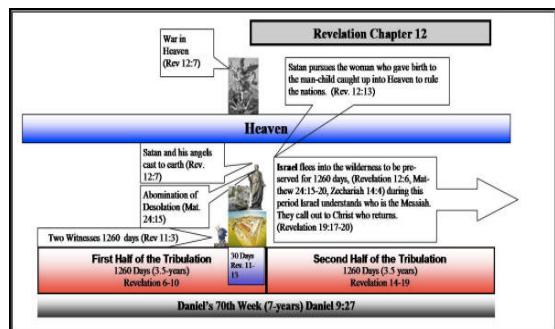


Revelation

Chapter Twelve

The Great Conflict

- Although what may be seen in the following passages of scripture as a great conflict between Jesus and Satan.
- The reality is that Jesus is in control and has been from the beginning and will always be in charge.
- Satan is a created being and his authority is given to him and will ultimately be taken away.
- Satan is not in charge of anything including hell.
- What we are about to see is the age long conflict broken down into one short chapter of Scripture.



Revelation 12:1

“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.”

A Great Sign Appears

- The little word “Now” is an important transitional word in that after the Temple was opened and the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet John “Now” sees “a great sign” in heaven.
- The word for “great” in the original language is “*megas*” which literally means: “a thing to be highly esteemed for its excellence”.
- The word for “sign” is “*sēmeion*” from the same root word as “signified” in Revelation 1:1.
- John is not seeing a literal woman standing on the moon but the old saying, “a picture is worth a thousand words” conveys the significance of the symbolism.
- Through this heavenly sign of the woman God reveals to John the conflict of the ages drawn entirely from the Old Testament portraying real events which have happened and will happen upon the earth affecting all the history of mankind.



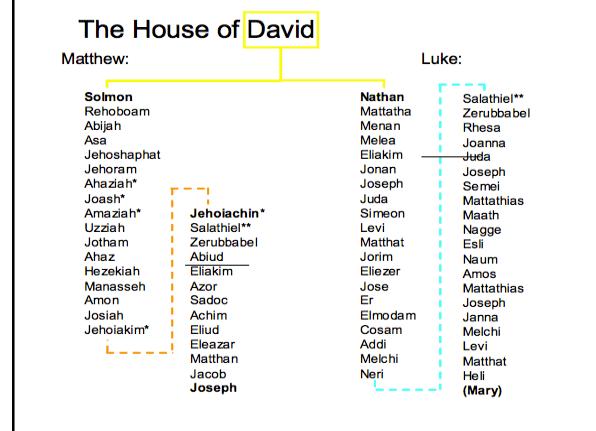
The Conflict

- The conflict began in human history immediately following the Fall of man.
- “And 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.”-Genesis 3:15
- Satan has been attempting to destroy the Promised Seed ever since the Fall.

<u>Satan's Attempt To Destroy The Promised Seed</u>	<u>Scripture Reference</u>
The battle between Cain and Abel	Genesis 4; 1 John 3:12
The angelic corruption	Genesis 6
Abraham's 25 years to have Isaac	Genesis 12:4; Genesis 17; Genesis 21
Hagar and Ishmael instead of Sarah and Isaac	Genesis 16; Galatians 4
Jacob's struggles with Esau	Genesis 27; Genesis 32-33
The rejection of Jacob's first three sons	Genesis 34; Genesis 49
The killing of Judah's first two sons; Er and Onan	Genesis 38
Pharaoh killing Israelite boys	Exodus 1
Saul's pursuit of David	1 Samuel
The problems in the Royal lineage	1 & 2 Kings; 1 & 2 Chronicles
Jeconiah's blood curse	Jeremiah 22:28-30-results in virgin birth
Babylonian captivity	Jeremiah; Ezekiel; Daniel; Etc.
Herod killing children two and under	Matthew 2
The temptation of Jesus	Luke 4

The Line Of David

- “My covenant I will not break nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me; It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky”-**Psalm. 89:34-35**
- “Thus says the LORD: Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.’ ”-**Jeremiah 22:30**



