

WAR IN HEAVEN

- REV CH 12 -

[11:19] THE ARK OF HIS TESTAMENT
 AND 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 "9" SEEKS TO INTRODUCE CH'12 --
 FOR THIS VERSE -- OPENS -- AND ENTIRELY
 NEW PROPHECY -- WHICH CONTINUES ON
 THROUGH -- CH "14" --

THIS PROPHECY IS RELATED TO "ISRAEL"
 -- THE ARK OF THE COVENANT -- HAD TO DO
 WITH ISRAEL -- NOT WITH -- THE GENTILES
 OR THE CHURCH --

- THERE IS A TEMPLE IN HEAVEN --
 WHEN GOD INSTRUCTED MOSES -- HOW
 TO BUILD THE TABERNACLE -- HE SAID TO
 TO MOSES: [EXODUS 25:40]

"AND LOOK THAT THOU MAKE THEM
 AFTER "THEIR" -- PATTERN -- WHICH WAS
 SHewed THEIE IN THE MOUNT".

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS REFERS
 TO THE TABERNACLE -- AND ITS --
 MINISTRIES AS -- "PATTERNS OF THINGS
IN THE HEAVENS" -- [HEB 9:23]

THE FACT THAT JOHN SEES THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND THE ARK -- INDICATES -- THAT ISRAEL IS COMING INTO VIEW -- AND THAT GOD WILL ONCE AGAIN -- RENEW HIS DEALING WITH ISRAEL NATIONALLY --

ONE OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES OF THE ARK -- WAS -- TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE ITS CONTENTS --

— THE SAME —
IS TRUE OF NOAH'S ARK -- AND THE ARK IN WHICH MOSES' MOTHER PUT HIM — [HER 9:4] —

THE ARK CONTAINED THE GOLDEN POT THAT HAD MANNA -- AND AARON'S ROD THAT BUDED -- AND THE TABLES OF THE COVENANT —

— THE ARK — SPEAKS -- OF GOD'S COVENANT WITH "ISRAEL" -- HERE -- "VS 19" -- "VOICES" — — IT SPEAKS —

IN TERMS OF JUDGEMENT -- WITH -- "LIGHTNINGS" -- THUNDERINGS -- "AN EARTHQUAKE" -- AND -- "GREAT HAIL" —

WHICH ARE CONCERNING COMING JUDGEMENT —

REVELATION CHAPTER "12" -
 "STRAUSS" SAYS:

"THE CHAPTER BEFORE US IS ONE OF THE MOST "PICTURESQUE" IN THE BOOK" -- THE WORD "WONDER" IN [VS 1 + 3] IS TRANSLATED "SIGN" IN THE RSV --

IT IS
 USED HERE FOR THE "FIRST TIME" IN THE PROPHETIC - - THE TWO "WONDER" - (SIGNS) IN [VS 1] "A GREAT WONDER" = "A WOMAN" AND [VS 3] A GREAT WONDER = "A GREAT RED DRAGON" -

REVELATION 12 CENTERS AROUND --
 -- "THREE PERSONAGES":

- ① THE WOMAN -
- ② THE CHILD -
- ③ A GREAT RED DRAGON -

IT WILL HELP US IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF -- "THE WOMEN" - IF WE IDENTIFY THE OTHER TWO -- "THE MAN CHILD" AND "THE GREAT RED DRAGON" TO BEGIN WITH -

- FORTUNATELY -
 THEIR IDENTIFICATION IS MADE EASY BY THE CONTEXT ITSELF -

A GREAT RED DRAGON

VERSE (9) MAKES THE IDENTIFICATION
OF THIS INDIVIDUAL CERTAIN --

"AND THE GREAT DRAGON WAS CAST
OUT -- THAT OLD SERPENT - CALLED "THE DEVIL"
-- AND SATAN -- WHICH DECEIVETH THE
WHOLE WORLD ;

HE WAS CAST OUT INTO THE EARTH
-- AND HIS ANGELS WERE CAST OUT WITH
HIM."

SATAN IS CLEARLY REVEALED AS THE
AUTHOR AND INSTIGATOR OF THE ATTACKS
AGAINST -- THE PEOPLE OF GOD -- DESCRIBED
IN THE REVELATION - HEREAFTER --

THE DRAGON

IS SEEN TO HAVE 7 HEADS - 10 HORNS -
AND 7 CROWNS - ON HIS HEAD - (VS - 3)

THIS IS THE SAME AS - "THE BEAST"
IN CHAPTERS 13 & 17 - - IT IS STATED IN
IN [CH 13:2] THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES
HIS AUTHORITY - FROM SATAN -

THIS REVEALS -
THAT SATAN IS SEEKING A GOVERNMENTAL
AUTHORITY - OVER THE WOMAN'S --
"REMNANT" - [12:7]

