



SATAN DEFEATED AND THROWN FROM HEAVEN NOW PURSUES AND PERSECUTES THE WOMAN REVELATION CHAPTER 12 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

SUMMARY OF REVELATION CHAPTER 12

Revelation chapter 12 tells of a woman that is both Messianic Israel and the Church—all the believers. This woman is “clothed with the sun”, covered perfectly with the rays of Jesus Christ, the light of the world; “with the moon under her feet”, having the moon—the symbol of Islam, as well as obsolete Jewish temple sacrifice; under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. The twelve stars are an emblem of her (the Church) being under the light and guidance of the twelve apostles and tribes. Jesus is triumphant over the false teaching of Islam.

The moon was under her feet; the New Covenant from Jesus is superior to the reflected and feeble light and false teaching of Mohammad. Having on her head a crown of twelve stars; the doctrine of the Gospel, preached by the twelve apostles and also given to the twelve tribes of Israel, is a crown of glory to all true believers.

There is a huge war in heaven. The parties were Christ, the great archangel Michael, God's faithful angels, Satan, Baal (the beast) and his demonic instruments. Yet the dragon will lose this war. The strength of the church is in having Jesus Christ for the true God of their salvation.

The woman, in particular the Jewish remnant that would become the believing Messianic Jewish Church--appearing only after 1948, was protected from the Islamic warriors by being scattered outside of Israel until 1948. *“She would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.”* is a direct fulfillment of Daniel 12:7.

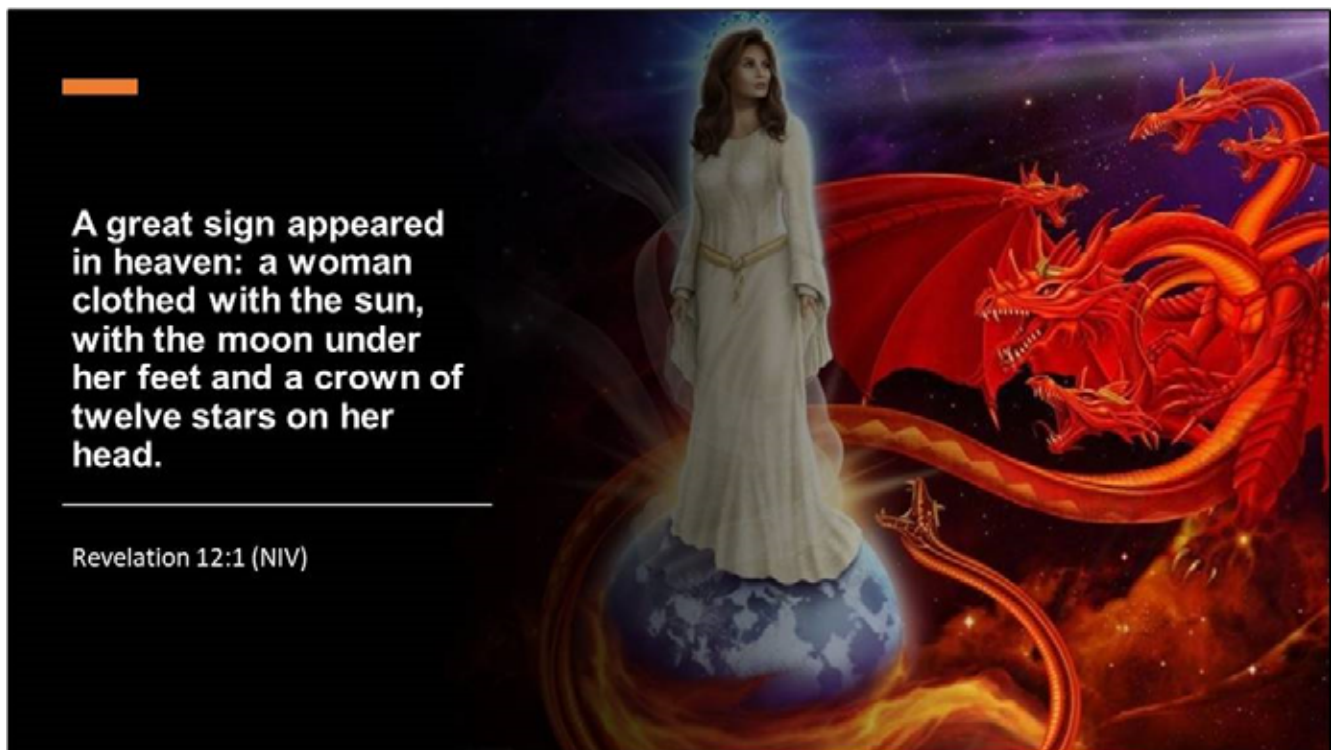
“And went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their test about Jesus.” The attempt to sweep away the Christian Gentile and Messianic Church is in vain. But Satan and Baal keep trying. The reference here is to persecutions against individuals—specifically those keeping their testimony about Jesus.

Since the time of Christ there has been a general persecution against the Church itself, and all that is here said would find an ample fulfillment in Satan's actions running from the Roman times to the times of Islam and its' false prophet Mohammad.

Rev 12:1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Some have thought the woman in Revelation 12:1 is Mary, the mother of Jesus. The male child in Revelation 12:5 certainly is Christ. Jesus is going to rule the nations as no one else. But the woman of Revelation 12 is not Mary. It is both Messianic Israel and the Church—all the believers.

She is “*clothed with the sun*”, covered perfectly with the rays of Jesus Christ, the light of the world; “*with the moon under her feet*”, superior to the moon—the universal symbol of Islam as well as obsolete Jewish temple sacrifice; and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. The twelve stars are an emblem of her (the Church) being under the light and guidance of the twelve apostles and tribes. The moon was under her feet; the New Covenant from Jesus is superior to the reflected and feebler light and false teaching of Mohammad. Having on her head a crown of twelve stars; the doctrine of the Gospel, preached by the twelve apostles and to the tribes, is a crown of glory to all true believers.



