

THE SUN-FACED ANGEL

CHAPTER 10

(vs 1-3) CHAPTER 10 NOW GIVES US A PARENTHETICAL VISION ~ OF THE SUN-FACED ANGEL AND THE LITTLE SCROLL. JUST AS THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL WAS FOLLOWED BY ~ THE PARENTHETICAL VISIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 7 ~ SO HERE ALSO ~ FOLLOWING THE SIXTH TRUMPET, WE NOW HAVE A SERIES OF ~ PARENTHETICAL VISIONS ~ BEFORE THE BLOWING OF THE FINAL TRUMPET, (11:15).

THE VISION HERE ~ CH 10 ~ SHOWS THE COMING OF A POWERFUL ANGEL ~ WHICH COULD BE ~ ONE OF THE ARCHANGELS ~ SUCH AS ~ "MICHAEL" OR "GABRIEL" ~ BUT ~ IT IS APPARENT ~ THIS MIGHTY ANGEL CAME "DOWN" ~ "FROM HEAVEN" ~ (vs 1). ~ THUS, THIS ANGELIC APPEARANCE ~ OCCURED ~ WHEN JOHNY SAW THE VISION "CENTURIES" AGO ~ IT DOES "NOT" DEPICT A FUTURE ANGELIC VISITATIONS DURING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD.

IT IS CERTAIN THAT THIS IS "NOT" THE SAME BOOK AS ~ THE ONE WHICH CHRIST IS OPENING DURING THE TRIBULATION (5:1) THE ONE WHICH CHRIST IS OPENING ~ WAS THE "SEVEN SEALED" SCROLL (BIBLOS 5:1). HERE IT IS A "LITTLE SCROLL" (BIBLAR IDION).

THIS ~ LITTLE BOOK (OR SCROLL) APPARENTLY ~ CONTAINED ~ ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE EVENTS

WHICH WERE TO OCCUR IN THE LATTER HALF ~ OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD ~ TO WHICH THE BOOK OF REVELATION NOW BEGINS TO ENTER IN CHAPTERS (2-19) ~ AND PARTS OF (21).

IN VS 1 ~ THE ANGEL ~ CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD ~ AND A RAINBOW UPON HIS HEAD ~ HIS FACE ~ WAS AS IT WERE THE SUN ~ HIS FEET AS PILLARS OF FIRE.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT GOD ~ ORIGINALLY PLACED A RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS ~ AS A TOKEN OF HIS ~ COVENANT. (GEN 9:11-13)

THIS ANGEL WELL PICTURES ~ CHRIST'S DEALING WITH MEN AT THIS TIME. HE COMES WITH MERCY ~ YET WITH POWER ~ AND WITH FEET AS "PILLARS OF FIRE" ~ READY TO JUDGE ~ THOSE WHO ARE STILL IGNORING HIS PREVIOUS JUDGEMENTS.

(VS 4-7)

(VS 4) ⁴THE SEVEN THUNDERS HERE DESCRIBED ~ NO DOUBT ~ ARE ADDITIONAL JUDGEMENTS FROM GOD ~ UPON THOSE ON EARTH ~ WHO STAND FAST ~ AND WILL NOT REPENT ~ OF THEIR REBELLION ~ AGAINST HIM.

THE NUMBER 7 SHOWS THAT THERE IS HERE ANOTHER ~ COMPLETE CYCLE OF JUDGEMENTS ~ AWAITING THE WICKED.

THE DETAILS OF THIS CYCLE ~ HAVE BEEN ~
 SEAL UP AND HIDDEN FROM US. WE KNOW THAT
 ~ THUNDERS ~ ARE "PORTENTS" OF DIVINE JUDGEMENTS
 IN THE REVELATIONS ~ SO WE CAN BE CERTAIN ~
 THAT WHEN THESE 7 THUNDERS COME TO PASS ~ THEIR
 EFFECTS WILL BE "FIERCE" AND "DEVASTATING" ~

(VS 5-7) ARE A PARALLEL TO (DAN 12:7, 10:4-6)

(DANIEL 10:5-6) GIVES THE DISCRIPTION OF DANIEL'S
 ~ "MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN" ~ WHO IS THE "SPEAKER"
 AND "ACTOR" ~ OF THE WORDS AND DEEDS OF DANIEL
 (2:7) ~ WE NOTICE ~ THE DISCRIPTIONS, WORDS,
 AND ACTION ~ FOUND IN DANIEL ~ PARALLEL THOSE OF
 (REV 10:5-7). BOTH SHOW ~ BRIGHT SHINING ANGLES ~
 WITH GREAT POWER, BOTH STAND APPARENTLY BY THE
 WATER'S EDGE ~ AND ~ CLAIMING GOD'S OWNERSHIP
 ~ AND "SOVEREIGNTY" ~ OVER HIS CREATION ~ BOTH
 ~ LAND & WATER, BOTH ANGELS LIFT THEIR
 HAND TOWARD HEAVEN ~ AND SWARE BY GOD,