Eating Dust

- God's judgment on Satan is that he will always know defeat.
- He will always reach for victory but never achieve it.
- In his most victorious moment he will be defeated.
- His head will ultimately be crushed by the Promised Seed: Jesus

Believers Share In The Victory

“And **the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet** shortly. Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith — to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.”- Romans 16:20;25-27

A Woman

- There are four women described in the Book of Revelation.
- That woman "Jezebel" Rev. 2:20; (false church)
- "The woman....The mother of prostitutes" Rev. 17, 19 (Babylon)
- "The Bride" Rev. 19:7; 21:2,9 (Church; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph 5:22-23; and Israel; Isa. 54:1,4; Rom. 9-11)
- "...A woman clothed with the sun..." Rev. 12:1 (Israel)
- As Israel produced the original members of the Church and through them all the nations have been blessed; so also through Babylon all the false religions have originated (Is. 47), and have infiltrated the church and has produced the adulteress.

- Queen of Heaven was a title given to a number of ancient sky goddesses in the ancient Mediterranean and Near East, in particular Anat, Isis, Innana, Astarte, Hera. Elsewhere, Nordic Frigg also bore this title. In Greco-Roman times Hera, and her Roman aspect Juno bore this title. Forms and content of worship varied. The title Queen of Heaven is used by Catholics and Orthodox Christians for Mary.



Isis and son

The Crowned Queen and Baby



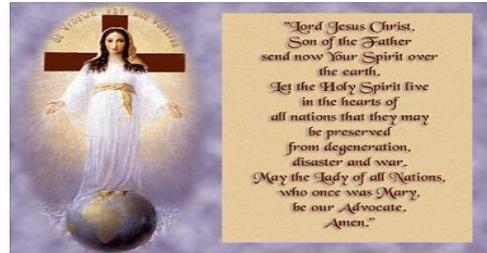
The Queen Of Heaven And The Serpent



Daughter Of Babylon

- "Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not arbitrate with a man." As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel. **"Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no longer be called the Lady of Kingdoms."** Isaiah 47:1,3-5

Lady Of Nations



Israel



The Stars

- "Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. **And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.**" So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"-Genesis 37:9-10

The Bride Of Christ

- “Most churches in Christendom teach the Church is the “bride of Christ.” But the phrase “bride of Christ” does not occur in the Bible. Furthermore, imagery of the Church as bride is thin at best.”” -Doctrine.org
- “The term “Bride of Christ” has its roots in the Roman Catholic Church. You probably know the clergy or priests of the Roman Catholic Church “marries” their church, taking a oath to celibacy. As a result, the term “Bride of Christ” was eventually coined in relation to this practice. Today, this concept and terminology has spilled over into our own fundamental Christian doctrines.”-Coffee, et.al

Israel The Wife

- ““Return, O backsliding children,” says the LORD; **“for I am married to you**. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.””- **Jeremiah 3:14**
- ““**For your Maker is your husband**, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. For the LORD has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused,” says your God.””-**Isaiah 54:5-6**

- “I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in loving kindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.”-**Hosea 2:19-20**
- ““Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the LORD.””-**Jeremiah 3:20**
- ““Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—“not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, **though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.**”-**Jeremiah 31:31-32**

Revelation 12:2

“Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”

The Woman Is Pregnant

- This is a picture of Israel who is described in the Old Testament as a woman who is in pain while giving birth.
- “Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child.”-**Isaiah 66:7**
- “Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in birth pangs.”-**Micah 4:10**
- “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from a everlasting.” Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;”- Micah 5:2-3

Connection Between Genesis Three And Revelation Twelve

- “And 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.” To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

Genesis 3:15-16

Revelation 12

A woman and the serpent.	A woman and the dragon who is the serpent of old.
Enmity between the woman and the serpent.	The woman is persecuted by the serpent.
Conflict between her offspring and the serpent.	The dragon made war against the offspring of the woman.
Childbirth (first mention in Genesis).	The woman gives birth to a male child.
The woman will experience labor pains.	The woman cried out in pain giving birth to the male child.