“*A crown of twelve stars on her head.*” A diadem in which there were placed twelve stars. John saw there were twelve sparkling gems in the crown which she wore. This would, of course, greatly increase the beauty of the vision; and there can be no doubt that the number twelve here is significant. If the woman is designed to symbolize the Church, then the number twelve is in reference to the twelve Apostles. If it also includes Messianic Israel, then it also refers to the twelve tribes of Israel as well.

Is the fact that she stood upon the moon, with the moon under her feet, designed to denote the superiority of the Gospel to the false Islamic teaching? Such an interpretation gives much understanding to the symbols and is consistent with most other Revelation teaching.

THE ISLAMIC MOON UNDER HER FEET--THE TRIUMPH OF JESUS OVER ISLAM

Some commentators have speculated the symbol of the moon under her feet is a triumph over the ancient Jewish lunar festivals, and obsolete temple sacrifices. Revelation is a warning about Islam. The symbol of Islam is the crescent moon. Jesus and the Church triumph over Baal and the Islamic false teaching in the Qur'an, and the woman stands in a superior position over the moon.



The universal display of the crescent moon sign on the top of every mosque is not for decoration; it is an ancient false worship to Baal. Muslims have maintained the crescent symbol from Mohammad's era until this day. Do Muslims worship the moon? Muslims would say "No", but why must they honor the crescent shape of the moon, not the full moon? Baal dwells in the Kaaba, the image of the beast.

The Allah of the Qur'an (Satan the dragon) denies Jesus is the Son of God, denies the crucifixion, and denies the resurrection of Jesus. The Qur'an's purpose is to take away the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

Islam appeared in the middle of the final seven of Daniel. The final seven is 2,520 (7 x 360) Old Testament years from 536 BC until 1948. The sacrifice taken away is the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. The "ruler to come" is Baal released from the Abyss. Baal's followers sacked Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Daniel 9:26b-27 (NIV)

The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Rev 12:2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

The Messianic Jewish remnant will come out of the 1260 days/years in the wilderness when Israel was reborn in 1948. A similar image occurs in Isaiah 26:17-18 and Isaiah 66:7-8. As Isaiah 26:17-18 indicates, the Jewish nation cannot save itself—it requires the blood of Jesus from God.

Isaiah 26:17-18 (NIV)

As a pregnant woman about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, Lord. We were with child, we writhed in labor, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the people of the world have not come to life.

Isaiah 66:6-7 (NIV)

Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

Rev 12:3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads

Here we see the beast kingdom of Satan and Baal. Satan and Baal have fought with Jesus since the first rebellion. The image here is the picture of the Islamic beast in Revelation 17, represents, as concentrated into a single hostile form, all the varying forces and successive empires managed by Baal and Satan which have opposed or oppressed the people of God. The rise of Islam is their harshest attempt to destroy the truth of the Gospel salvation from Jesus, the Son of God.



WORSHIP TO THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST-BAAL IN THE KAABA

Rev 12:4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

“Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.” Not the stars with which the woman is crowned (Revelation 12:1), but other stars. In describing the vast power of the devil, John seems to allude to the tremendous result of his rebellious conduct in heaven. In effecting the fall of other angels with himself Satan took one third of the angels with him. A power that would sweep them all away would be universal; a power that would sweep away one third only would represent a dominion of that extent only. In turn, the fallen angels take one third of souls with the false teaching of Islam. We learn more about this in the first and fourth trumpets in Revelation chapters 8-9, which give prophecy about events in the spiritual world.

Revelation 8:7 (NIV)

The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

Revelation 8:12-13 (NIV)

The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

The first trumpet explains one third of the human souls taken and destroyed by Islam with the false gospel of the Qur’an. Since the seals and trumpets occur during the tribulation since the time of Mohammad, only one third of the earth was “burned up” and taken by Islam, since believers and other non-Islamic false religions (Hindu, atheists, Buddhists, etc) are also in the world.

In the first trumpet, hail and fire mixed with blood was hurled down on the earth. In Revelation, hail represents angels. In the first trumpet, the hail is symbolic of Satanic angels thrown out of heaven down to earth. The false gospel of the Qur’an does not save anyone. The Qur’an denies Jesus is the Son of God. The Qur’an denies that Jesus was crucified.

“The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.” An important picture of what is true of Christ himself of the Church, both Jewish and Christian, and of every individual member of the Church. This is another example of the personal history of Christ being repeated in the history of his Church.

Satan, in the person of Herod, attempts to prevent the salvation of the world; through Pharaoh he tried to crush the chosen people of God, through whom the Messiah was to bless all the earth; by means of the power of Rome he labored to exterminate the infant Church of Christ; and finally in conjunction with Baal, Satan released the false teaching of Islam into the world.

SATAN INSTRUCTED MUSLIMS TO COME TO THE MOSQUE AND PRAY TO ALLAH AND THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST (THE KAABA) FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE TIME OF JESUS' DEATH

“The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.” In the second half of Revelation 12:4, the Bible tells us Satan has fought with Jesus since the moment Jesus was born. Even today, Satan instructs that prayer to him and the image of the beast (the Kaaba) occur at the time Jesus died on a Friday afternoon. Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday. Satan wants to destroy the Gospel of Jesus any way he can.

In the Qur'an (4:157) Satan denies that Jesus died for our sins. Yet Satan was integral in the betrayal, arrest, torture, and execution of Jesus. During Jesus' final meal with his disciples, Satan entered into Judas to betray Jesus.

John 13:2 (NIV)

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Luke 22:3-6 (NIV)

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.



MUSLIMS ARE REQUIRED TO PRAY TO THE DRAGON AND IMAGE OF THE BEAST EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON—AT THE SAME TIME JESUS DIED

Most Christians celebrate the risen Christ on Sunday mornings. This is because the Bible tells us Jesus arose from the dead in the morning of the first day of the week (Sunday).

