

REV 11:13-19

“13And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14The second woe is past; and behold, the third woe cometh quickly. 15And 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. 16And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. 19And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

Verse 13: *“And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”*

At the time of the ascension of the two witnesses to heaven, a great earthquake hits Jerusalem. This great earthquake opens a great rift valley that allows the faithful remnant of Israel to escape by the valley to the area of Petra in Jordan where they will be protected by God's angels for 3 ½ years. Seven thousand are killed by this earthquake but the rest of the remnant in Jerusalem give glory to God for proving that He is the God of Israel and the God of heaven.

After the God of heaven raises these two prophets from the dead, the problem that remains is that most on earth will still be deceived into thinking that there is a God dwelling on the earth. All those that want this [lawless man](#) to be God more than the real God of heaven will follow him. They will turn against all world religion that claims God is in heaven and they will burn all such religious institutions with fire. This is all further explained in chapter seventeen.

Verse 14 *“The second woe is past; and behold, the third woe cometh quickly.”*

The Third and Final Woe: The seventh trumpet blast is a continuation of the pause from the sixth trumpet blast. The 6th trumpet released the 200 million demonic horsemen headed by the four angels who were chained at the Euphrates River resulting in the death of 1/3 of the earth's remaining population. At the end of the 6th trumpet we have the intervening scene of **Revelation 10-11** as the mighty angel descended down to earth and gave John a little scroll. John then informs us what is happening in Jerusalem during the first 3 ½ years with the Temple and the two witnesses.

The ministry of the "Two witnesses" lasted for 1260 days and ends with their resurrection and rapture, followed by an earthquake. The second half of Daniel's 70th week begins with the sounding of the 7th trumpet. The 7th Trumpet is the final and "Third woe." During the 7th Trumpet the 7 "Bowl" judgments are poured on the earth. Jesus and the armies of heaven enter the earth at the end of the 7th trumpet.

Second woe...The second woe results in the death of 1/3 of the Earth population. (**Rev 9:12**). The first woe was the release of the demon locusts from the bottomless pit that tormented men for six months. (**Rev 9:1**)

Third woe...The "Third woe" proceeds from the blowing of the 7th trumpet. **Revelation chapters 12,13 and 14** are parenthetical and to **Revelation 15** which is the beginning of the of the 7 "Bowl" judgments concluding with the return of Christ.

Verses 15-17 *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. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*



Seventh angel sounded... The seventh angel who has not yet blown his trumpet signals the collapse of the "Kingdom's of this world" much in the same way they did when the 7 priests blew the 7 trumpets on the 7th day after going 7 times around the city of Jericho.

Loud voices.... Following the beginning of the 7th trumpet **loud** (gr. megas; large, loud, mighty) voices were heard in heaven. Following the 7th trumpet blast on the 7th day, all of Israel was instructed to shout and the walls of Jericho would fall down.

Saying... Satan offered Jesus the “Kingdoms of the world” if Jesus would just fall down and worship him. (Luke 4:5-7) Satan said they were “Delivered” to him to give to whomever he wishes. With the blowing of the 7th trumpet a Heavenly transition is taking place. In Revelation 12:7 we have additional details of what is happening at this “Midpoint transition.” Michael and the other angels battle Satan and his angels. Satan and his fellows are cast to Earth from Heaven. Satan and his fellow angels are about to be judged. With Satan’s judgment, his dominion is lost and the power to rule over the kingdoms is transferred to Messiah. (Psalm 2)

Psalms 2:1-12 *Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: The Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