~ THE DIFFERENCE ~

DANIEL'S ANGEL DECLARES ~ THAT THERE ARE
 YET TO COME $3\frac{1}{2}$ YRS ~ TO COMPLETE THE JUDGEMENT
 OF GOD FOR THIS AGE ~ BUT ~ JOHN'S ANGEL SAYS:
 "TIME NO LONGER" ~ WHICH MEANS:

THE TIME OF THE JUDGEMENTS OF THE GREAT
 TRIBULATION ~ HAVE COME ~ AT THIS POINT IN
 THE VISION.

THE FIRST 3 1/2 YRS ARE COMPLETE - AND - THE LAST 3 1/2 YRS - WILL BEGIN. WHEN THE SEVENTH TRUMPET BLOWS (11:15) THE LAST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION WILL BEGIN. THIS PERIOD IS - DESCRIBED IN (MATTHEW 24:15, 21).

"TIME IS NO LONGER" - THIS IS WHAT THESE VERSES SAY TO US. THE WORLD HAS GONE ON ITS MERRY WAY - TAKING NO NEED - TO THE PREVIOUS JUDGEMENTS - SO - THE VIAL (BOWL) JUDGEMENTS WILL BE - UNLEASHED. THIS HAS BEEN DECLARED TO THE - PROPHET.

(VS 6) WE NEED NOT TO BE ALARMED BY THE STATEMENT: (THERE SHALL BE TIME NO LONGER).

HERMAN HOYT: SAYS - TIME HAD A BEGINNING - WHEN GOD BEGAN HIS CREATION - BUT IT WILL NEVER HAVE AN ENDING. WE ARE "TEMPORAL" (PERTAINING TO TIME) CREATURES - AND WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED - ETERNAL - EVER CONTINUING LIFE - THROUGH CHRIST.

JOHN WAS COMMANDED TO TAKE THE LITTLE BOOK - AND TO EAT IT - (8-9)

WHY DID THE - LITTLE BOOK - TASTE SO SWEET - YET LEAVE JOHN - WITH THE FEELING OF INWARD BITTERNESS?

MAY BE - THE PROPHECIES - OF COMING - JUDGEMENT - LEAVE THE CHILD OF GOD WITH

GREAT HEAVINESS OF HEART - AND BITTER ANGUISH OF SOUL. NOTE, THE FUTURE WILL BE GLORY - FOR THE SAINT (SAVED) - BUT GRIEF FOR THE SINNER. GOD'S WORD IS A TWO-EDGED SWORD. IT CONTAINS THE --
 -- SWEET MESSAGE OF DELIVERANCE - AND THE - BITTER MESSAGE OF DAMNATION (HEB 4:12)

THERE IS NOTHING SWEETER THAN THE GOSPEL -- TO ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE -- ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NOTHING MORE BITTER - THAN THE DIVINE -- PROCLAMATION - OF FORTHCOMING DOOM ON THE -- "UNBELIEVER".

WHEN WE FIRST BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND - SOME OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE "APOCALYPSE" - WE ARE FILLED WITH DELIGHT - BUT WHEN WE SEE THE SUFFERINGS - TO BE YET ENDURED - BY THOSE WHO COME TO CHRIST - DURING THESE DAYS OF TRIBULATION - WE FIND OURSELVES FEELING SICK AT OUR STOMACH, (VS 11) IF JOHN MUST PROPHECY - OF THESE THINGS - SO SHOULD WE - ALSO.

OUR MEDICINE - FOR THOSE WHO PERISH - OR HAVE NOT RECEIVED CHRIST - IS THE -- GOOD NEWS - OF GOD'S FINAL VICTORY - OF SALVATION AND DELIVERANCE - (REV 19).

THE EXPECTATION OF THE MILLENNIUM AND THE NEW HEAVENS AND EARTH - ARE WONDERFUL - BEYOND WORDS -

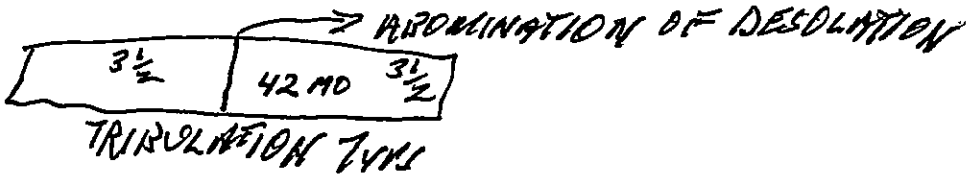
SWEET AS HONEY ^h

(CH 11) THE TWO WITNESSES AND SEVENTH TRUMPET -

(1512) THE PARENTHETICAL VISION OF THE MEASURING OF THE TEMPLE.