Luke 24:1-7 (NIV)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

In contrast the Qur'an says Jesus was not crucified. In verse 4:157 the Qur'an denies the sacrifice of Christ. This one more way Satan fights Christ: *“The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.”*

Qur'an 4:157 And for their saying, ‘Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah.’ And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but another was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain.

WHY MUST MUSLIMS PRAY TO ALLAH AT THE TIME JESUS DIED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON?

Muslims do not observe the Sabbath. In contrast, Muslims must gather at the mosque and pray to Allah and the image of the beast (the Kaaba) on every Friday afternoon. The Bible tells us Jesus died around three in the afternoon on a Friday. Jesus gives the true grace.

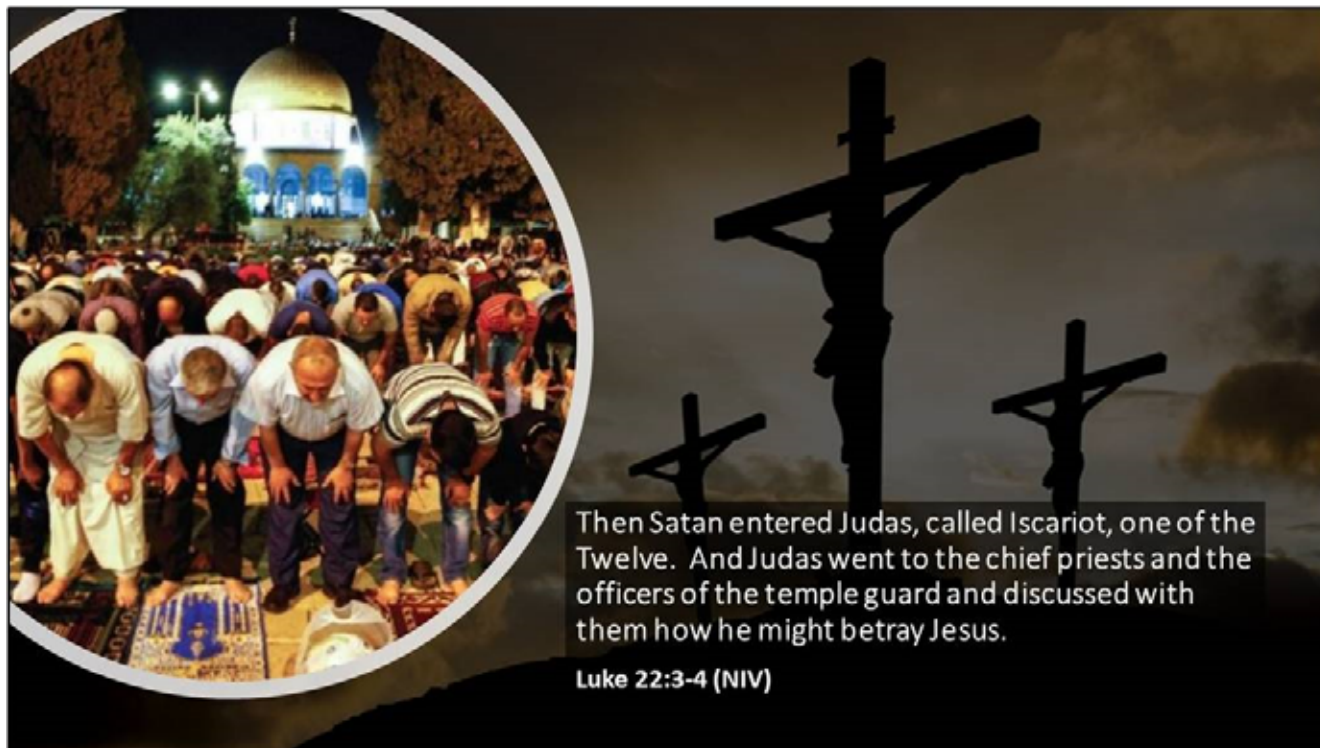
Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The Qur'an has an entire chapter (62) designed to compete with the message and timing of the crucifixion of Jesus. This is the chapter requiring Friday afternoon prayer. The Qur'an (62:9-10) demands and shows the importance of Friday afternoon as a sacred day of worship in a chapter called “Al-Jumah,” meaning the day of congregation, which is also the word for “Friday” in Arabic. Since Muslims do not observe the Sabbath, this time selection by Allah is peculiar.

Directly before the Friday afternoon prayer, worshippers listen to a lecture delivered by the Imam or another religious leader from the community. The purpose of this Friday afternoon lecture is to remind listeners about Allah. Friday afternoon prayer is one of the most strongly emphasized duties in Islam.

The false prophet Mohammad said that a Muslim man who misses three Friday afternoon prayers in a row, without a valid reason, strays from the straight path and risks becoming a “disbeliever.” The false prophet Mohammad also told his followers that “the five daily prayers, and from one Friday afternoon prayer until the next, serves as an expiation for whatever sins have been committed between them, provided one does not commit any major sin.”



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Luke 22:3-4 (NIV)

In Qur'an chapter 62 Satan claims to offer “infinite grace” and chastises the “miserable” Jews. Satan demands he be worshipped on Friday afternoon--at the same time the true grace from Jesus was given with His death on the cross.

Qur'an 62:4 Such is Allah's grace that He bestows upon whomever He wills. Allah is Possessor of Infinite Grace.

Qur'an 62:5 The example of those Jews who were given the Torah then failed to uphold it is like the donkey carrying great works of literature. Miserable indeed is the example of people who rejected Allah's revelations. Allah does not guide the wicked people.

Qur'an 62:9 O you who have believed, when the prayer is called on the day of Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew.

Qur'an 62:10 O you who have believed And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often that you may succeed.