COMPARISON OF JOSHUA AND REVELATION

	JOSHUA CONQUEST	JESUS CONQUEST
COMMANDER'S NAME	Joshua (Joshua 5:13)	Joshua (Jesus) (Mat 24:30-31)
TRUMPETS	7 Trumpets (Joshua 6:16)	7 Trumpets (Rev. 8:2)
DAYS OF CONQUEST	7 days	7 years (Daniel 9:27)
LOCATION OF TRUMPET	Before the Arc (Joshua 6:6)	Before the Throne (Rev. 8:2)
INVADING ARMY	Children of Israel (Josh. 6:1)	Saints with angels (Rev 19; 14, Mat 24:31)
TIME OF INVASION	End of 7 th Trumpet Josh. 6:15-18)	End of 7 th Trumpet (Rev 10:7)
HOLDERS OF TRUMPETS	7 priests before arc (Josh 6:6)	7 Angels before Throne (Rev 8:2)
People's reaction to 7 th Trumpet	Shout by Israel (Joshua 6:16)	Loud voices in Heaven (Rev 11:15)
Inhabitants spared	Rehab and her house waiting for Joshua's invasion (Josh 6:17)	Inhabitants on Earth waiting for Jesus' Return (Matt 25:31-41)
Description of Rahab & Israel before invasion	Prostitute – (Joshua 6:17)	Prostitute (Ezekiel 16:33-36; Ezekiel 23, Hosea 1:2.2:4,4:10)
Rahab After Jericho	Rahab marries a prince of Judah, Salman who is in the line of Christ (Matthew 1:5, Ruth 4:20)	Israel is restored to Christ the Messiah the prince of Judah.

After the two prophets are raised from the dead, the angel blows the last trumpet of the seven. This trumpet brings in the seven vial judgments that will occur in these last 3 ½ years. They are the last judgments that will cleanse the earth before Jesus actually comes to set up His kingdom. It is also the last woe for mankind. When this trumpet is blown, the kingdoms of the world are given to Jesus. It will be time for Jesus to take the kingdom of heaven to earth, but first rewards must be given to His saints in heaven and the earth must be cleansed of all evil doers.

The authority to rule on earth was won at the cross but the timing to take possession was set by the Father and delayed so that many people could come to His Son for salvation. The passage says that He has taken His great power and has reigned. It implies that up to this point in time He had the power, but He had not taken His power to reign on the earth.

Dan 7:22,27 *22until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

Dan 12:12-13 *12Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. 13"But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."*

Matthew 19:28 *28So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

Rev 20:4 *4And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

REV. 11:17

We give You thanks: This thanksgiving isn't to thank God that He has *already* done this; but that the hour has come for it to take place, and that these things are permanently set in motion. "In their praise, impending events are set forth, to be more fully described later." Now comes the fitting time for judgment, reward, and destruction.

VERSE 18: *“18And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.”*

The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come: God’s punishment fits the crime; there is nothing arbitrary about it. The nations are angry with God and He responds with wrath; those that destroy the earth are themselves destroyed.

- The world is angry because God comes to rule.
- The world wants *anything* but the reign of God!
- As it says in a parable OF Jesus, *“We will not have this man to reign over us.”* (Luke 19:14).
- “Religion is decent but surrender to God is intolerable to the nations of this world.” (Newell)
- The wrath of men is impotent, but the wrath of God is omnipotent. The wrath of men is wicked, but the wrath of God is holy.

Why are the nations angry? If we read the prophecies in Isaiah and Jeremiah about the counterfeit kingdom of Babylon, it seems many nations get angry at the Beast kingdom and come to destroy her after they learn the truth of the deception. They also are angry because they do not want Jesus to set up His Kingdom of God on earth and rule over them either.

VERSE 19: *19And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

When the temple is opened in heaven, the world sees the ark of his testament in the temple in heaven. The Ark of the Covenant on earth was patterned after the heavenly ark. The copy on earth had Aaron’s rod, manna, and the Ten Commandments. These represented God's choice for high priest and God's supernatural bread of life and God's eternal law. When the Ark is seen it will provide final testimony to Israel and to the world that the God of Heaven made an everlasting covenant with Israel. God has decreed that His Law and His chosen high priest will rule in His kingdom from Jerusalem on earth. Jesus is not sitting on the mercy seat over the ark because the time for mercy on the earth is now over.

The lightning, voices, thunderings, the earthquake and the great hail are but a brief description of the seventh vial judgment that is poured out. John gives more details about this in **chapter 16**.

The great and awesome phenomenon at the opening of the temple and the revelation of the ark show that the presence of the Lord is there; it is reminiscent of God's manifested presence at Mount Sinai (**Exodus 19:16-19**).

With the world in chaos from nuclear power plant meltdowns; the economy is on the verge to have a worldwide collapse; snow, hail, and flooding causing deaths, tsunamis, and volcanoes, we are NOW living in the days of Revelation. How fast one earthquake and tsunami changed everything for Japan. What will happen to the U.S. when it hits here????