The Promised Seed

- “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the **promises** made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.”-**Galatians 3:16**
- “He (Jesus) indeed was foreordained before the **foundation** of the world”.-**1 Peter 1:20**
- “Therefore it is of faith that it (the promise) might be according to grace, so that the **promise** might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ” -**Romans 4:16**
- It is through Abraham that we are all blessed who believe; this is the fulfillment of **the promise** to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through him and his offspring.

Scoffers

- Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?-- 2 Peter 3:1-4
- "One who has an expression of scorn or contempt; to ridicule" Webster's Dictionary

The Promised Messianic Reign

- "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **the Son of David**, the Son of Abraham"--**Matthew 1:1**
- "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God **which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh**"-- **Romans 1:1-3**

Abraham Waited For The City Of God

- "ekdechomai" is the word used for "waited" it literally means to "look for" or "expect" the event to happen.
- This is a word that conveys to us that Abraham was ready to take hold of the expected promise that God had given to him.
- This was the key to their ability to endure and wait in a temporary situation.

2 Peter 3:11-13

- "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

Revelation 12:3-4

“And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 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.”

The Dragon

- Scripture also defines this symbol. The verse 9, makes it clear that the dragon is synonymous with Satan and the Devil.
- The word used for “fiery red” is “pyros” and is the same word used in Revelation 6:4, for the red horse.
- The word is only used two times in the Bible and is associated with fierce cruelty with murderous qualities.
- In the book of Daniel and later in Revelation we will see a Beast with seven heads and ten horns that will deceive the whole world.

Seven Heads And Ten Horns

- The seven heads represent world kingdoms with kings under the control of Satan and the ten horns represent ten end time world leaders that Satan will control in the last Gentile world empire
- “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.”-**Revelation 17:10**
- “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.”- **Daniel 7:24**
- “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.”-**Revelation 17:12**

	Kingdom	Attack Against The Woman
1	Egypt	Enslaved the Jews
2	Assyria	Exiled the 10 Northern Tribes 722 B.C.
3	Babylonia	Exiled Judah and destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C.
4	Persia	Tried to destroy the Jews during the time of Esther
5	Greece	Antiochus Epiphanes slaughtered a pig in the Temple 164 B.C.
6	Rome	Destroyed Temple, killed over a million Jews, renamed Judea “Palestine” under Hadrian 132 B.C.
7	Ottoman Empire	Conquered Jerusalem and ruled from 1517-1917

The Dragon Looks To Earth

- The dragon, i.e. Satan is focusing his whole attention along with his army of demons against the inhabitants of the earth.
- Satan is the ruler of this world and is yet to be taken out. **John 12:31**
- Satan knows his time is short and the kingdoms of this world are still his to do what he wills until Jesus comes back and sets up His kingdom. **(Luke 4:6)**

The Child Redeemer

- Satan tried to stop the “kinsman redeemer, Messiah” from coming into the world.
- In this passage Satan is ready to devour the Messiah as soon as He was born.
- This occurred when King Herod sent out the order to kill all infants under two years old in Bethlehem.
- He freely laid down His life for us at the time appointed by the Father to pay the price for the salvation of mankind.
- The scriptures record several times that some did try to kill Him but they could not.

- Satan's continual failure to thwart God's plan allowed the Son of Man to pay the blood price as kinsman redeemer for the human race at the cross.
- “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” **-Galatians 4:4-5**

- God is the **Goel** of Israel, His people, because He is their redeemer (Ex 6:6; Isa 43:1; Isa 41:14; Isa 44:6, 22; Isa 48:20; Ps 103:4; Job 19:25).
- The **goel** also was the avenger of blood (Num. 35:21) in the case of the murder of the next of kin.
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a God who is avenging His people.
- Israel will never again be removed from their Land because God fights on their behalf.

Jesus Man's Kinsman

Old Testament Qualifications	Jesus' Fulfillment
A Blood Relationship	Galatians 4:4-7 Hebrews 2:16-17
The Necessary Resources	1 Corinthians 6:20 1 Peter 1:18-19
A Willingness to Buy	John 10:15-18 1 John 3:16
A Willingness to Marry	Romans 7:4 2 Corinthians 11:2 Revelation 19:7

Revelation 12:5

“She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.”