Do not listen to Satan in the Qur'an. Listen to the true words of Jesus: *“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”* (John 3:17)

Rev 12:5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

There can be no doubt that this male child is Christ. This text is a fulfillment of Psalm 2:7-9. Jesus is the one who will feed His flock like a shepherd (Isaiah 40:12), who is to have, not His own people, but all nations as His inheritance (Psalm 2:7-9), and whose rule over them is to be absolute.

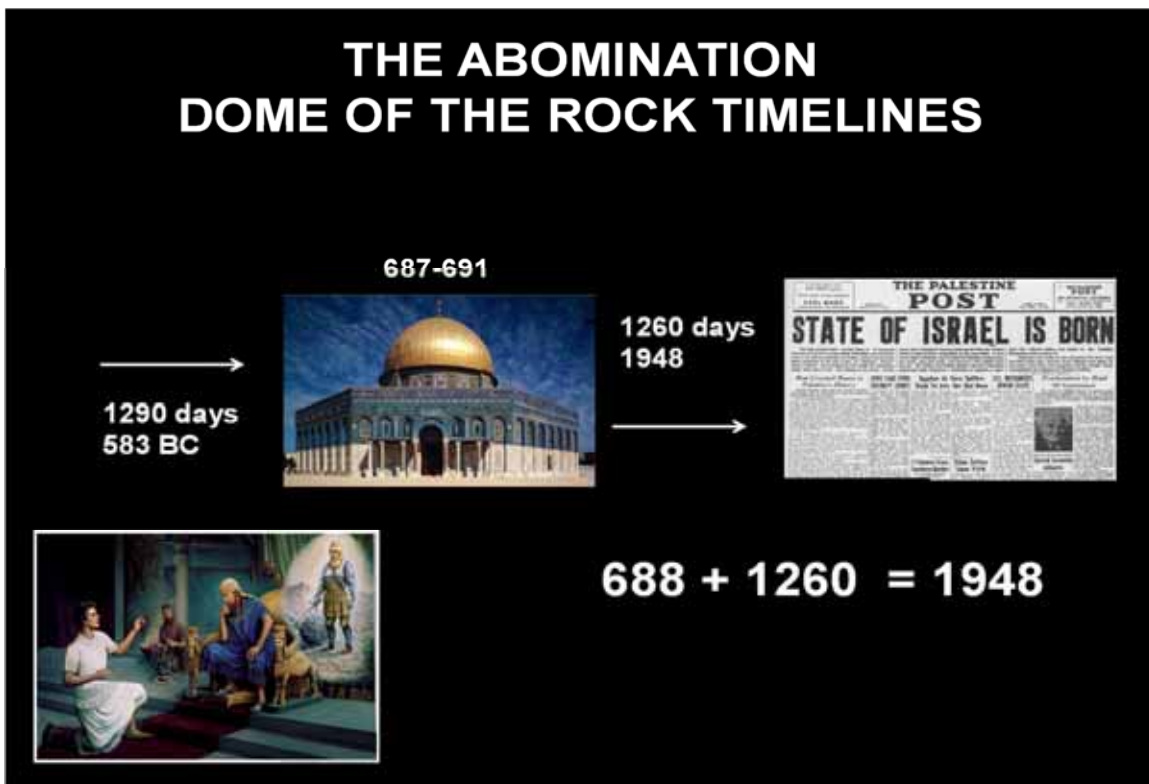
Psalm 2:7-9 (NIV)

I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Christ in the Church is what the wicked one hates, and wherever Christ dwells in any heart by faith, and wherever the preachers of the Gospel give the Good News, Satan will try to stop it.

Rev 12:6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Daniel 12:11-12 tells us it will be 1290 days/years until the abomination is set up. This time period was 583 BC until 688 AD. Revelation 11:2 tells us that the non-believing Gentiles will be given the outer court of the Temple Mount, and this sets the timeline in motion. This is the Islamic Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. It was constructed between 687 and 691 AD with a mid-point of 688/689. The Islamic writings on the Dome of the Rock blaspheme Christ by saying “God did not have a Son” and deny the Holy Spirit. Messianic Israel was in the wilderness for 1260 days/years until 1948.



Rev 12:7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

The beginning of this war was in heaven; in the church of Christ, and with humans the kingdom of heaven on earth. The parties were Christ, the great archangel Michael, God's faithful angels, Satan, Baal (the beast) and his demonic instruments. Yet the dragon will lose this war. The strength of the church is in having Jesus Christ for the true God of their salvation.

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Revelation 12:7 (NIV)



Revelation 12:7 has been regarded as more or less perplexing. How could God allow a war in heaven? Is the language literal or figurative? What unholy event set off the war? Apparently the catalyst was something even greater, or more blasphemous, than the original rebellion of Satan. Did Baal enter the temple of God and declare himself to be God? Would the dragon and beast be so bold in the direct presence of God? The Bible in the Book of Job says that Satan and other key angels had the ability to appear before God, and present themselves.

Job 1:6-7 (NIV)

One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

The conflict in heaven, though completely decided already against Satan from the time of Christ's resurrection and ascension, receives its actual completion in the execution of judgment by the angels who now cast out Satan from heaven. The dragon is the foe of Jesus, and the powers of the foe are not confined to the material and historical world. Satan and Baal are a power in the spiritual world, but they are no match for Jesus!

WHAT EVENT CAUSED A WAR IN HEAVEN? AND IN WHICH LEVEL OF HEAVEN?

A common misconception is that Satan and his demons were sent to hell after the fall of Satan and his deceptions in the Garden of Eden. It is clear from many Bible passages that Satan was not barred from heaven or the earth after his first rebellion, which apparently even predated the creation.

In Job 1:1—2:8, he appears before God to accuse Job of ulterior motives in his worship of God. In Zechariah 3:1-2, he again appears before God to accuse Joshua, the high priest. Indeed, the name Satan means the “accuser.”