THIS AUTHORITY RIGHTLY BELONGS TO --
CHRIST HIMSELF. --

THE DEVIL
IS A MASTER STRATEGIST AND DECEIVER--
IT IS WRITTEN OF HIM IN [EZE 28:12]

"THOU SEALEST
UP THE SUM - FULL OF WISDOM" --

SEVEN HEADS --
7 IS THE NUMBER OF COMPLETENESS --
-- THUS -- 7 HEADS = "COMPLETE WISDOM" --

HIS
10 HORNS AND SEVEN CROWNS UPON HIS
HEAD = "USURPED" AUTHORITY --

THE MAN CHILD

[PSALM 2:7,9] -- WHICH ALL AGREE IS A
MESSIANIC PSALM -- INDICATES -- THAT
CHRIST IS "TO RULE ALL NATIONS" -- WITH A
ROD OF IRON -- HERE, THE FACT OF THE
ASCENSION -- HE IS "CAUGHT UP UNTO GOD"
AND "TO HIS THRONE" --

ALL
CAUSE THE IDENTIFICATION TO POINT TO
ONE PERSON -- THE LORD JESUS CHRIST --
NO OTHER

COULD HAVE ALL THREE STATEMENTS
MADE OF THEM: -- ① RULE ALL NATIONS --
② ASCENSION TO GOD --
③ TO HIS THRONE --

—THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN—

THE IDENTIFICATION OF THIS WOMAN--
WHO IS-- CLOTHED WITH ALL THE AUTHORITY
OF GOD-- IS CERTAIN -- SHE REPRESENTS
THE SPIRITUAL ISRAEL --

THIS IS TRACED THROUGH THE LINES
OF THE SEED OF EVE -- THROUGH THE
LINE OF THE SEED TO MARY AND
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST -

THE WHOLE CONTEXT IN WHICH THIS
PASSAGE IS SET -- REVIEWS -- THAT JOHN
IS DEALING WITH ISRAEL

REVELATION CHAPTERS [11 - 14] --
LEADS US PROPHETICALLY TO ISRAEL --
ISRAEL'S LAND -- AND ISRAEL'S FINAL
TRIBULATION -- THE TIME OF JACOB'S
TROUBLE -- AND THE SALVATION OF THE
GODLY REMNANT -

THE SCENE OF THE ELEVENTH CHAPTER
IS -- "THE GREAT CITY" -- WHICH SPIRITUALLY
IS CALLED -- "SODOM AND EGYPT" -- WHERE
OUR LORD JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED -

— THIS CITY IS JERUSALEM —

— THUS -- THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THIS PASSAGE
IS SET -- SHOWS THAT GOD IS DEALING
WITH ISRAEL AGAIN —

"FREQUENTLY"
 IN THE OLD TESTAMENT - THE SUN, MOON,
 AND STARS - ARE USED IN REFERENCE
 "TO ISRAEL"

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMBER
 12 - IS - NOT ONLY DOES IT REPRESENT
 THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL - BUT IS
 IN SCRIPTURE - THE GOVERNMENTAL NUMBER
 "IN AS MUCH"

THEN AS THE WOMAN REPRESENTS THAT
 WHICH IS TO DISPLAY - "DIVINE GOVERNMENT"
 ON THE EARTH - AND ISRAEL IS GOD'S
 APPOINTED INSTRUMENT TO THAT END --
 THIS WOMEN MUST BE IDENTIFIED --
 - "AS ISRAEL"

THE USE OF THE TERM - "WOMAN" - IS
 USED EIGHT TIMES IN THIS CHAPTER - AND
 - THE PRONOUN - SHE OR HER - AN
 ADDITIONAL EIGHT TIMES - IN REFERENCE
 TO THE WOMAN -

WE FIND THIS TERM
 USED FREQUENTLY - IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
 TO REFER TO THE NATION - "ISRAEL" -

- THE NAME DRAGON IS USED THROUGHOUT
 THE OLD TESTAMENT TO DESCRIBE - -
 A PARTICULAR ADVERSARY OF THE
 NATION OF ISRAEL -

THE WILDERNESS

[Ez 6]

THE WILDERNESS IS SAID TO BE THE PLACE OF REFUGE FOR THE WOMAN -- WHICH SHE WAS GIVEN WINGS TO FLY FOR GOD TO PROVIDE FOR HER - [Vs 14]

THE WILDERNESS HAS PECULIAR REFERENCE TO ISRAEL IN HER HISTORY - IN [EZEK 20:36] -

ISRAEL WAS TAKEN INTO "THE WILDERNESS OF THE LAND OF EGYPT."

