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#### Revelation 12:1-17

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. <sup>2</sup>Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

1. SIGNS → A Sign Points to Something ... it is symbolic of something ... it is communication (Read Psalm 19 ... the Heavens DECLARE...)
The Signs in the Heavens ... what do we call them today? A Woman, 12 STARS ... a Serpent or Dragon? Those are actual ancient "SIGNS" in the Zodiac/Mazzaroth ... somehow they've come to life and John is seeing all this take place (as if they've come to life with animation ...)

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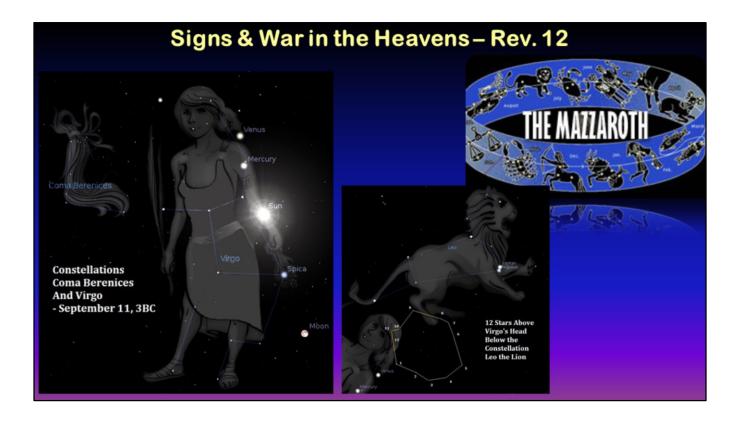
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#### The Heavens Declare the GLORY of God ... Psalm 19 $\rightarrow$ who is the GLORY of GOD –

Personified in the New Testament? Jesus Christ, the Messiah Of Israel...

So, when we START the Circle ... We start at Virgo ... the Virgin who gives birth to a Son who is destined to Rule the Universe.

We end with LEO, the LION who Crushes the Head of the Serpent, while getting his Foot bit by the Serpent in the Process (see Genesis 3:15)

We will see Constellation after Constellation ... in Battle with a Serpent or a Dragon ...

The HERO will kill the Serpent or Dragon, but in the Process, His Heal will be Bit or Hurt or Injured ... again Genesis 3:15

The Heavens are fills with this imagery, passed down from Generation to Generation from Adam to us, today.

Psalm 19 says it declares His GLORY – DECLARES means that it communicates.



This is just speculation on some person's part ... but it does show some interesting things going on ...

... Woman Clothed with the Sun, Moon at her Feet ... 12 Stars over her head ...

- 2. Who does the Woman Represent? She is Israel. This is the only consistent way of viewing "her" in this whole chapter, overall. The Roman Catholic church says that she is Mary (but this does not fit the rest of the passage)
  - → Israel, as a nation, gave birth to their Messiah, He is the Holy One of Israel.
- 3. Who is this Child she gives birth to? Is it Jesus Christ? The 144,000? The Two Witnesses?
  - → It must be Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel (see Psalm 2 for more on this)

#### Revelation 12:1-17

<sup>3</sup> And another SIGN appeared in heaven: behold, a GREAT, FIERY RED DRAGON having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

7 Head, 10 Horns, 7 Diadems (crowns) on each head ...

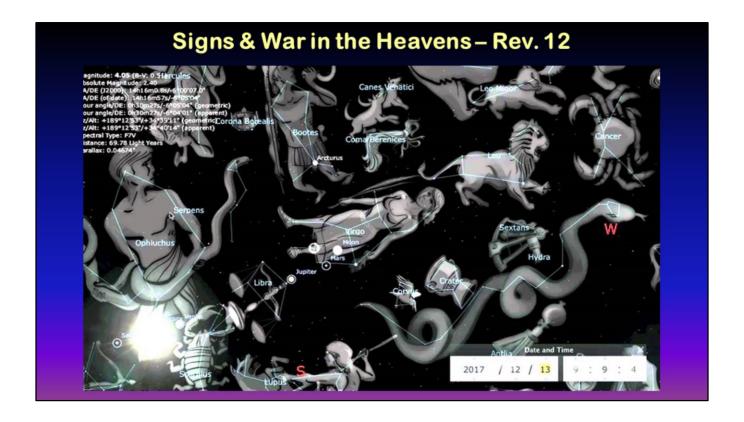
We'll talk about this in later sermons

Suffice it to say, Like I've said before, it has everything to do with how Satan chooses to "rule" over the nations or empires.

His influence target is always from Top to Bottom ... he targets the Top Leadership of Empires.

7 Specific Empires are targets and decoded in Chapter 17. When we cover Chapter 13 and 17 we'll get to more of it then.

Genesis 3:15
And I will put enmity
Between you (the serpent) and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise (crush) your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.



#### The VIRGIN gives birth to the Son who will rule all nations and the universe.

That Son, the Seed of the Woman will CRUSH the Head of the Serpent ... He is pictured as a LION (LEO) as the Last Sign Crushing the Head of the Serpent

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Again, Satan and Pagan people corrupted the original intent of God regarding the Mazzaroth

So, instead of Ophiuchus and Hercules, we should see the Messiah, the Son, the Seed of the Virgin, etc.

4. The Serpent, in Genesis 3 is Satan or the Devil. He is also depicted as a Dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns in Rev. 12. Symbolic Language about a real, created, angelic being. Satan has angels (a host, an army) ... but only 1/3 of the angels rebelled against God and follow Satan.