Zechariah 3:1-2 (NIV)

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”

In Genesis, Satan visited the Garden of Eden and tempted Eve. He tempted Jesus in the wilderness before Jesus began His ministry, with the three incidents recorded in Matthew 4:1–11. The question arises that, if Satan had already rebelled and been cast from heaven before the world was created, why is he free to be in heaven and on earth?

In 2 Corinthians 12:2–4, the Apostle Paul provides a major revelation that there are three “heavens.” In this passage, he talks about himself being taken up to the “third heaven” where God the Father and Jesus dwell. The second heaven is the entire universe, and the first is our atmosphere or air.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (NIV)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

Paul in Ephesians 2:1-2, indicates that Satan and some of his demons are allowed to move at least in the first spiritual realm of “*kingdom of the air*.”

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

When Baal (the beast from the Abyss, the “lawless one”) was released he must have entered the spiritual temple of God, either in the first or second heaven. It seems impossible Baal could have entered all the way to the third heaven closest to the local presence of God—since nothing impure can enter there.

Satan very well understands the various levels of heaven. Satan and Baal (the dragon and beast) gave the false revelations about Jesus to the false prophet Mohammad that became the Qur'an.

In the Qur'an 65:12, Allah (really the dragon Satan) described various levels of heaven. Allah claims there are seven levels, and that Allah created them.

Qur'an 65:12

It is Allah who hath created seven heavens, and of the earth the like thereof. The commandment cometh down among them slowly, that ye may know that Allah is able to do all things, and that Allah surrounds all things in knowledge.

One of the false prophet Mohammad's signs was a miracle night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and back in one night. When the false prophet Mohammad went on the night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem Temple Mount (where the Dome of the Rock is today) Satan and Baal, "we", (Qur'an 17:1; "surroundings we have blessed, to show him of our signs") took Mohammad into one of the lower levels of heaven. Mohammad is the first rider on a white horse with a crown. (Revelation 6:1-2)



Qur'an 17:1

Exalted is He who took his servant [Mohammad] by night from al-Masjid al-Haram [Mecca] to al-Masjid al- Aqsa, [Temple Mount Jerusalem] whose surroundings we have blessed, to show him of our signs. Indeed, he is the Hearing, the seeing.

WHEN SATAN, THE BEAST AND FALSE PROPHET ENTERED THE TEMPLE OF GOD— A WAR IN HEAVEN STARTED

Satan and Baal disguised themselves as the “Angel Gabriel” to Mohammad. The Islamic Hadith give more information on Qur’an 17:1, Mohammad’s night journey into the spiritual realm.

“Gabriel then ascended with Prophet Mohammad to the heaven of the world and knocked on one of its doors. The dwellers of the heaven asked, ‘Who is it?’ He said, “Gabriel.” They said, “Who is accompanying you?” He said, “Mohammad.” They said, “Has he been called?” He said, “Yes” They said, “He is welcomed.” So the dwellers of the Heaven became pleased with his arrival, and they did not know what Allah would do to the Prophet Mohammad on earth unless Allah informed them.”

Hadith of Bukhari narrated by Anas Bin Malik.

Paul makes clear in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 that the beast, the “lawless one”, will set himself up in God’s temple. We know in the Book of Revelation every reference (15 times) to the “temple” is in the spiritual world and not a literal physical building.

The Greek word for the God dwelling temple in Revelation is “nao”, “naon”, ‘naou’, or “naos.” In the book of Revelation, “Nao” is used three times in 3:12, 7:15, and in 11:19b. “Naon” is used three times in 11:1, 15:8b, and in 21:22a. “Naou” is used five times in 14:15, 14:17, 15:6, 16:1, and in 16:17. “Naos” is used four times in 11:19a, 15:5, 15:8a, and in 21:22b.

The Greek word “nao” and derivatives are distinguished from the Greek “hieron,” meaning a non-holy (non-God dwelling) temple. The Greek word for the physical temple structure is hieron. The Greek word for the spiritual temple is nao. The Greek word “nao” for temple can mean the physical building in Jerusalem, but only of the sacred edifice (or sanctuary) itself, consisting of the Holy place and the Holy of holies. Otherwise it means the sanctuary of God in the spiritual, heavenly realm. The best way to understand “nao” is to visualize an area where the true God dwells.

The Greek word in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 for temple is also “naon”, not “hieron”. Thus the lawless one went into the actual spiritual dwelling of God. This would start a war in heaven!

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple [“naon”], proclaiming himself to be God.

Thus the image Paul gives may at first seem to be drawn from the physical Jewish temple, but in reality it is clear Paul did not expect the “lawless one” to in fact to take his seat in the Mercy Seat in Jerusalem. The impact is more on the church being a temple (1 Corinthians 3:17).

THE “LAWLESS ONE” WAS HELD BACK AT THE TIME OF PAUL

Paul tells us the “lawless one” was in existence at the time of his ministry, but something powerful was restraining it. Baal was sent into Sheol at the time Babylon fell. (Isaiah 14:15; *“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.”*)

When the lawless one was revealed to Mohammad, they will *“believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth”*, i.e., the Qur’an’s false gospel of Jesus only being a messenger, no atoning sacrifice, no crucifixion and no resurrection.

2 Thessalonians 2:5-12 (NIV)

Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Isaiah 14 describes the destruction of Babylon. At the first in verses 1-13, the destruction of the human king is described, (*“On the day the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon”*) but then the dialog changes to the demonic prince of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:12-17 (NASB)

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?’

As God was in the temple of old, and worshipped there, and is in and with his church now; so the “lawless one”, Baal, is a usurper of God’s authority and takes billions of souls away from the Christian church.