(ZECH. 2:2) THE PROPHET BEHOLDS AN ANGELIC BEING - GOING FORTH - IN ORDER TO MEASURE THE CITY OF JERUSALEM. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT ACT IS THEN REVEALED IN (ZECH 2:4) WHEN IT IS -- EXPLAINED THAT JERUSALEM SHALL IN THE FUTURE YET BE INHABITED BY THE PEOPLE OF GOD. THUS THE MEASURING DEPICTED - GOD'S INTENTION OF POSSESSING THE CITY - FULLY IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS TRUE - ALSO - IN (EZEK 40:5) WHERE EZEKIEL MEASURES THE MILLENNIAL TEMPLE.

THIS MEANS THEN IN (REV 11:1) THE MEASURING TELLS US - GOD WILL YET POSSESS - AND CONTROL THE TEMPLE - AND THOSE WHO GO WITH IT - "ISRAEL" (2 THESS 2:3-4) (MATH 24:15) + (DAN 9:27) - SHOW THAT A THIRD TEMPLE - WILL YET BE CONSTRUCTED AND THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION - THE ANTICHRIST WILL DESECRATE IT BY THE ACT - KNOWN AS - - THE "ABDOMINATION OF DESOLATION" BUT GOD WILL IN THE END - OCCUPY HIS TEMPLE.



IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE GENTILES, THE NATIONS

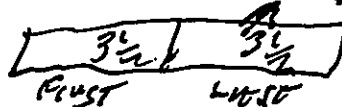
AND - NOT ISRAEL - SHALL DOMINATE THE TEMPLE'S
OUTER COURT - AND JERUSALEM FOR $3\frac{1}{2}$ YRS - -
(42 MO) DURING THE TRIBULATION. THIS REFERS
TO THE LAST ~~PART~~ HALF OF THE ~ 7 YRS PERIOD.

WHY

BECAUSE DURING THE FIRST HALF - THE ANTICHRIST
WILL BE STILL HONORING HIS COVENANT WITH
ISRAEL - AND GUARANTEEING THEIR SECURITY IN
JERUSALEM (DAN 9:27). IN THE LAST HALF - THE
ANTICHRIST DISANNULS HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE
ISRAELITES - AND PERSECUTES THEM (MATH 24:15,21)

SO WE SEE HERE

ISRAEL SHALL EVENTUALLY HAVE THEIR TEMPLE -
BUT DURING THE LAST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION -
THEY WILL BE DISPOSSESSED FROM IT.



THE TWO WITNESSES (11:3-12)

THESE TWO WITNESSES ARE NOT NAMED AND
HAVE BEEN THE TOPIC OF MUCH DISCUSSION - STUDY
- - AND SPECULATION.

THIS IS A PARENTHETICAL VISION OF THE TWO
WITNESSES - - DURING THE DAYS OF THE TRIBULATION
- GOD WILL CAUSE "TWO MIGHTY PROPHETS" TO RISE,

THESE PROPHETS SHALL GIVE A - WORLD WIDE
TESTIMONY - - TO GOD'S SALVATION - AND SHALL
DENOUNCE - THE WICKEDNESS OF THE DAY.

THESE TWO WITNESSES ARE NOT -- THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL --
OR THE OLD + NEW TESTAMENT -- AS SOME SAY. -- NO,
"THEY SPEAK" -- "THEY HAVE MOUTHS" -- "THEY DIE (MARTYRED)".
-- "THEY WEAR CLOTHING" -- "SACKCLOTH" -- WHICH IS
WORN -- DURING MOURNING -- OR DECLARING THE NEED
FOR REPENTANCE (MATTHEW 11:21).

THE LENGTH OF THEIR MINISTRY IS CLEARLY STATED
TO BE (1260 DAYS -- $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs). THEIR PROPHECY MUST
TAKE PLACE -- IN THE FIRST HALF: $\boxed{3\frac{1}{2} | 3\frac{1}{2}}$

BECAUSE THE BEAST-ANTICHRIST'S PERSECUTION IS
PLACED IN THE SECOND HALF. (DAN 9 + MATH 24:15)

THIS IS TRUE BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND
HALF OF THE WEEK -- "ALL OF GOD'S ENEMIES ARE
DESTROYED" -- "HALLELUJAH" -- AND HIS KINGDOM IS
-- INAUGURATED IN. -- BUT -- IN CONTRAST TO THIS ;
AT THE END OF THE TWO WITNESSES' $3\frac{1}{2}$ yr
MINISTRY -- THEY ARE KILLED -- AND LEFT LYING
IN THE STREET -- DIED AT THE MID-POINT.