She Bore A Male Child

- The Woman in this picture is clearly demonstrated to be Israel through whom the seed entered the world.
- The Male child, i.e. Jesus will rule the world with a rod of Iron.
- This is how Jesus will rule the world during His Millennial kingdom reign.

The Millennial Kingdom Reign

- Millennialism--1,000 year reign of Christ-- Revelation 20:1-6
- Mille--1000; annum--year
- Christ will reign over the nations of the earth and Israel will enjoy the blessings promised through the prophets. There is more prophecy in the scripture concerning the millennium than any other period.
- God's purpose **on earth** will be fully realized during the millennial period

Jesus Is The Ruler Of The Kings Of The Earth

- The Book of Revelation is the final chapter of God's historical conflict between the forces of evil energized by Satan that culminates with the victory of Jesus' redemption of the world establishing His kingdom reign upon the earth.
- All the powers of humanity will be in united action at the end of the age in **deliberate designed conflict** with God

• Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."** **"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in the way*, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.-**Psalm 2**

- "The Revelation of Jesus Christ,"-Rev. 1:1
- **Revelation of whom?** "Of Jesus Christ"
- Not a revelation of Jesus who he was but who he is, today, right now
- The Book of Revelation is an unveiling of Jesus as the judge of the world, **it is the book of the world's destiny.** [Rev.6:12-17]
- Genesis is the miracle of our origin
- Revelation is the unveiling of the mystery of our destiny.

Jesus As Lamb

It refers to His first coming

It refers to His second coming

It speaks of His gentle and meek heart

It speaks of His anger

It speaks of His willingness to save mankind

It speaks of His Rule

It speaks of His Grace

It speaks of His Justice

As the Lamb Jesus was Judged by man

As the Lion Jesus will be the Judge of man

Jesus As Lion

Give sincere homage to the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish on the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2:12)

The Child Was Caught Up

- Jesus was caught up to heaven and is now sitting at the right hand of the His Father.
- This a proclamation of Psalm 110
- "The LORD said to my Lord, "sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."" Psalm 110:1
- The concept of "the right hand" is not so much a physical location but conveys authority and supremacy.
- "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name..."-Phil 2:9

Some Key Reasons It is Important To Remember This Main Point

- It resulted in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear."-- Acts 2:32-33
- Jesus is now interceding on behalf of the believer

- "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."-Rom 8:33-34
- Intercession is **the act of pleading** on the behalf of someone as a friend-Webster
- It is the place our minds should focus

- "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."-Col. 1:1-2
- In the book of Hebrews it separates the sacrificial system from the real sacrifice for our sins
- "And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God"-Heb. 10:11-12

A Gap In History

- “For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.”-**Hebrews 2:8**
- Why has Jesus never asserted his position of ruling authority over the devil and his angels in this world which belongs ultimately to him?
- Jesus has never used his absolute power to bring an end to global injustice, demonic activity, and suffering.
- Jesus allowed wicked men to crucify Him and to take His place of honor as king and ruling authority.
- Jesus seems to rule from a remote and distant place.
- Luke 4:17-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2 and Daniel’s Seventy Weeks

2 PETER 3:8-10

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Revelation 12:6

“Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”

The Woman Fled

- The people of Israel will flee into the wilderness to a place “prepared by God”.
- This is during the last half, 1260 days, of the tribulation.
- “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), **then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” Matthew 24:15-16**
- “He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.”-**Daniel 11:41**

Modern Day Jordan



Jordanian Wilderness



Two-Thirds Of Jerusalem Will Be Destroyed During This time

- "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones. And 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.' "

"He will confirm a covenant with the many" -Daniel 9:27

- The many is referring to Israel, and the covenant is a covenant of hell. (Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17)
- " I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."--John 5:43



Revelation 12:7-9

“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

A War In Heaven

- The presence of Satan in heaven is the explanation for the ruin of heaven and the reason for the creation of a New Heaven along side of a New Earth
- Jesus sacrifice once and for all cleansed heaven.
- Jesus said he was going to prepare a place in heaven for us (John 14:2,3). What is He doing? Building houses for us?
- **Hebrews 9:23:** The purifying of heaven; all of creation heaven and earth both are sustained by God and it is necessary for it to be purified of Satan who has yet to be cast out of heaven to earth.