Jesus tells us the dragon (Satan) will give his authority and throne to the beast after it later re-emerges later from the Abyss, or Sheol (Revelation 13:2 "*The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.*")



THE THRONE OF BAAL IN THE KAABA

The prophet Habakkuk in chapter two warns us about the future demonic prince of Babylon "*the proud one, his soul is not right within him*" and "*He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples.*" This demonic prince is Baal dwelling in the Kaaba today.

Habakkuk 2:4-5 (NASB)

Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith. Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man, so that he does not stay at home. He enlarges his appetite like Sheol, and he is like death, never satisfied. He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples.

The Bible tells us the beast is from the "Abyss." Another Biblical name for the Abyss is "Sheol." Sheol is where angels and souls lie before judgment day. The beast of Revelation is not a human. It is not a man. It is a demonic prince. It is a specific demonic prince. It is connected to, but is not itself Satan. To understand the beast of Revelation we must look to Scripture. The beast of Revelation and Satan are opposed to Christ and the Gospel truth. Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 6 that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but rather "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Rev 12:8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Satan and his angels were completely removed from all levels of heaven after the war. Satan was no longer allowed to pursue his designs in heaven (at any level), but was cast down to the earth, where he (and the beast Baal) are permitted for a time to carry on his warfare against the church.

EARLIER JESUS SAID; “I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTENING FROM HEAVEN”

In Luke 10:17-20 Jesus comments on seeing Satan fall from heaven. Was Jesus talking about the original fall of Satan at the creation, a current event, or a later event—the one in Revelation 12:8-9?

Luke 10:17-20 (NIV)

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

This may seem confusing. According to Revelation 12:7, Satan still dwells in heaven, while according to Luke 10:18 he has already fallen from heaven like lightning; and according to Ephesians 2:2, the power of the prince of darkness prevails in the air, yet according to 2 Peter 2:4 God has cast the fallen angels into the abyss, and delivered them in chains of darkness for judgment, and in Jude 1:6; *“they are kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.”* The answer is all are true. The demons were bound and then released from the Abyss.

Jude 1:6 (NIV)

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

In Luke there may be a reference to the belief then beginning to be current among the Jews as to the fall of Satan after his creation; but the primary meaning of our Lord's words is that Satan was now dethroned from his usurped dominion in the “high places” which meant the spiritual region of the soul and mind of man. The imagery reappears in a final battle in Revelation 12:9.

The report in Luke was no news to Jesus. While they were working Jesus saw Satan falling. Jesus is eternal and existed as the eternal Son of God before his incarnation. Jesus was present, and saw Satan and his angels fall from the highest (third) heaven, from their first estate, their habitation of bliss and glory, down to ever lower levels, upon their sin and rebellion, as violently, swiftly, and suddenly, as the lightning falls from heaven to earth. When Jesus sent out these his disciples, as soon as they began their work, and all along in it, he, by his divine omniscience, saw the powers of darkness falling before their ministry and miracles.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Rev 12:11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

John undoubtedly heard this voice as in the third heaven, but it is not only expressive of the joy and satisfaction which the glorious angels and glorified saints had, upon their knowledge of what was done upon the earth, but prophetic of the great joy which should be over all the church.

Satan does not cease to accuse, though he may not do so with effect, since he may be overcome by the "blood of the Lamb." The heavenly beings are henceforth beyond his reach. He can yet accuse men - our brethren - says St. John; but even here his power is limited by the victory of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Contrary to much popular teaching, continuing under the cleansing of the blood of the Lamb requires a response on our part. If we walk in the Light of God's perfect will, if we steadfastly maintain our confidence in Christ to the end of our discipleship, if we do not shrink back, if we obey the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, then and only then do we remain without condemnation; then and only then is the righteousness of the Law of Moses ascribed to us; then and only then do we remain under the cleansing of the blood of the Lamb.

Satan cannot prevail against the perfect righteousness of the blood of the Lamb. In order to overcome us he must deceive us so we are not obeying the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, so we are living according to our sinful nature. In this manner Satan brings us out from under the blood of the cross. Then he can prevail against us.

If there is one major error in today's Christian teaching it is that the blood continues to cleanse us even though we are not following the Spirit of God. Evidently we do not realize God will not permit any creature to live without law. Either we choose to walk each day in the Spirit of God or else we default to the Law of Moses. There is no middle ground.

The second way by which we overcome the accuser is with the word of our testimony. We will be discussing the word of our testimony in a moment since it is the major topic of the present essay.

The third way of overcoming the accuser is by loving not our life to the death. This means we have chosen to enter the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to rise with Him to walk in newness of life. We are living no longer but Christ is living in us.