ISRAEL REFUSED TO FOLLOW GOD INTO THE PROMISE LAND -- SHE WAS TURNED BACK INTO THE WILDERNESS - 40 YRS -

EZEK [Vs 35] SAYS: "I WILL PLEAD WITH YOU FACE TO FACE" -

THERE A MANNA -- GOD PROVIDED -- FOR THEM -- AS HE DOES HERE FOR THE WOMAN - [Vs 14] "NOURISHMENT" - 3½ YRS -

THE WATER

[Vs. 15-17]

"THE WORDS -- "AS A FLOOD" -- INDICATE "SYMBOLIC" LANGUAGE -- IS USED HERE -- POSSIBLY

THIS IS A FLOOD OF EVIL - PROPAGANDA - COMING FROM THE SERPENTS MOUTH -

THIS PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE JEW WILL SPREAD -- THROUGHOUT -

THE WORLD.... THERE MIGHT BE SOME
ORGANIZED EFFORT - ON THE PART OF THE
ANTI-CHRIST TO LOCATE THE JEWS TO
DESTROY THEM - SO - THE WATER OF DEATH
PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE
SERPENT -

THIS FIGURE OF A FLOOD IS USED IN
SCRIPTURE - TO REPRESENT OVERWHELMING
POWERS - OF DESTRUCTION - AGAINST THE
PEOPLE OF GOD - [PSALM 124] READ -

BUT
WE HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S
PROMISE - [ISAIAH 59:19]

"WHEN THE ENEMY SHALL COME
LIKE A FLOOD - "THE SPIRIT OF THE LERO" -
SHALL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM."

BAFFLED AT EVERY TURN - IN [VS 17]
SATAN TURNS AGAINST A SMALL
REMNANT OF FAITHFUL JEWS - IN AN
ATTEMPT TO EXTERMINATE THEM -

SO WE SEE

THERE WILL BE AN ATTACK UPON THE LARGE
BODY OF JEWS - AND THEN - THE ATTACK
UPON THE REMNANT - WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND -
- THE NATION FLED - THE REMNANT
POSSIBLY - THE WITNESSES SEALED IN
CHAPTER 7 - THE 144,000 -

"THEY SURVIVE"

BECAUSE THEY ARE SEALED BY GOD -

CH12

THE BATTLE .
[VS=7-9]

[VS7] AND WHEN THEY HAD FINISHED
 THEIR TESTIMONY ~ THE BEAST ~ THAT
 ASCENDETH ~ OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT
 ~ "SHALL MAKE WAR" ~ AGAINST THEM
 ~ AND SHALL OVERCOME THEM ~ AND KILL
 THEM"

"SHALL MAKE WAR" [VS13]
 A FAMILIAR SYMBOL FOR ANY ~ NOXIOUS ~
 POWERFUL ~ DANGEROUS ENEMY ~ IS HERE
"THE BEAST" ~ A DEVIL LIKE SPIRIT ~ IN
 UTTER HOSTILITY ~ TO THAT OF THE CHRIST
 ~ HIS HOLY SPIRIT ~ MAN'S WAR ON THE
 PROCLAMATION OF ~ GRACE AND LOVE ~
 ~ AND ~ KILLS THE WITNESSES ~

THIS
 TYPIFIES ~ THE TEMPORARY VICTORY OF ~
 WORLDINESS ~ OVER THE WITNESS OF THE
 SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CHRIST ~ SO IT SEEMS ~
 ~ MEN OF THE ENEMY ~ THINK THEY CAN
 CONQUER AND SLAY ~ THE WITNESS OF THE
 GOSPEL ~ THE WITNESSES TO A HIGHER
 ~ PURER ~ NOBLER LIFE ~ AND HAVE
 DONE SO ~ FOR A TIME AND SEASON ~

BUT
 THERE IS ALWAYS THE RECKONING OF THE
 "RESURRECTION"
 OF THE WITNESSES ~ FOR GOD IS NEVER
 WITHOUT A WITNESS ~

- THESE TWO WITNESSES - LIKE ALL TRUE
WITNESSES OF JESUS CHRIST - ARE IMMORTAL
UNTIL THEIR WORK IS DONE -

- SATAN IS UNABLE TO SILENCE OR KILL
THEM - THEIR LIVES AND THEIR MISSION
STAND TOGETHER -

GOD WILL NOT ALLOW - ANYTHING - TO
INTERFERE - WITH THEM BEARING WITNESS
WHILE THEY ARE DOING HIS WILL -

- HOW THESE TWO WITNESSES - WILL BE
PRESERVED - IS NOT STATED - THEY ARE IN
FULL VIEW FOR 3½ YRS - TESTIFYING THE
COMING DOOM -