- “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.”-Isaiah 65:17
- “Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”-**Hebrews 9:23-24**

Jesus Entered Heaven For Us

- The sole purpose of Jesus sacrifice upon the cross was for the cleansing of man’s sin.
- The believer now has confidence to stand in the presence of God because Jesus is now on our side.
- “If God is for us, who can be against us”-Romans 8:31
- Satan enters the presence of God and accuses the believer constantly but we overcome him through the blood of the Lamb.
- Jesus dying for us means we don’t need to fear condemnation after death because He is interceding on our behalf.

Michael

- Michael is one of the ruling angels along with Lucifer.
- Michael is the agent God uses to cast Satan down to earth.
- The name Michael literally means “one who is like God”.
- He is the protector of Israel according to Daniel 12:1.
- “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”-**Jude 9**

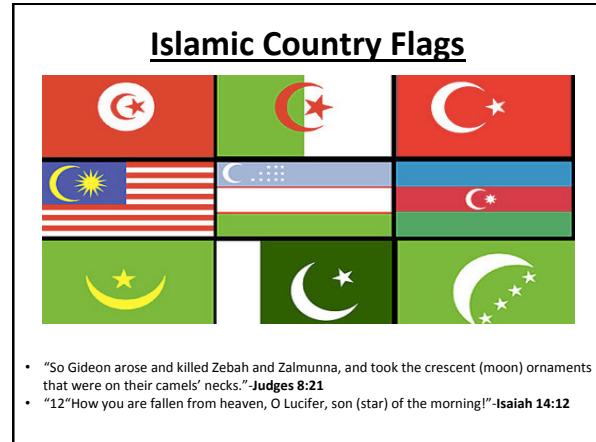
They Lost Their Place In Heaven

- Satan and his angels presently rule the earth’s atmospheric heavens and freely have access to kings and kingdoms of earth.
- “...you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience....”-**Ephesians 2:2**
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”-**Ephesians 6:12**

- “And He [Jesus] said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”-**Luke 10:18**
- “.....the ruler of this world is judged.”-**John 16:11**
- “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”-**John 12:31**
- **The reason Satan is thrown to earth is to be made a spectacle of before man to the glory of God.**

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.”-**Ezekiel 28:17-19**

	Hebrew	Meaning	Greek	Meaning
Dragon	Tanniyn	Dragon, serpent, sea monster	<i>Drakon</i>	Dragon
	Isaiah 27:1		Rev. 12:3,4,7	
Serpent	<i>Nachash</i>	Snake, Fleeing Serpent	<i>Ophis</i> 2 Cor.11:3, Rev. 20:2	Snake
Devil	<i>Shed</i>	Demon	<i>Diabolos</i>	Slenderous
	De. 32:17		Matthew 4:8	
Satan	<i>Satan</i>	Adversary	<i>Satanas</i>	Adversary
	Job 1:6,7,8		I Tim 2:18	
Lucifer	<i>Helel</i> Isaiah 14:12	Star of the Morning; Sun of Dawn		



Revelation 12:10-11

“Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
“Now salvation, and strength, and 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. “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”

Overcomers

- **Overcame:** The Greek word here is “*Nikao*” which means to conquer, to carry off the victory. The believer has victory over Satan our accuser because of the work of Christ on the cross. Satan has no power because Christ has paid for all of our sins. The are three key ways the believer is an overcomer.
- **The Blood of the Lamb:** The first key is understanding our position in Heaven. Christ is our “Passover” lamb, His blood has paid for our sins, Satan’s power is removed because of the blood of Christ.