We must stretch our faith and walk in confidence that the Lord is with us and will never forsake us no matter what comes on the scene. Yet, there are so many that do not know HIM as Savior. What are we doing to change that? We must share Christ everywhere we can before it is too late for a lost and dying world. It is the great commandment, not the great suggestion.
Selah

CHAPTER 12

REV 12:1-6

“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: 2And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 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. 5And 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. 6And 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.”

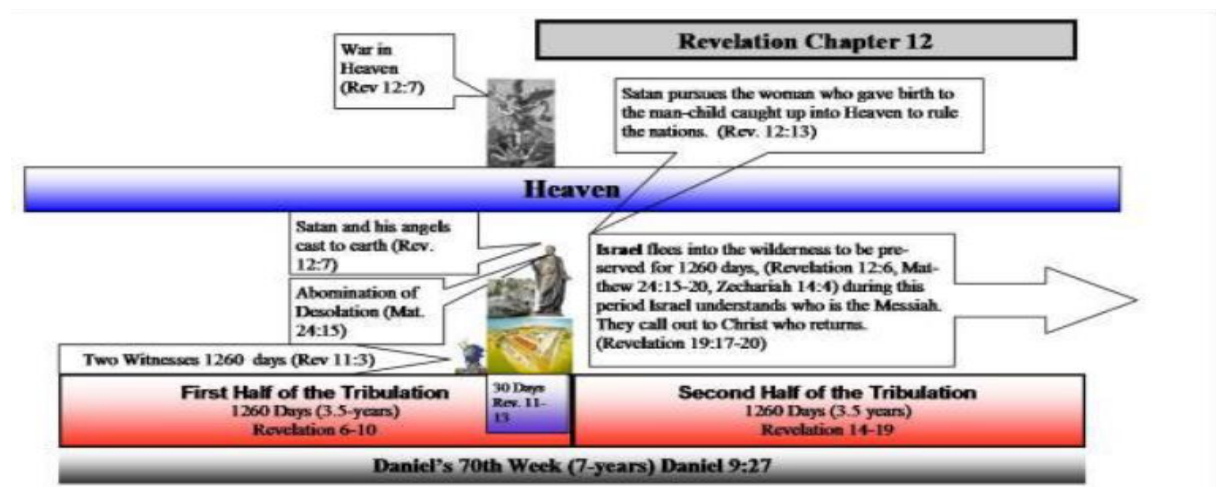
The Twelfth Chapter of Revelation is a continuation of the events taking place at the Midpoint of Daniel's 70th Week, but from a Heavenly viewpoint. In Chapter 10, a **“Mighty Angel”** announced the completion of God's prophetic plan at the sounding of the 7th trumpet. In the first 13 verses of Chapter 11, we see the scene on Earth from the perspective of Jerusalem.

Revelation 11:15-19, John witnesses the sounding of the 7th Trumpet, and the events which follow. Chapter 12 continues the scenes from the sounding of the 7th trumpet, and the transition about to take place in Heaven.

Here in a picture is the conflict of the ages, between the descendants of Eve and Satan. The conflict between the seed of the women, the Messiah, and the serpent, Satan, goes back to the fall of man (**Genesis 3:15-16**). Satan has tried to prevent Messiah's birth and the completion of God's plan of redemption from the time Cain killed his brother Abel. Here John reveals the spiritual dimension of this age-old conflict which is about to enter the final act.

John records the conclusion of events, which began in the Garden of Eden, at the fall of man. Satan, who tempted Adam and Eve, and regained access to heaven, after man's fall, is finally expelled. Michael and his angels cast Satan and his fallen angels from their heavenly access. Satan's freedom of movement is confined to the earth, and because he knows his time is short (3 ½ years), he confronts Israel in a last-ditch effort to stop his confinement.

Satan assumes control of the Antichrist's kingdom at the mid-point of the Tribulation. After Satan is expelled from Heaven, he incarnates the Antichrist who seemed to have a fatal wound (**Revelation 13:3**). The resurrected Antichrist enters the rebuilt Third Temple in Jerusalem and declares himself God demanding Israel and the world worship him (**2 Thes. 2:4**). Israel refuses to worship the Antichrist, who is now Satan incarnate. The Antichrist is enraged against Israel and all believers since he knows his time is short and he must act quickly. Satan indwelling the Antichrist pursues Israel and attempts to exterminate the Jewish people, hoping to prevent the return of Christ, who promised to return when Israel acknowledged Him as their Messiah (**Matthew 23:39**).