(VS 4-5) ZECHARIAH 4 -- GIVES A SIMILAR VISION.
THE TWO OLIVE TREES -- REPRESENT GOD'S -- "TWO
ANointed ONES" -- WHO ARE "ZERUBBABEL", THE
GOVERNOR, -- AND "JOSHUA", THE HIGH PRIEST, WHO
WERE THEN ESPECIALLY ENDUED WITH THE "SPIRIT"
IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH -- THE BUILDING OF THE
-- SECOND TEMPLE. OLIVE TREES GIVE OLIVE OIL --
WHICH WAS THE FUEL FOR THE TEMPLE LIGHTS,
(EX 27:20)

HERE, DURING THE EARLY HALF OF THE --
 TRIBULATION -- "GOD'S TWO WITNESSES" (VS 3) WILL
 APPEAR -- AND THEY SHALL BE TWO MEN -- WHO ARE
 -- FILLED WITH THE "SPIRIT OF GOD". THEY WILL BE
 AS TWO BRIGHT LAMPS -- "BURNING AND SHINING"
 FOR GOD.

(IN VS 5) WE LEARN THAT THE LENGTH OF THEIR
 MINISTRY -- GOD HAS PREDETERMINED TO BE --
 FORTY-TWO MONTHS. THEY ARE PROTECTED BY
 THE FIRE FROM HEAVEN -- THAT FALLS ON THEIR
 ENEMIES -- AT THEIR COMMAND. ELIJAH COULD
 CALL FIRE DOWN -- A SIMILAR CASE. (2 KINGS 1:9-14)

(IN VS 6) WE SEE THAT THEY HAVE THE POWER
 TO -- STOP THE RAIN -- TO TURN WATERS INTO BLOOD --
 -- AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH PLAGUES. THESE
 TWO WITNESSES -- HAVE THE POWER ~~FROM~~ --
 FROM GOD -- "AS MOSES" -- AND "ELIJAH" DID.

ARE THESE TWO MEN -- MOSES AND ELIJAH --
 RAISED FROM -- THE SPIRIT WORLD -- AGAIN APPEARING
 TO -- INSPIRE FAITH -- AND -- REBUKE SIN?

CONSIDER -- ELIJAH'S BODY WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY
 TO HEAVEN (2 KINGS 2:11) -- AND GOD PROTECTED --
 MOSES' BODY FROM SATAN (JUDE 9).

WHILE WE CAN AFFIRM -- THAT THESE TWO
 WITNESSES ARE -- "ELIJAH-LIKE" -- AND -- "MOSES'-LIKE" --
 -- DON'T BE TOO DOGMATIC -- AND PASS OF "HUMAN THEORY"
 AS SOLID SCRIPTURE.

VS 7 -- GOD PERMITS HIS TWO WITNESSES TO BE SLAIN. THIS HAPPENS -- WHEN THEY FINISH THEIR -- APPOINTED MINISTRY. THE BEAST SLAYS THEM -- (WHICH WE WILL EXPLAIN THE BEAST) (IN CH 13).

FOR NOW -- THE BEAST -- IS THE FINAL EVIL -- EUROPEAN-MEDITERRANEAN EMPIRE -- AND ITS -- SUPREME DICTATOR -- THE ANTICHRIST. HE IS CALLED THE "MAN OF SIN" -- IN (2 THESS 2:3-4) -- WHO RISES TO POWER -- RULES FOR $3\frac{1}{2}$ YRS OF THE TRIBULATION AND -- PERSECUTES THOSE WHO TURN TO GOD,

HE HAS THE WITNESSES KILLED -- AND IS FINALLY DESTROYED BY CHRIST -- AT ARMAGEDDON. THESE TWO WITNESSES -- ARE DRESSED IN SACKCLOTH -- AND ATTIRE THAT -- "SIGNIFYING" DISTRESS ~~AND~~ AND MOURNING. WHILE JUDGEMENTS DO OCCUR -- DURING THEIR MINISTRY ON EARTH -- THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO TURN PEOPLE TO CHRIST. THIS OUTRAGES THE ANTICHRIST -- AND IN -- FIERCE HATRED -- HAS THE TWO WITNESSES OF GOD -- KILLED.