- **Word of their testimony:** The word of our testimony is in the Son, Who has given us life.
- “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”-1 John 5:11
- **They Not Love their lives:** During the tribulation people will be given a choice of life in this world or the next. The victorious brethren choose death in this world and life with Christ because their focus is upon eternity and not the corruption of this world.
- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”-Galatians 2:20

Revelation 12:12

“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

The Accuser Is Cast Out

- “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, **and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.**”-Zechariah 3:1
- Satan who has had access to Heaven from the Fall to this very day accuses the saved.
- Satan pleads for God’s judgment while Christ intercedes on our behalf.

Rejoicing In Heaven

- Praise for the cleansing of heaven.
- The reason for an intercessor is because Satan accuses man before God
- Job 1:6,7-Satan accused Job before God
- 1 John 2:1- Today believers have an advocate in their corner.
- Rom. 8:38,39: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Only us!!

Woe To The Earth

- This is the third and final woe that was stated in Revelation 8:13, on the inhabitants of the earth.
- The Devil's days are numbered and he doesn't like that he has been cast out of heaven therefore **his wrath is upon the people of faith.**
- He is a limited being and soon will be cast into the lake of fire not as a ruler. But as a victim of punishment!!!!

The First Woe

Unleashes demonic forces upon the earth.- Revelation 9:1-12

The Second Woe

Unleashes the four angels bound at the Euphrates river combined by an enormous earthquake killing seven-thousand people- Revelation 9:13-21;11:14

The Third Woe

Unleashes the wrath of the Devil upon the earth-Revelation 12:12

Revelation 12:13-14

“Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 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.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-9

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders....”

The Dragon On Earth

- Satan has planned the career of the man of sin to mirror the ministry of Jesus.**

Jesus	The Antichrist
Jesus had a coming into the world	The Antichrist has a coming into the world
Jesus had an appointed time	The Antichrist has an appointed time
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel	The Antichrist proclaims a gospel message
Jesus is alone to be worshipped	The Antichrist desires to be worshipped
Jesus performed miracles to support His claim	The Antichrist performs miracles to support his claim
The Lord Jesus is the incarnation of godliness	The Antichrist is the embodiment of lawlessness and rebellion

The Antichrist

- The Antichrist has a definite appointed time to come as a world leader uniting a confederacy of nations against God and His people.

Daniel described an individual person	-The prince who is to come -A king of fierce countenance -A willful king	-Daniel 9:26 -Daniel 8:23 -Daniel 11:36-35
Jesus Described an individual person	The one who comes in his own name	John 5:43
Paul describes an individual	He is called the "lawless one" called the "man of sin"	2 Thessalonians 2

The Restrainer

The Restrainer

The Conclusion

The restrainer is used in the original language in masculine and neuter genders.	Biblical evidence must be investigated for an entity that uses both genders.
The restrainer was active in Paul's day as well as throughout human history.	The restrainer must have continuity throughout history.
The restrainer has the authority to direct the events of human history.	The restrainer has the ability to bring things to pass in history.
The restrainer is powerful enough to hold back spiritual forces including Satan.	The restrainer must have supernatural strength if not omnipotence.
The restrainer holds back lawlessness on a global scale.	A single personal restrainer would need to possess attributes of omnipotence and omniscience to be able to accomplish such a task.
The restrainer would need to have high standards of holiness and godliness.	The restrainer must be holy to accomplish the act of restraining.

The Holy Spirit Is Restraining

Requirement

Met By The Holy Spirit

Referred in Scripture in both the neuter and masculine gender.	John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14
The Holy Spirit active in human history.	Hebrews 9:14
The Holy Spirit has the authority to bring things to pass in history.	Acts 8:29; 11:12; 13:2; 16:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:11
The Holy Spirit is all-powerful.	Job 33:4; Romans 15:13, 19
The Holy Spirit is omnipresence and omniscience.	Psalm 139:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
Absolute holiness.	Psalm 143:10; Isaiah 63:10; Romans 1:4

The Holy Spirit Steps Aside

- We know since the Holy Spirit is omnipresent and that it is impossible as the third person of the Godhead to not be omnipresent He cannot remove Himself from the world as has been taught in recent times.
- The Holy Spirit has always been present ministering on the earth (Gen. 1:2). He has and will always maintain the divine attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.
- In 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, when it states: "He who now restrains will do so **until He is taken out of the way**" is in the middle voice in the original language which indicates that the restrainer actually removes Himself or steps aside from preventing the man of sin from being revealed.
- There is a specific determined time in history when the Holy Spirit will step aside and let the man of lawlessness do his bidding upon the inhabitants of the world.

