

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #59 - June 15th., 2025

Moderator: Last week we studied Revelation 12:1 (A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars). To quickly cover what we discovered is the woman John sees is the nation of Israel. We looked back in the Old Testament book of Genesis 37 to Joseph's dream he had to find who she truly is. We find the "sun" is Jacob and the "moon" is Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife. The twelve "stars" are the tribes of Israel. Now we continue with Revelation 12:2 where we find a pregnant woman (the nation of Israel) with a child (Jesus Christ).

Initial verses:

Revelation 12:1-6 "And 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: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 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. And 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. 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. 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."

• #1 THE WOMAN WITH CHILD TRAVAILING IN BIRTH (Rev 12:2)

Revelation 12:2 "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

• ISRAEL SUFFERED MUCH WAITING FOR THEIR MESSIAH (Rev 12:2)

Moderator: First of all, they were enslaved in Egypt for 430 years:

Exodus 12:40 "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years."

Moderator: They were in Babylonian captivity for 70 years:

Jeremiah 25:11-12 "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations."

Moderator: They battled many wars against anti-semite nations that hated them, yet, they didn't want to recognize Jesus as their messiah. That is why they are still suffering today. We all know what happened with the Nazi's in Germany during WWII. Over 6 million Jews slaughtered because of their identity as God's Chosen People. We see clearly that Tribulation is the time where God will deal with them and bring them back to himself and Israel will experience, finally, the rule of their messiah on the throne of David in Jerusalem.

- **PROPHECY OF THEIR MESSIAH'S BIRTH & RULE** (Rev 12:2)

Moderator: The Jews knew full well of the promises made for their messiah, but they were misled by the Pharisees, Sadducees and Sanhedrin who refused to rightly divide the truth about the MULTIPLE comings that were promised in the Torah and the books of the prophets. They wanted only one of the promised comings...the Warrior King who lead them in battle to rescue them. Their flesh rejected the truth of God's word regarding the birth, life and death and resurrection of their true Messiah.

Isaiah 9:6-7 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

Micah 5:2-3 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel."

- **#2 BEHOLD A GREAT RED DRAGON** (Rev 12:3a)

Revelation 12:3 "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."

Moderator: We'll study the particulars of his seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns in the weeks ahead but first we will look at the beginnings of Satan:

- **SATAN, WHOSE NAME IS LUCIFER WAS CREATED BY CHRIST**

Colossians 1:12-17 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

- **LUCIFER WAS THE ANOINTED COVERING CHERUB** (Rev 12:3a)

Isaiah 14:12-17 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

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Pastor Rains: It's amazing that God gave Lucifer everything he ever wanted. He had his own kingdom and was ruler over many angels and was the choir director in Heaven. The Bible states that he was beautiful and he knew it. He was also very persuasive with many of the lesser angels and finally he was on par with the archangels Michael & Gabriel but obviously this wasn't enough for this angel:

Ezekiel 28:11-17 "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou 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. Thou 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. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By 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. Thine 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."

• **THE GAP THEORY, WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN GENESIS 1:1-1:2?**

Moderator: Many ask about when sin started and if we go by the Bible, we can know it started before Adam and Eve were created. Satan was the only other "person" in the garden with them and he tempted Eve with sin. So there was a time before the "beginning".

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:2 "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

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