Rev 12:13 When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

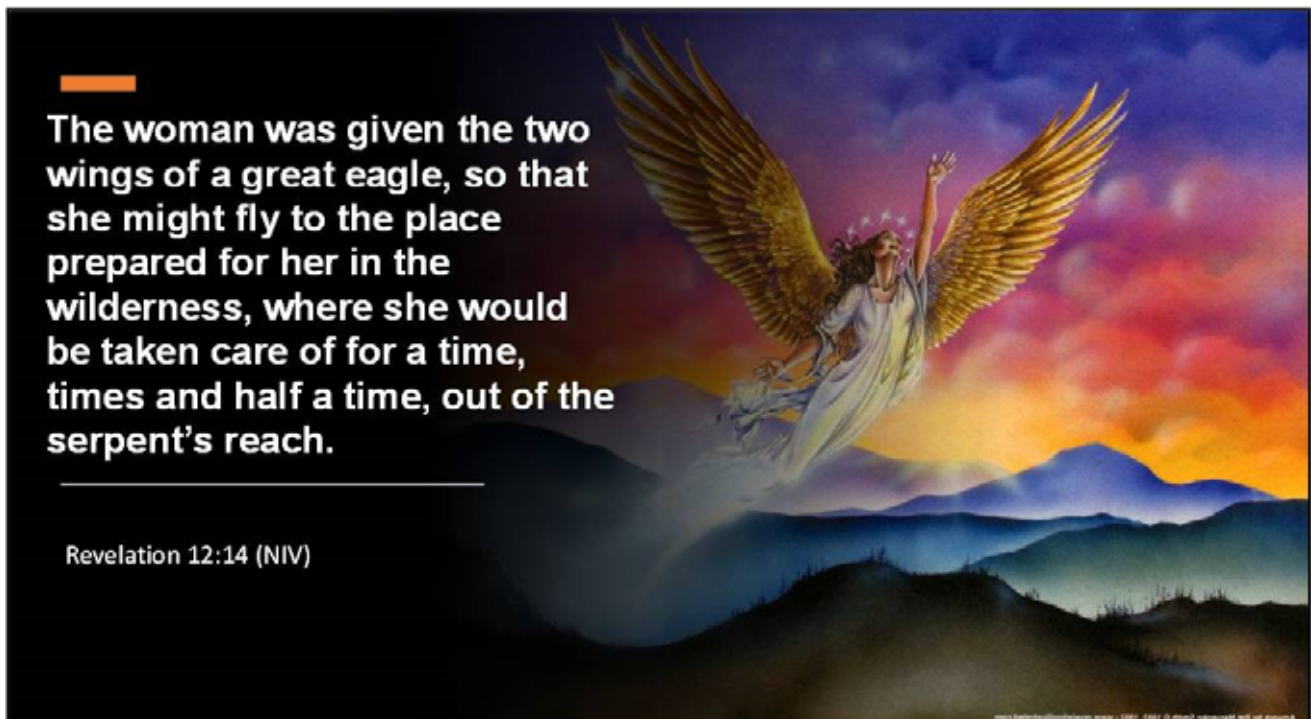
Satan, defeated in his attempts against God in heaven, and foiled in his attack upon the male child - Christ Jesus (Revelation 12:5), now directs his efforts against the woman - the Church, both Messianic Jewish and Gentiles.

Rev 12:14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

The woman, in particular the Jewish remnant that would become the believing Messianic Jewish Church--appearing only after 1948, was protected from the Islamic warriors by being scattered outside of Israel until 1948. "*She would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.*" is a direct fulfillment of Daniel 12:7.

Daniel 12:7 (NIV)

The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."



Daniel's final seven (Daniel chapter 9) is a source of much controversy. It is a unique seven called "shavua", which is a Jubilee (shavua) year of 360 Sabbaths. Thus, the full seven is 360 x 7, or 2,520 Old Testament years. The phrase "*time, times and half a time*", is the second half of the time period. The midpoint is 706, the year the al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount wing was completed.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED DURING THE 70TH SEVEN

Israel was punished for exactly 2,484 modern years (2,520 Old Testament 360 day years) from 536 BC until 1948 AD. During this time they were continuously occupied, under many different foreign powers, and subject to war after war, and atrocity after atrocity. They would suffer many killed in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, and later during World War II two thirds (67%) were killed in the land controlled by Adolph Hitler. (This also fulfills Zechariah 13:8 "In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.")

The Jews did not come out of the "wilderness" until 1948 with the rebirth of Israel. "The Covenant with Many" Israel Had 2,484 Years of Occupation 536 BC to 1948 AD

Date	Israel's Many Occupations and Wars
536 BC	Decree of Cyrus to Return to Israel from Babylon
536 BC to 331 BC	Persian Rule
331 BC to 146 BC	Seleucid Greek Rule
145 BC to 65 BC	Hasmonean Dynasty
64 BC to 390 AD	Roman Rule
390 AD to 634 AD	Byzantine Rule
634 AD to 1099 AD	Islamic Caliphate Rule
1099 AD to 1291 AD	Crusader Rule
1291 AD to 1517 AD	Mamluk Islamic Rule
1515 AD to 1920 AD	Ottoman Islamic Rule
1920 AD to 1948 AD	British Mandate of Palestine Rule

May 14, 1948 Israel Restored

The 2,520 Old Testament years/days (360 days) calculation is perfect for a whole number prophecy. The historical time period was 2,484 modern (365.24 days) years, while the prophecy calculation is 2,483.85. The "error" is a miniscule 0.006%. There is no whole number that can be more accurate than what God gave us. Any other whole number gives a greater error.

This time period stretches from the first day of return from the Babylonian exile with the decree of Cyrus of Persia in 536 BC, to when Israel was reborn in 1948. Exactly in the midpoint of this is the year 706 with the abomination on the wing of the Temple Mount with the Islamic Al-Aqsa Mosque.



Rev 12:15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.

“Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.” The believers of Jesus were scattered out of the Middle East and should have been in a place of safety, as well as where one might be alone. But Satan would not give up chasing the believers in Jesus.

The swarms of locusts, the Saracens (Muslims), which infested, teased, and tormented the "eastern" empire; and after them the Turks, the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates, were let loose, and like a mighty torrent overflowed, and utterly destroyed it; and all this was done at the instigation of Satan, he being filled with wrath, because the empire was become Christian, and his view was to destroy the church in it: for this flood was cast

The flood of water is explained to mean the invasions of the Islamic caliphate, by which the Christendom was overwhelmed; for the heathen encouraged their attacks, in the hope of destroying Christianity. The devil, defeated in his designs upon the church, turns his rage against persons and places. Being faithful to God and Christ, in doctrine, worship, and practice, exposes to the rage of Satan; and will do so till the last enemy shall be destroyed.



The flood is typical of every form of destruction with which the devil seeks to overwhelm the Church of God. At the period of the writing of the Apocalypse, it plainly symbolized the bitter persecutions to which Christians were subjected; but its meaning need not be limited to this one form of destruction. Thus all those writers are correct, so far as they go, who interpret the flood of the Mohammedan power, of heresy, of the Gothic invasion, etc.

