israel if it were possible. The Jews, Israel, and Jerusalem are in the cross-hairs of a spiritual war; so are Messiah's believers who prove the faithfulness of God.

<sup>34</sup> And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup> And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' (Ezk. 36:34-35 ESV) ['Have strong defense']

### The Night the Stars Fell

From as early as 902, a phenomenon has recurred in the sky. The Leonid showers appeared as tens of thousands of meteors fell toward the earth and lit up the black sky in 1833. The stars poured like rain for three nights.<sup>120</sup> People thought it was the end of the world. In a hundred years, a little horn rose in Daniel 7:8.

So-called "falling stars" are signs in the heavens. In John's time, men called all the sky's shining objects "stars." Angels also fall, appearing like stars. In 12:4 stars were angels who followed the dragon and were swept out of heaven. (Cf. Jude) Seven stars in Jesus' right hand were seven angels of seven churches. (1:20)

12:5-6 refers to the congregation that fled to Pella for safety during the siege of Jerusalem by the Romans. In the holocaust, Jews hid in caves again. A remnant escaped Europe's genocide by hiding in homes of sympathetic citizens. Others found forests or hid in holes. Satan sent a flood, but *the land helped her*.

When they saw the star, the magi knew the King was born. Finding the babe in Bethlehem, they returned to the East. No one could have predicted the astronomy of the skies in those days. Its mathematics were discovered in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when Johannes Kepler wrote the Three Laws of Planetary Motion.<sup>121</sup> Now its software uses his calculations, and we can watch the reruns.

One night nearly two thousand years ago, the stars revealed the birth of a Jewish King, and magi from the East rejoiced. It

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wasn't a bad omen, but a wonderful sign when again the stars spoke of a different birth. Their signal appeared in the Days of Awe in the seventieth year after the Jews returned to their land.

Revelation displays an ancient sky and alerts us to observe its stars. The constellations reappeared recently as they were in chapter 12 but not exactly the same as at the holy birth. There was an interesting variation.<sup>122</sup>

September 23, 2017, was Tishrei 3, 5778, in Israel; the third day of the seventh month. After Rosh Hashanah, the civil New Year, the sign reappeared during the Days of Awe for the first time in two thousand years. (Lev. 23:23-32) It was clear to Israel and to most of the world. (Though we shouldn't look for signs, when God sends them, we must consider them.) Revelation 12 reveals the sign that marks the season of His return.

The Savior's birth 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 star of Bethlehem, in 2017, Mercury, Mars, Venus, and Regulus formed a straight line through Leo the lion's feet—His rod of iron! (12: 5)

Mercury and Mars spell imminent war. Regulus and Venus, the kingly star and the virgin, refer to a royal marriage. The first event makes way for the second. The tribulation precedes them.

On May 14, 2018, Jerusalem welcomed the U.S. Embassy when America was the first to recognize Israel's capital after her two thousand year absence. It was the seventieth anniversary of Israel's national day of rebirth and a signal to all the world.<sup>123</sup> (See Ps. 48:1-2; Mat. 5:34-35; Lk. 21:24)

### About Words

People who aspire to lead others bear the onus of their words; we all do, but those of us who affect many lives have the greater responsibility. A serpent saw a subtle chance to influence the leaders in WW2. Their conversations have left lasting effects on the world since that time. Now we see they weren't alone, but powerful, invisible forces were present with them.

Words are like seeds planted in hearts; once rooted, they produce fruit. We saw the fruit of a man's speech in Germany when crowds took an oath of allegiance to the dragon that spoke, but *the beast was slain* and went to perdition. How many itching ears did the adversary attract before his head was bruised?

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<sup>5</sup> O the Assyrian, the rod of my anger,  
in whose hand is the club of my wrath!  
(Is. 10:5 NIV)

God used Assyria to plunder His people; likewise, the Lamb of God used Russia as His weapon to wound the serpent's head, his capital city, in WW2. And He chose America, Great Britain, France, and the Allies to heal it. These beasts rise or fall by the decision of the Sovereign God who foreknows all things. Not only that, but at the end, His justice is perfect.

At the end of the war, the dragon's body was burned, and he was sent to perdition, but the Judge gave the saints the Kingdom. Even so, Satan returns as another beast, *diverse from the first*.

Though invisible, words have power to overthrow kings and empires. Words command nations and alter the course of history. The words we speak by faith can change our destiny. A personal conversation can make a difference forever; so can a prayer.

In their meetings, Churchill was slighted by the president's cold shoulder. They'd been advocates for freedom and close friends, but Roosevelt was drawn to Stalin's charisma. Though he was a strong leader, Stalin was a destroyer. Churchill believed his friend had chosen their enemy above him.<sup>124</sup> And he had.

F.D.R. never saw the war end. Vice President Harry Truman took the oath of office and replaced him after his untimely death. Truman's former business partner and friend was a Jew. He felt honored to help Israel though it's unlikely the former president would have come to her aid. Churchill and Truman shared a kindred spirit, supporting the Jews in their time of need.

After the war Winston Churchill was voted out of office but became a great statesman. America remained an ally to Israel. Truman figured he was "God's Cyrus."<sup>125</sup> He believed he was made president by Providence to help the Jews defend their land as Persia's King Cyrus had done more than five centuries before Christ. Truman wasn't a saintly man but loved Israel because his Christian parents taught him to respect the people who gave us the Bible. His legacy is a lesson for us to consider when we're tempted to idolize or to criticize those in authority over us. We should beware: self-righteousness is among the worst sins; it's quick to condemn and slow to forgive. As Yeshua said, *wisdom is justified of her children (in Mat. 11:19)*.