At this point God intervenes on Israel's behalf. Almost two thousand years ago, Jesus warned Israel about this coming day of trial. Jesus referring to the book of Daniel warned Israel, when they saw the *abomination of desolation* spoken of by Daniel to flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:15-21). God literally opens the Mount of Olives, creating a valley, and providing a path of escape for the remnant seed of Israel. There in the wilderness of Judah east of Jerusalem, God will supernaturally preserve and nourish a select group of survivors for 1260 days or three and half-years. In the wilderness, surviving Israel will come to terms with their Messiah and finally understand, Jesus Christ is their only way to salvation.



Rev 12:1-2 *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. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.*

A woman.... In this Heavenly drama John sees a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of 12 stars. (Gr. Stephanos a victor's crown). The identity of the woman has been the subject of much debate. The four major opinions are:

1. The woman represents the church with the 12 stars representing the 12 apostles.
2. The woman represents Mary with the 12 stars representing the 12 apostles.
3. The woman represents Israel, and the 12 stars represent the 12 tribes of Israel.
4. The woman represents the redeemed and the 12 stars represent the apostles and tribes of Israel.

Christian Science founder Mary Baker Eddy has claimed that she is the woman in Revelation 12 and the man-child is her church Christian Science. Many cults use this chapter to justify their doctrines.

To identify the woman, we just need to look at her qualifiers.

First, the Woman in this drama is clearly demonstrated to be Israel (the seed bearer of Messiah) thru whom the Messiah, Jesus Christ, (the child) entered the world. The drama of chapter 12 has the woman who gives birth to a male-child; the child is caught up to Heaven to rule the nations with an Iron scepter. A red dragon with seven heads and 10 crowns, pursues the woman.

The male child with the iron scepter is referring to the Messiah. In **Psalm 2:9**, Messiah the king is pictured ruling the Earth with a rod of Iron. The Messiah is also to rule over the nations. The Overcomers of the church of Thyatira are promised to reign with Christ with a rod of Iron. (**Rev 2:27**). The picture of the dragon is a representation of Satan's effort to prevent Messiah's birth throughout history. The woman could not possibly be the church as some try to interpret her, since the church did not bring Christ into the world, but Christ brought the church to the world.

Secondly, the woman could not be Mary, because after the birth, the woman is pursued by the Dragon for 1260 days, this did not happen to Mary. The crown of stars represents the 12 tribes of Jacob which is mirrored in Joseph's dream (**Gen 37:9-10**) where the sons of Jacob are pictured as stars, and the moon and sun as Jacob and Rachel.

The first prophecy of the coming Messianic redemption involves Eve, her seed, the serpent, and the serpent's seed. In this prophecy Eve is the prototype of Israel, who is pictured in this drama in the 12th chapter of Revelation.

Through Eve, the woman Israel, comes into existence to bear the "Male seed" that redeems what Adam and Eve lost as a result of the Serpent's deception. The serpent, an animal incarnated by Satan, deceived the woman to disobey God. (**Gen 3:15**). **15And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."** In this foreshadowing, we see hatred (enmity) between the woman (the seed bearer) and her seed (Messiah) and the serpent (Satan) and serpent's seed (Antichrist). The Messiah would bruise (Heb. Shoof.. break, bruise, crush, cover) the head of Satan. However, Satan would bruise Messiah's heel, (Cause the Messiah to suffer) but would lose in the end.

The woman who gives birth to the male child is then taken into the desert for 1260 days, 3.5 years to protect her from the dragon. (**Rev 12:6**). The 1260 days involve Israel, the bearer of Messiah, and her struggle with Satan in the 2nd half of the 7-year tribulation period.