(VS 8-10) IT IS BEYOND A DOUBT THAT ~~BEYOND~~ JERUSALEM IS THE CITY IN (VS 8). THAT IS WHERE CHRIST THE LORD WAS CRUCIFIED. THIS BRINGS US TO REALIZE -- THAT MANY OF THE -- END OF THE AGE EVENTS -- OCCURE IN THE HOLY LAND. HERE -- THE PLACE OF FINAL MINISTRY -- OF THESE TWO WITNESSES, -- WILL BE IN PALESTINE.

BY ESTABLISHING THEIR MINISTRY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION -- THEIR DEATH WILL OCCUR -- IN CONNECTION WITH THE "ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION" -- WHEN THE ANTI-CHRIST CLAIMS TO BE "THE GOD OF THE WORLD." (2 THESS 2:3-4).

(VS 9) THE ANTICHRIST -- WHO IS SATAN -- WHO IS INDWELLY WITH HATE -- ANGER -- AND WRATH FOR THE TWO WITNESSES -- AND CURSES THE EFFECTS OF THEIR TESTIMONIES -- SLAYS THEM AND -- DEMONSTRATES -- THEIR "ERROR" -- AND THE "FUTILITY" OF FOLLOWING THEM -- "SO HE THINKS" -- BY -- LEAVING THEIR BODIES IN THE STREETS -- TO DECAY PUBLICALLY, & BEMOAN THEIR END -- ~~AND~~ IN (VS 10) --

— THE DEVIL'S CHRISTMAS —

"SINNERS" -- THE WORLD OVER -- REJOICE WITH JOY -- TO SEE THE TWO WHO CONDEMNED -- THEIR EVERY DESIRE -- AND WICKEDNESS -- NOW LYING DEAD -- IN THE STREETS. GIFTS WERE GIVEN -- IN CELEBRATION -- MAYBE, AT THE SUGGESTION OR EVEN DECREED -- BY THE ANTICHRIST.

IN THIS SINFUL ERA -- WHAT WOULD BE THE GENERAL REACTION -- TO TRUE PROPHETS OF GOD? ARE THOSE TODAY -- WHO CALL THEMSELVES PROPHETS -- NOT CONDEMNED BY THEM -- THOSE WHO PREACH THIS SAME -- MODERNIST'S IDEA OF PERSONAL GAIN AND ENRICHMENT. IS THERE A LESSON HERE?

(VS 11-12) "THEIR ENEMIES BEHELD THEM" —
 "WHAT A SHOCK". HERE AMID THE RIDICULE — & —
 MOCKERY OF THE WICKED — THE BOASTING OF THE
 ANTICHRIST — AND THE DESPONDENCY OF THOSE
 WHO PUT THEIR HOPE — AND — FAITH IN GOD — A
 "MIRACLE" OCCURS — — —

AFTER 3½ DAYS — THE SPIRIT OF LIFE —
 RETURNS — AND GOD BRINGS HIS TWO WITNESSES
 BACK TO LIFE. THE WORLD STANDS BY IN — GAPING
 HUSH AND AMAZEMENT. THIS IS THE — GREATESS
 TESTIMONY — TO GOD — IN THE CAREERS OF THE —
 TWO WITNESSES.

— YET THERE IS MORE —

(VS 12) THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN — CALLS — AND
~~AND~~ THE WORLD BEHOLDS — WITH FEAR — THE
 ASCENSION OF THE TWO. GOD ALLOWS THOSE
 LIVING — IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD TO SEE
 THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE
 TWO WITNESSES. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT
 NOW — AS TO EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. IT
 CANNOT BE EXPLAINED AWAY.

(VS 13-14)

THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE AFTER CHRIST WAS
 CRUCIFIED (MATT 27:57) AND HERE (REV 11:13) AS
 AT THE CRUCIFIXION — GOD BROADCASTS HIS
 HOLY DISPLEASURE AT SIN.

AT THIS CALAMITY -- THE SURVIVORS FEAR AND --
 AT LEAST FOR A TIME -- RECOGNIZE THAT GOD IS
 BEHIND THE EARTHQUAKE. HE IS PROCLAIMING HIS
 ANGER AT THE MURDERING OF HIS WITNESSES.