THEY ARE KILLED - IN THE HOLY CITY -
THE GREAT CITY - WHERE OUR LORD JESUS
WAS CRUCIFIED - AT THIS TIME -
"SPIRITUALLY DEAD" - HOW SAW THAT THE
RELIGIOUS CENTER OF THE EARTH - WHERE
CHRIST WAS BORN - AND LIVED - AND TAUGHT -
AND WAS CRUCIFIED - RESURRECTED - AND
ASCENDED - WAS SET APART FOR HOLY
PURPOSES - HAS FALLEN, HAS FALLEN
- TO MORALLY AND SPIRITUALLY - REACH
IN THIS END - ITS DARKEST AGE -

BUT
THIS IS NOT THE THE GREATEST BATTLE -
- BECAUSE MERE - - [Cf 12; 7-9]

- THE BATTLE IN HEAVEN -
THE WAR BROKE OUT IN HEAVEN -

MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS ~ FOUGHT
AGAINST THE DRAGON -- THE DRAGON
AND HIS ANGELS ALSO FOUGHT... BUT
THEY COULD NOT PREVAIL -- AND THERE
WAS NO PLACE FOR THEM IN HEAVEN
ANY LONGER --

SO

"THE GREAT DRAGON WAS THROWN OUT"
~ THE ANCIENT SERPENT ~ WHO IS
CALLED ~ THE DEVIL AND SATAN ~
THE ONE WHO DECEIVES ~ THE WHOLE
WORLD ~ IS THROWN TO EARTH ~ AND
-- HIS ANGELS WITH HIM --

THIS WAR TAKES PLACE IN THE FINAL
HALF OF THE TRIBULATION -- YET -- IT IS
SO SIMILAR TO -- THE WAR IN HAVEN
HEAVEN -- WHEN SATAN WAS CAST OUT --
[ISAIAH 14:14-16] - [EZEKIEL 28:12-19]

BUT

[CH 12:10] STATES:

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 --

THEN: THE VICTORY OF THE "OVERCOMER"
IS MENTIONED: [VS 11] - "TESTIMONY"
— "BY BLOOD OF THE LAMB" —

THEN - [VS 12] "WOE" TO EARTH'S INHABITANTS -
FOR - "THE DEVIL HAS COME DOWN TO YOU" -
AND HE IS FULL OF WRATH - HE KNOWS HIS
TIME IS SHORT -

- IT APPEARS -
THAT SATAN WAS - AND IS - SURE HE CAN
ULTIMATELY WIN - EVEN THOUGH HE WAS
CAST OUT OF HEAVEN - BEFORE CREATION OF
MANKIND - BUT HERE -

HE MAKES WAR WITH - HEAVEN - OR IN
HEAVEN - WITH - "MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS"
- AND LOSES HIS POSITION AS PRINCE
AND POWER OF THE AIR - (EPHESIANS 2:2-4)

- IT IS POSSIBLE -

THIS BATTLE COULD HAVE HAPPENED WHEN
THE RAPTURE TOOK PLACE - SINCE WE WILL
BE - "CAUGHT UP" IN THE AIR - (1 THESS: 4:17)

- THE WAR -

SPOKEN OF HERE - IS A SERIES OF CONFLICTS
WITH THE DRAGON - PERSECUTING THE
WOMAN - WHICH IS ISRAEL -

- HERE -

HE KNOWS HE HAS LOST - AND IS -

- DOOMED -

NOTE [VS 12] "HE KNOWETH HE HATH BUT A
SHORT TIME" -

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AS TO THE BATTLE HAPPENING DURING
THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH —

— HERMAN HOYT —

STATES: THAT WHILE THERE IS NO DIRECT
STATEMENT OF SCRIPTURE — EXCEPT
THAT THE WORD "WAR" USUALLY REFERS
TO A SERIES OF CONFLICTS (BATTLES) —

IT SEEMS

LEGITIMATE TO ASSUME THAT THIS PHASE
OF THE WAR — "STARTED" — AT THE
TIME OF THE RAPTURE —

— DANIEL 12:1-2 —

IN SUPPORT OF THE IDEA THAT THE
RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH — THROUGH
THE DOMAIN OF SATAN — WHICH IS
THE AERIAL (AIR) AND STELLAR —
(PERTAINING TO THE STARS) — HEAVENS.
— AROUSES —

SATAN TO HINDER THE RAPTURE IF POSSIBLE —
SATAN IS THE HINDERER — OF ALL THAT GOD
WOULD ACCOMPLISH THROUGH HIS PEOPLE
— [DANIEL 10:13] + [THESS-2:18]

AT THE MOMENT WHEN SATAN — INTERFERES
WITH THE RAPTURE — MICHAEL AND HIS
ANGELS — WHO ARE MINISTERS TO THE
SAINTS — [HEB 1:7,14] — RUSH TO THE
RESCUE — AND — THE BATTLE IS ON —
— "THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL" —
[THESS 4:16] "AT THE RAPTURE" — SIE