2/3 did not Fall. God has put the Host of the Armies of Heaven, in this case, under the Leadership of Michael (remember Daniel 10 ... in which Gabriel talks about the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece (angelic beings)?)

It was NOT some sort of Demon-Possessed Snake with Legs that could Talk in Genesis 3. It was **SATAN** himself. That is what this says right here ... also see **Rev. 20:1-3**. The Dragon, is Satan, the Serpent is Satan ... The Devil Is Satan ... Satan is the Devil

#### Revelation 12:1-17

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they (i.e. the dragon and his angels) did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the GREAT DRAGON was cast out, that SERPENT OF OLD (see Genesis 3), called the Devil and Satan, who DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

5. No matter what Satan tries to do, he is thwarted at every turn. Remember this. Even though Satan wants to attack and destroy the Woman (Israel) God will not allow him to destroy her.

Satan may look like he is winning, but he is not, overall. Also Notice that he deceives the whole world ... ref. 1 John 5:19 → "... and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one."

6. Chapter 12 shows us what was going on, behind the scenes that precipitated the Rise of the AntiChrist (which we saw in Revelation 11) in which the AntiChrist was able to defeat the Two Witnesses (Satan was cast down to earth and he has great wrath/vengeance/anger against Israel and "her offspring"...) What is going on in the Spiritual Realm, behind the scenes, plays out in the Physical Realm in which we live (see Ephesians 6:10-20; Daniel 10 & 11)

#### Revelation 12:1-17

<sup>10</sup>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 (Messiah) have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup>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."

NOTE on Verse 10 → No Longer is God going to put up with the Serpent's Lies about God's Children any longer ...

God's Children in the Great Tribulation are VICTORIOUS because the Blood of Lamb gave them Salvation (forgiveness, deliverance, etc.)

The Word of God and their Testimony of How God and His Grace Saved them (formerly sinners) ...

And they were willing to Die for their Faith (see Revelation 14:1-4; 12-13)

Who are the "rest of her (Israel's) offspring" that Satan will go after? Answer: The Fruit of the 144,000 – of all nations, tongues, tribes, and peoples.

They will be persecuted and killed for their refusal to submit to the AntiChrist see Revelation 13, and Revelation 14:1-5, 12-13 (notice the connection with the 144,000 and

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Rev. 14:12-13)

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<sup>13</sup>Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>So the SERPENT spewed water out of his mouth LIKE a FLOOD after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the FLOOD. <sup>16</sup>But THE EARTH HELPED THE WOMAN, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the DRAGON had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Verse 15 → The WATER – may be A Flood of Armies to Attack Israel ... in our understanding now ...

It would be Islamic Armies of the AntiChrist seeking to Wipe Israel off the MAP see Psalm 83

- 7. This is what led to the Mid-Point of the Great Tribulation we read about in Rev. 11.
  - → Mid-Point of the 7 years ("the week") ... (Ref. Rev. 11 → Rebuilt Temple, stop sacrifices)

Daniel9:27

Then he (the antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

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"So he (the antichrist) shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. <sup>31</sup> And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress (i.e. the Temple); then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

7. This is what led to the Mid-Point of the Great Tribulation we read about in Rev. 11. Now there is another 3.5 years (Time, Times, and Half a Time – or – 1260 days) remaining ... and Israel, from this point forward is protected? Why? According to Zechariah 12, Romans 11, and Revelation 11 – Israel Repents and has a "Come to Jesus" moment, nationally – when they see the AntiChrist's true colors when he defeats the Two Witnesses, the Two Witnesses' Resurrection and Ascension, and the Earthquake in Jerusalem. Israel, from that Point Forward has cried out to God and God will Protect them, nationally, from the AntiChrist's schemes for the next 3.5 years.

Many think that will be in Petra ... it is debatable, but God will do this.

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Satan will seek, through the AntiChrist, to destroy all those who've come to Jesus during the Tribulation (Mark of the Beast, etc.) ... A Flood ... Because of his hatred toward God and Israel.

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The BLOOD of the LAMB Cleanses, Forgives, Set's the Captives FREE Give ETERNAL LIFE ...

Their TESTIMONY is POWERFUL ... because the Give all the Glory to Christ, the Messiah of Israel

They don't care if they Die Proclaiming Christ and His Salvation Message to the LOST ...

They are so in love with Christ, this life doesn't even matter.

Is that how your Walk / Relationship is with Christ, today?

Are you Bold as a LION when it comes to Sharing the Gospel with those around you?

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<sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the VICTORY that has overcome the world—our FAITH. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Islam Denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, God the Son, God in Human Flesh ... So, Satan's AntiChrist Religion that AntiChrist will Promote Denies the very CORE of Biblical Christianity.

But Jesus WINS, and Defeats Satan and His Forces

You see, SATAN, hates this. Sinners are Saved By Grace, through FAITH in the Finished Work of Christ (crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection) allows sinners to be Forgiven and Go to Heaven forever. To have eternal Life and be Children of God. Islam Hates Biblical Christianity ... thus it is ANTI-CHRIST (Instead of Christ and Against the FAITH of Christ or Faith in Christ)

OUR TRUST ... OUR FAITH ... OUR RELIANCE UPON CHRIST → IS OUR VICTORY → BECAUSE Jesus Christ is our Hero ... we rely upon His Victory, His Power, His Triumphant Deliverance.

Is you Faith In Christ, rock solid, today? Is He Your Everything, or is He just one of many things in your life? Is He the Reason for your Life?

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For What He has done, and What He is Yet
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