(VS 14) WE RETURN AGAIN TO THE MAIN SEQUENCE
 OF THE JUDGEMENTS OF (CH 6 - 19)

THE SEVEN SEALS TO SEVEN TRUMPETS TO SEVEN
 BOWLS (VIALS) IS THE PATTERN.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET -- WAS THE -- "FIRST WOE" --
 AND WAS THE FIVE MONTH LOCUST PLAGUE (9:1-11)

THE SIXTH TRUMPET -- WAS THE -- "SECOND WOE" --

THIS WAS THE 200,000,000 HORSEMEN OF (9:12-21)

-- THEN CAME THE PARENTHETICAL VISIONS -- (CH 10:1)

NOW

IN (VS 14) THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE -- "THIRD"
 "WOE". THIS IS THE SOUNDING OF THE -- "SEVENTH"
 "TRUMPET" -- WHICH BRINGS FORTH THE -- HEAVENLY
TEMPLE -- (11:15, 19). AFTER WHICH ARE MORE
 "PARENTHETICAL VISIONS" -- (CH 12-14).

AFTER THAT -- THE "SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH"

(VS 15-17) THE SEVENTH ANGEL BLOWS THE
 SEVENTH TRUMPET

MIGHTY SHOUTS OF ACCLAMATION AND PRAISE TO
 GOD -- ARE LIFTED. WHY HERE -- BUT NOT AT EACH
 OF THE PREVIOUS TRUMPETS ?

BECAUSE THE SEVENTH TRUMP GIVES FORTH
THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE -- WHICH IN TURN
GIVES FORTH THE "SEVEN LAST PLAGUES" AND
WITHIN THESE PLAGUES -- IS FILLED (COMPLETELY)
THE WRATH OF GOD (15:1).

THE HEAVENLY THRONIC -- FALL TO THEIR FACES
-- WITH WORSHIP AND PRAISE -- WITH THANKSGIVING
FOR

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS BLOWN -- THE HEAVENLY
CITIZENS, KNOWING -- THAT IT CONTAINS -- THE FINAL
DECISIVE BLOW -- THE ROWK JUDGEMENTS -- "SHOUT"
FOR JOY,

THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD -- ARE --
BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD -- AND OF
HIS CHRIST -- AND -- --

HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER --

WITH THE BLOWING OF THIS SEVENTH TRUMP --
-- GOD IS CLEARLY -- NOW -- THE CONQUEROR:

— THE BATTLE IS SEEN AS WON —

THOUGH IT YET RAGES ON EARTH -- THE JOY IS --
UNSPEAKABLE, BECAUSE:

THE WORLD KINGDOM -- THAT HAS BEEN IN
SAYAN'S HANDS -- MUST COME TO AN END

— THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD -- IS JUDGED —

(VS 18-19) NOW -- THOSE ON EARTH -- THOSE NATIONS ARE ANGRY -- WHILE THOSE IN HEAVEN -- REJOICE. THESE TWO PLACES HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON, THE EARTH DWELLERS -- WHO LIVE FOR THE THINGS OF THE EARTHLY LIFE -- NOW MUST RELINQUISH ALL TO THE CREATOR -- THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY OWNS IT ALL -- AND -- ALWAYS HAS.

(PS 24:1) "THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULNESS THEREOF" -- CHRIST IS MERELY TAKING OVER WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY HIS OWN. THE PLANS AND PURSUITS OF MANKIND -- HIS GOAL OF ACCUMULATING OF WEALTH -- HAS MADE HIM ANGRY, -- WRATHFUL -- FIERCELY HOSTILE -- (PS 2:1) WHY DO THE HEATHEN (NATIONS) RAGE" -- . SOME OF THE REASON IS -- THEY MUST STAND BY, WHILE GOD'S SERVANTS (FAITHFUL) RECEIVE THEIR REWARDS.

(VS 19) THE TEMPLE OF GOD -- IN HEAVEN -- OPENED ITS DOORS -- AND OUT OF IT WILL COME THE FINAL BOWL JUDGEMENTS. THESE WILL BE DESCRIBED IN (CH 16).

"THE EARTHQUAKE" AND "GREAT HAIL" -- IN ADDITION -- TO THEIR SYMBOLICAL PRESENCE -- CAUSE ADDITIONAL HAVOC ON THE EARTH.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN (VS 13) WHICH TOOK A TENTH PART OF THE CITY -- IS MOST PROBABLY A DIFFERENT ONE.

THE FACT THAT JOHN SEES THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND THE ARK -- INDICATE THAT ISRAEL IS COMING INTO VIEW. -- AND THAT GOD -- IS RENEWING HIS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL -- "NATIONALLY". NOW WE "SEE" -- AND "KNOW" THE PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH (3:16).

"AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS -- WHEN YE BE -- -- MULTIPLIED -- AND INCREASED IN THE LAND -- IN THOSE DAYS -- SAITH THE LORD -- THEY SHALL NO MORE SAY -- THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD" -- THIS COULD BE ITS FULFILLING -- AS JERUSALEM BECOMES THE THRONE OF THE LORD -- AND CHRIST HIMSELF THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL OLD TESTAMENT TYPES -- INCLUDING THE ARK.

THE TIME OF "JACOB'S TROUBLE" HAS COME. (JER 30:7 -- DAN 12:1) HAS ARRIVED, "THE ARK" ASSURES US -- OF GOD'S ULTIMATE TRIUMPH -- AND OF HIS NOT FORGETTING HIS ~~COVENANT~~ COVENANT PROMISES. HE WILL SAVE HIS REMNANT -- (JEW + GENTILE) TESTIFIED IN (ROM 11:26-27) JUDGEMENT IS COMING -- BUT ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED.

THE SIGHT OF THE ARK -- CAN ONLY SIGNIFY THAT IN GOD'S PROPHETIC TIME -- JEWISH THINGS -- HAVE AGAIN -- COME INTO VIEW. THEREFORE -- THE MIDDLE OF THE 7 YRS -- AND NOW WE ENTER THE LAST 3 1/2 YRS -- OF GREAT TRIBULATION.

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TRIBULATION

(VS 1-2) THIS IS A ~~CHAPTER~~ CONTROVERSIAL CHAPTER. THE WOMEN AND THE DRAGON -- HAS MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT THEM.

THE WOMEN

(1-2) SHE HAS BEEN DESCRIBE AS:

- ① THE APOSTATE CHURCH -- OUT OF WHICH COMES HER CHILD -- THE TRUE CHURCH.
- ② SHE IS THE TRUE CHURCH -- OUT OF WHICH COMES HER CHILD -- THE CHRIST.

IF WE STAY WITH SCRIPTURE -- "THIS WOMEN"
 -- WITH SUN -- MOON -- 12 STARS -- IS ISRAEL -- AND
 HER CHILD (VS 2) IS THE MESSIAH, CHRIST. THUS,
 THE PARENTHETICAL VISION GIVEN HERE IN --
 CHAPTER 12 -- IS THAT OF THE DRAGON PERSECUTING
 THE WOMAN FOR 3½ YRS. IN OTHER WORDS --
 SATAN'S PERSECUTION OF ISRAEL DURING THE
 FINAL HALF OF THE TRIBULATION -- (MATT 24: 15-21)
 (JER 30: 7) -- ~~AND~~ AND (DAN 12: 1) ARE JUST A
 FEW SCRIPTURE DESCRIBING THIS PERIOD.

THE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS WOMAN IS
 ISRAEL -- IS FOUND IN (GEN 37: 9-10).

THERE IN JOSEPH'S DREAM -- THE INCEPTION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL IS REVEALED. JACOB THE FATHER -- IS THE SUN -- RACHAEL, JOSEPH'S MOTHER -- IS THE MOON -- AND THE BROTHERS ARE PICTURED -- AS ELEVEN STARS -- JOSEPH HIMSELF -- BEING HERE -- (V1) THE TWELFTH STAR.

THE SUN -- MOON -- STARS (12) MATCH NOTHING ELSE IN SCRIPTURE.

THE WOMAN IS ISRAEL -- AND (V2) THE CHILD -- THAT SPRINGS FROM ISRAEL -- IS THE -- MESSIAH. (ROM 9: 4-5) DECLARES -- "WHO ARE ISRAELITES -- OF WHOM AS CONCERNING THE FLESH CHRIST (MESSIAH) CAME."

THUS, THIS CONFIRMS THE INTERPRETATION THE WOMEN IS ISRAEL -- AND OUT OF HER -- (AFTER CENTURIES OF TRAVAIL) CAME THE CHRIST CHILD -- THE MESSIAH --

THE WOMAN -- THE FIRST WONDER -- SO (V3) THERE APPEARED ANOTHER WONDER -- IN HEAVEN. (WONDER HERE MEANS "SIGN")

SO

GOD IS IN THIS CHAPTER, AS IN OTHERS, TELLING US -- OF SIGNIFICANT WORLD EVENTS -- THROUGH -- JOHN SEEING 'SIGNS'.

HERE, A DRAGON PERSECUTING A WOMAN, IS REVEALING "SATAN'S FINAL PERSECUTION" -- OF ISRAEL -- AND ALL WHO TURN TO GOD.

THE DARGON IS CLEARLY SATAN -- (VS 9) STATES THIS. HE IS PICTURED AS A DARGON -- BECAUSE -- HE IS -- VICIOUS AND POWERFUL.

HE IS RED -- BECAUSE HE IS DRIPPING WITH THE BLOOD -- OF THE MARTYRS -- WHO HAVE BEEN SLAIN.