Being with child.... The identity of the child has also been debated with the two major opinions being: the child is the Messiah, or the child is the church. The description of the child being caught up to Heaven to rule the nations with an iron scepter is without a doubt referring to Messiah. (**Psalm 2:9**) The Messiah is the one to rule the nations of the earth (**Daniel 7:14, Isaiah 9:7**)

She cried out in labor and pain.... The process of the bringing the child (Messiah) into the world has been painful to the woman (Israel). When we examine the context of the verses regarding the woman, we see the woman as Israel (the seed bearer) of the child (Messiah). The pain of the woman can be traced back throughout history.

LABOR AND PAIN	STORY	SATANIC STRATEGY	GOD'S ENCOUNTER	VERSES
Cain & Abel	Cain kills Abel	Stop Righteous seed	Birth of Seth	Genesis 4 & 5
Fallen Angels and Mankind	Fallen Angels Corrupt mankind	Corrupt men constantly violent	Destroy mankind. Except Noah and his family	Genesis 6:1-13
One Language One People	All of man united As One People	Corrupt Mankind by Universal Government	Scatter Mankind Diverse language Call of Abraham	Genesis 10, 11, 12
Abraham and Sarah	Sarah offers Hagar as substitute	To Cause Sarah to not trust God & Create a rival to God's Promise	Birth of Isaac Send Hagar and Ishmael away	Genesis 21, 22
Dinah & Shechem	Residents of Shechem try to assimilate after Dinah is raped. Jacob's son kills people of that city	Corrupt Israel through Assimilation and destroy Messiah's birth. Surrounding cities destroy Jacob for killing men of Shechem	God allows Jacob to escape and protects them from surrounding people	Genesis 34
Queen Esther	Destroy all Jews in Persian Kingdom	Destroy Jews and prevent birth of Messiah	Queen Esther is a Jew and the Queen of Persia intercedes. Israel enemies destroyed	Esther 1-10
Kill male children in Bethlehem	King Herod kills all boy babies two years old and younger	Kill Messiah as a child	Mary and Joseph warned in a dream to go to Egypt until Herod dies	Matthew 2
Islam	Create a worldwide religion that is a counterfeit of God's covenant with Israel	Take land of promise, Build rival temple on Temple mount. Create worldwide hatred of Jews. Prevent nation of Israel from existing.	Church to expose deception of Islam. WWI defeat of Islamic control over Holy lands. Defeat of Islam by Israel.	Ezekiel 36-39
Hitler and the Holocaust	Conquer the world and destroy the Jews	Prevent God's Word from being fulfilled by eliminating the Jews from the earth	Defeat Israel's enemies and creation of Jewish state	Ezekiel 36 - 37



Revelation 12:3-4 *"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.*

Another sign appeared... The drama unfolds as the dragon enters the Heavenly scene unfolding before John.

A great fiery red dragon... (*Gr. Purrhos...flame red*) a large flame colored dragon.

The same word is used to describe the red horse of the second seal that takes peace from the earth. (Rev 6:4). This dragon will be the vehicle which Satan will use to terrorize the Earth in the 2nd half of the Tribulation. As the Serpent in Gen 3:15 was a vehicle used by Satan to tempt Eve, the dragon, in the kingdom of the Antichrist, will be the vehicle of Satan's last stand.

Having seven heads and ten horns... This dragon represents the kingdom of the coming Antichrist who will be incarnated by Satan during the 2nd half of the tribulation. The book of Daniel chapter 7 sheds light on this dragon called a beast in Daniel. The final kingdom of Antichrist will be a confederation of 10 nations making up a "Revived Roman Kingdom."

This is the "Prince who shall come" of Daniel 9:26 who makes a 7-year agreement with Israel and at the Midpoint stops sacrifice and enters the rebuilt Jerusalem Temple and proclaims himself to be god. He demands worship from the world. The dragon pictured here has 7 heads and 10 horns. The details of these heads and horns are explained in Revelation chapter 17,

Revelation 17:10-12

10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 "And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

KINGDOM	ATTACK AGAINST THE WOMAN
1. Egypt	Tried to assimilate Israel
2. Assyria	Exiled 10 tribes of Israel, tried to exile Judah
3. Babylon	Destroyed Jerusalem – Slaughtered Israel
4. Persia	Attempted to destroy Jews in time of Esther
5. Greece	Antiochus Epiphanies, Abomination of Desolation 164 B.C.
6. Rome	Destroyed Jerusalem, over 1.5 million Jews died, rest expelled during John's day.
7. Revived Rome	Future Kingdom during the Time of the Antichrist. Ten kingdoms unite under Satanic power

This future kingdom is pictured in Daniel chapter 7, as the final kingdom. This is the vehicle used by the Antichrist in the first half of the tribulation, and then used by Satan in the last half of the tribulation.