Lawlessness Is Already At Work

- "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved....."Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."-**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10,15**
- "Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour."-**1 John 2:18**

Ephesians 6:11 & 18

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. **praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful** to this end with all perseverance



Truth Is A Person

- "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." -**John 14:6**
- "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." -**John 17:17**



Jesus is Our Righteousness

- "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." -**Romans 10:4**
- "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" -**1 Corinthians 1:30**
- "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." -**2 Corinthians 5:21**



GOSPEL OF GRACE

Acts 20:24

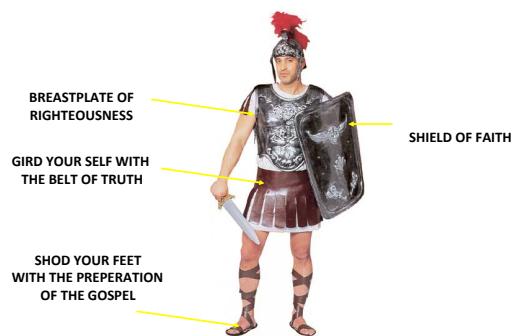
But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

The Gospel Is The Power Of Salvation To Everyone Who Believes. (Rom. 1:16)

- The Psalmist said: "I long for Your salvation, O LORD.." - Ps 119:174
- When a person has a sense of his imperfection it is followed by a deep longing for salvation.
- "When we think of salvation we usually think of the "unconverted" who "need" salvation.
- But the Gospel is the power of salvation continually throughout the life of the believer
- In short it continues to save and save, and save.....The gift that keeps on giving

How Does The Gospel Continually Save?

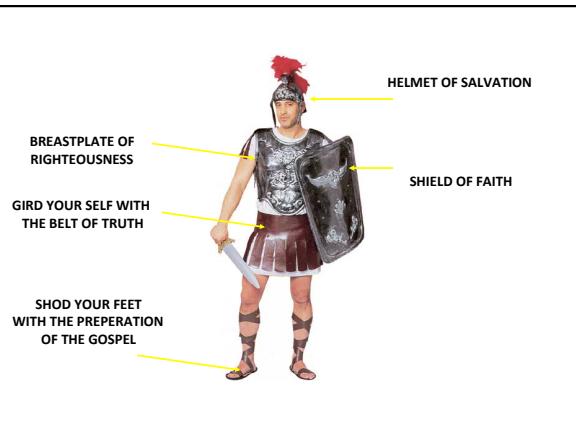
- The Gospel is for the sick Jesus said and our disease is sin and we are in need of continual healing through forgiveness
- The Gospel frees the believer to experience the continual love of God
- The Gospel continually takes away the paralysis of shame and guilt by empowering the believer with the healing of salvation
- The Gospel continually takes away the fear of not being "good enough"



What We Know About Faith

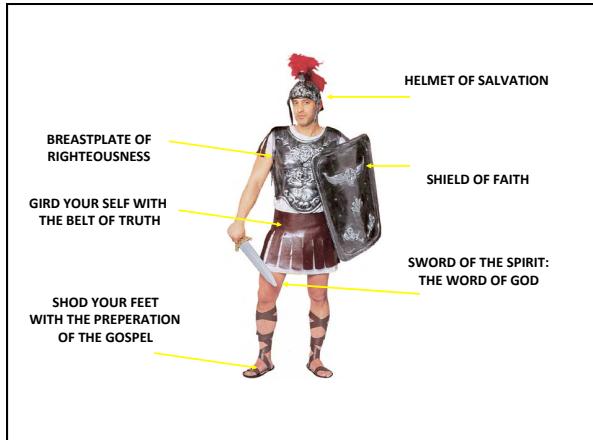
- Faith is not a work. It is a gift and the means by which man is saved. (Rom. 12:3)
- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God**"-**Ephesians 2:8**
- "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."-Romans 10:17
- "Yet, **looking to the promise of God**, he [Abraham] didn't waver through unbelief, **but grew strong through faith**, giving glory to God, and **being fully assured that what he had promised**, he was also able to perform." **Romans 4:20-21**