Rev 12:16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

“But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.” Christian earthly power protected the Church and the future Jewish elect—the Messianic Jews, against persecution in the Islamic tribulation. Just as Persia was raised up to aid Israel after they had been swept away by the flood of Babylonian conquest, so does help come to the persecuted Church through Charles Martel and with the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II.



But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:16 (NIV)

THE ISLAMIC CONQUEST OF EUROPE WAS STOPPED BY CHARLES MARTEL

The new religion founded by Mohammad and his Fortress God “Allah” seemed to be unstoppable. The second caliph after Mohammad and Abu Bakr, was Umar. Umar fulfilled much Bible prophecy in both Daniel and Revelation. Umar is the rider on the black horse in Revelation 6:5-6, Umar is the “little horn” of Daniel 7:8, and Umar is “the king will do as he pleases” of Daniel 11:36-45.

Daniel 11:36-39 (NIV)

The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his ancestors he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.

Islam wiped out most of Christianity in the Middle East between 610 and 685 AD. The Islamic conquest of Europe was stopped in 732 AD at the Battle of Tours. The Battle of Tours followed two decades of Umayyad caliphate (The Umayyad caliphate had authority over one quarter of the world's population, Revelation 6:8b "*They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*") conquests in Europe which had begun with the invasion of the Christian kingdoms of the Iberian Peninsula in 711 AD.

The army of Charles Martel numbered about 20,000 and defeated an Islamic invading army of 50,000 to 80,000 troops. It is not an exaggeration to claim that Charles Martel had saved Christianity, as most historians agree that the Battle of Tours was unquestionably decisive in world history.

THE DEFEAT OF NAZI GERMANY IN WORLD WAR II STOPPED SATAN'S PLAN AL-HUSSEINI WAS KNOWN AS THE ISLAMIC GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM



Adolph Hitler Meets with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to plot the elimination of all Jews

In a famous meeting with Adolf Hitler in November 1941, al-Husseini, the Islamic leader and Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, was regarded by the Nazis as their key Arab ally, a leader who could be installed as a collaborationist head-of-state in Palestine in the event that the German army triumphed in the Middle Eastern theater. The Germans would eliminate all Jews in Europe, and the Grand Mufti would help eliminate all Jews in the Middle East. If the United States lost the war, all Jews in America would be handed over to the victorious Nazis.

In February 1941, al-Husseini submitted to the Nazi German Government a draft declaration of German-Arab cooperation, containing a clause: "*Germany and Italy recognize the right of the Arab countries to solve the question of the Jewish elements, which exist in Palestine and in the other Arab countries, as required by the national and ethnic interests of the Arabs, and as the Jewish question was solved in Germany and Italy.*"

“TWO THIRDS WILL BE STRUCK DOWN AND PERISH”

During World War II, the Nazis murdered two thirds (about 6 million) of all Jews under their control. They would have killed more if the days of the war were not shortened with the Allied victory. The killing of the Jews ended in 1945, shortly before Israel was reborn in 1948. The year 1948 marked the fulfillment of many prophecies and timeline dates. The year 1948 marks the end of Daniel's last seven. No genocide in world history had been based so completely on myths, on hallucinations, on abstract, non-pragmatic ideology—which was then executed by very rational, pragmatic means. Zechariah 13 tells us two thirds will be killed. Nothing like this ever occurred before or since.

Zechariah 13:8-9 (NIV)

In the whole land,” declares the Lord, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

Country	Pre-Final Solution Jewish Population	Jewish Population Killed in Final Solution	Percent Killed
Poland	3,300,000	3,000,000	91%
Baltic Countries	253,000	228,000	90%
Germany/Austria	240,000	210,000	88%
Protectorate	90,000	80,000	89%
Slovakia	90,000	75,000	83%
Greece	70,000	54,000	77%
The Netherlands	140,000	105,000	75%
Hungary	650,000	450,000	69%
White Russia	375,000	245,000	65%
Ukraine (est)	1,500,000	900,000	60%
Belgium	65,000	40,000	62%
Yugoslavia	43,000	26,000	60%
Romania	600,000	300,000	50%
Norway	1,800	900	50%
France	350,000	90,000	26%
Bulgaria	64,000	14,000	22%
Italy	40,000	8,000	20%
Luxembourg	5,000	1,000	20%
Russia (est)	975,000	107,000	11%
Denmark	8,000	--	n/a
Finland	2,000	--	n/a
Total	8,861,800	5,933,900	67%

Source : <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/killedtable.html>

If Adolph Hitler had more time, he would have killed every Jew living in the Muslim lands. Had the United States lost World War II, all Jews would have been killed in America. But because the United States entered the war and won these things did not come to pass. God shortened those days. every face turned deathly pale?

“EVERY FACE TURNED DEATHLY PALE”



DEATHLY PALE JEWISH SURVIVORS OF WW II HOLOCAUST CAMPS 1945

Jeremiah 30:3-10 (NIV)

The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,’ says the Lord.” These are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: “This is what the Lord says: “Cries of fear are heard—terror, not peace.

Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

‘In that day,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will break the yoke off their necks and will tear off their bonds; no longer will foreigners enslave them. Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. ‘So do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel, ’declares the Lord. ‘I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.

Rev 12:17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

“And went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their test about Jesus.” The attempt to sweep away the Christian Gentile and Messianic Church is in vain. But Satan and Baal keep trying. The reference here is to persecutions against individuals—specifically those keeping their testimony about Jesus.

Since the time of Christ there has been a general persecution against the Church itself, and all that is here said would find an ample fulfillment in Satan’s actions running from the Roman times to the times of Islam and its’ false prophet Mohammad.



The Church, in her beauty and unity, including Messianic Israel, with the whole forming one perfect Church, is now manifested, and awaits the Son of God at Christ's second coming. All members of the Church of God are referred to as brethren of Christ--as in Hebrews 2:11.

Hebrews 2:10-11 (NIV)

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.