Daniel 7:7-8, *“7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.*

Daniel 7:19-25 *1“19 Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. 21 I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. 23 Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it, and break it in pieces. 24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And*

another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones and shall subdue three kings. 25He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

Seven diadems.... *Diadema* means the kingly ornament for the head, the crown. These diadems portray the seven kingdoms which in the past had tried to attack the women who would bear the Messiah.

His tail drew a third of the stars.... 1/3 of the angels of Heaven joined in the Heavenly rebellion with Satan against the Lord Almighty. **Ezekiel 28**

His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven: Many believe this describes one-third of the angelic host in league with Satan (*his angels* of **Revelation 12:9**). This army of angelic beings in league with Satan makes up the world of demonic spirits.

God never made an evil being but He made angels, principalities, and powers capacitated for mighty joys and distinctions in His glorious domain, yet with free will. This is implied in the very creation of moral beings, which they could exercise for their everlasting well being or woe. Many have remained steadfast, to wit, 'Michael and his angels.' But some abode not in the truth, but revolted against the rule of Heaven, and became unchanging enemies of God and His Kingdom." (Seiss)

The dragon stood before... Satan tried to destroy the Messiah during the time of birth when Herod killed all the male children in Bethlehem 2 years and younger.

To devour her child... Mary and Joseph were warned, and they fled to Egypt till Herod died. Herod was under the authority of Rome.

She bore a male child.... The male child is Jesus. **Isaiah 9:6-7** ***6For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.***

Who was to rule all nations... Messiah will rule the Earth so this clearly defines this man-child as the Messiah. **(See Psalm 2, Daniel 7:14, Zechariah 9:10, Isaiah 9:7, Zechariah 14:16)**

Her child was caught up... The ascension of Christ. **Acts 1:9,**

Woman fled.... A portion of Israel will be protected from Satan for 1260 days. Some believe this place in the wilderness is the rock city of Petra, south of the Dead Sea. Reportedly, Christian businessmen have stocked the place with food and evangelistic tracts written in Hebrew. The last half of the 70th week, **Zechariah 13:8** informs us that 2/3 of Israel will be destroyed during this time but 1/3 will make it through to the Millennium. The survivors of Israel will repopulate the earth in the Millennium, where the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will rule over the Earth with His saints.

Zechariah 13:8-9 *8And it shall come to pass in all the land, says the LORD, That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"*



The 14th chapter of Zechariah reveals details of the coming invasion into Jerusalem by the armies of the Antichrist. The Mt. of Olives will split in two from the East to the West making a passage of escape for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. For the next 3-1/5 years they will be supernaturally protected from events taking place in the world. However, the inhabitants left behind will face horrific consequences as Satan rages against the inhabitants. At the conclusion of the "Great tribulation" at Armageddon Christ will return with the armies of Heaven (**Revelation 19:17-19**). **Zechariah 12:10** will be fulfilled when Israel emerges from their supernatural protection to behold Jesus the rejected Messiah.

Zechariah 14:1-5 *1Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus, the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.*

Isaiah wrote about this future event 700 years before the birth of Messiah. The second coming of Christ will result in the resurrection of the saints. **Isaiah 26:21** speaks of the coming of the Lord out of his place in Heaven paralleling **Rev 19:11**, **Zech. 12:10**, **Zech. 14:3-4**

Isaiah 26:19-21 *“19 Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. 21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.*

Matthew 24:15-20 *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. 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, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.*



As we see current events happening, we see Israel being completely surrounded by those that want to see her demise. Prophecies are coming to pass. Time is short my friends. We must do all we can while we can still have the freedom to do it. Pray like you have never prayed.

Repent like you have never repented. Pray for mercy on our nation and the churches. Listen to the Holy Spirit like you have never listened before. Be ready. Keep your Spiritual armor on, the Word of Faith in your heart and praise on your lips.