THE 10 HORNS -- IN PROPHECY -- (DAN 7:7) (REV 12:12) WHERE THEY ARE DECLARED TO REPRESENT -- "TEN" KINGS -- SO HERE AS WELL AS (REV 13:1) ... THEY REPRESENT A CONFEDERATION OF TEN -- END TIME -- RULERS -- WHO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE ANTI CHRIST -- AND HIS PERSECUTION OF ISRAEL. (DAN 7:7, 20, 24) AND (REV 17:12-16).

THESE 10 HORNS -- IN DAN 7 -- CORRESPOND WITH THE -- "TEN TOES" -- OF (DAN. 2:42, 44). -- THEY ARE THE FINAL RULERS -- OF THE FOURTH -- AND LAST -- OF DANIEL'S PROPHESIED EMPIRE. (DAN 2 AND 7).

THUS, THEY ARE THE RULERS OF THE -- ROMAN EMPIRE -- OF THE LAST DAYS -- "THAT IS" -- THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE.

THEY ARE MADE UP OF "SOME SORT" OF A -- EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CONFEDERATION -- OF THE END-TIMES.

THE FACT THAT THESE TEN HORNS -- APPEAR ON SATAN -- SHOWS THAT DURING THE TRIBULATION SATAN'S POLITICAL COHORTS -- SHALL BE THESE

TEN KINGS OF THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE... SATAN SHALL BE THE REAL PERSECUTOR -- THE BEHIND THE SCENE MASTER -- BUT THE ACTORS -- UPON THE WORLD STAGE -- WILL BE THESE 10 POLITICAL RULERS.

- [PERHAPS - THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE] -

- TIME WILL TELL -

[WE WILL DISCUSS THE -- SEVEN HEADS -- IN] -- (13:1 - 4. 17:3).

(VS 8) "HIS TAIL DREW THE THIRD PART OF THE STARS" -- MOST PROBABLY -- THE FALLEN ANGELS -- THAT SUPPORTED SATAN -- FALLING INTO SIN -- AND REBELLION -- ANGELS ARE -- SOMETIMES -- SIGNIFIED AS STARS -- IN SCRIPTURE -- (JOB 38:7) (REV 1:20, 9:1)

THE DRAGON STOOD -- TO DEVOUR THE CHILD -- THE DEVIL IS DETERMINED TO OBLITERATE -- GOD'S WITNESS. IN THE WORLD -- BUT GOD IS DETERMINED TO HAVE A WITNESS -- HIS SON. SATAN HATES ANY TESTIMONY -- TO THE TRUTH -- ABOUT JESUS CHRIST -- GOD'S SON.

CHRIST'S HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED SATAN'S EVERY ATTACK -- EVEN DEATH -- ON THE CROSS.

HERE

HE ASCENDS BACK TO HEAVEN -- TO RETURN -- AND FINISH OFF SATAN -- ONCE & FOR ALL --

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(vs 5-6)

THE MAN CHILD WAS CHRIST - AND HE WILL RULE ALL NATIONS -- (Ps 2:7-9). "THE ROD OF IRON" DESCRIBED IN (Ps 2:9) - IS CHRIST'S RULE AFTER THE SECOND ADVENT - IN THE MILLENNIAL AGE (Rev 20:6). THE "IRON SECPTER" (Ps 2:9) SYMBOLIZES THAT - CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL RULE - WILL DEAL - SEVERELY - WITH ANY OPEN SIN - OR REBELLION.

HERE, HIS IS "CAUGHT UP UNTO GOD" - THIS REFERS TO CHRIST'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN.

THE WOMAN flees INTO THE WILDERNESS - AND IS - CARED FOR THERE - $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.

THUS WE ARE TAUGHT HERE THAT ISRAEL WILL BE PERSECUTED FOR - THE LAST HALF OF THE - TRIBULATION.

(ZECH 13:8-9) REVEALS - THAT ONLY ONE - THIRD OF ISRAEL - SHALL SURVIVE. THIS IS THE REMNANT - WHICH ALONG WITH GENTILES - WHO HAVE TURNED - TO CHRIST - WILL ACCEPT CHRIST AS SAVIOUR - WHEN HE APPEARS TO THEM ON THE "MOUNT OF OLIVES" - AFTER "THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON" (ZECH 12:9-14 - 14:1-4).

THE "WILDERNESS" - MANY IN HISTORY HAVE CLAIMED - IS A NATURAL ROCK FORTIFICATION - SOUTH OF ISRAEL - CALLED - "PETRA" - WHO KNOWS?