- Faith is being **fully convinced** in the promises of God.
- We are made **righteous** before God through faith.
- We are **justified** before God through faith as opposed to the Law.
- We **live** by faith in the promises of God.
- Faith is the opposite of sight. (2 Cor. 5:7)
- It is by faith that we perceive the things happening around us are not by chance.
- "Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen."



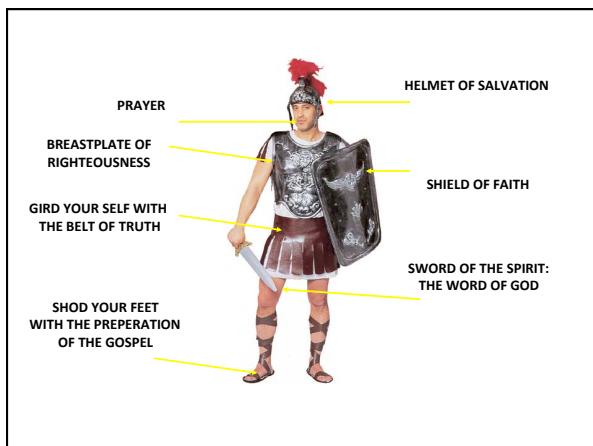
Our Salvation Is Secure

- "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." - **John 6:37**
- "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." - **Jude 24**
- "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." - **John 10:28**
- "...am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day." - **2 Timothy 1:12**

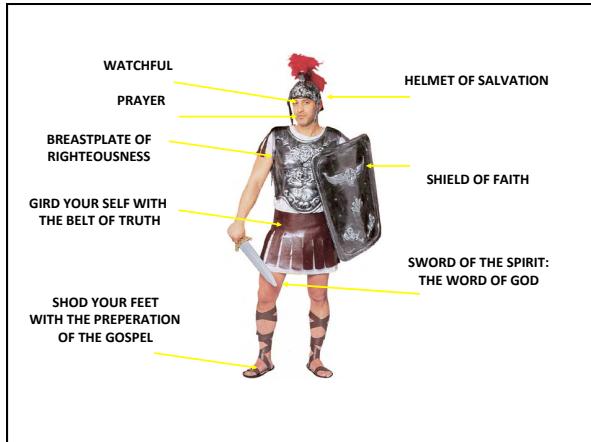


The Word Of God

- "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word."-**Psalm 119:9**
- "My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to Your word."-**Psalm 119:25**
- "My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word."-**Psalm 119:28**
- "This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life."-**Psalm 119:50**
- "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."-**Psalm 119:105**



OUR PRAYER LIFE IMPACTS OUR SOUL BY NOURISHING OUR LIFE IN JESUS. ONE WAY PRAYER NOURISHES OUR SOUL IS BY REFUSING TO WORRY OVER ANYTHING, FOR WORRY MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING OVER WHICH WE CANNOT HAVE OUR OWN WAY, AND IS IN REALITY PERSONAL IRRITATION WITH GOD. IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS. NEVER LET ANYTHING PUSH YOU TO YOUR WITS END, BECAUSE YOU WILL GET WORRIED, AND WORRY MAKES YOU SELF-INTRESTED AND DISTURBS THE NOURISHMENT OF OUR LIFE IN GOD. **PRAY AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT HE IS THERE, NO MATTER WHAT IS HAPPENING.**---OSWALD CHAMBERS, IF YE SHALL ASK...



Watchfulness

- **Watch**, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."- 1 Cor 16:13
- "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is **high time to awake out of sleep**; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."-Rom 13:11
- "**Be sober, be vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."- 1 Peter 5:8