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REVELATION CHAPTER 12

Last week as we finished up in the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation we talked about several interesting things and we made note of the fact that those who would put their hands to building a third temple would indeed be “*antichrist*”.

Nowhere in the Scripture are we commanded to build a third temple. Those who understand the whole of Scripture from the beginning of the book from page one of the book of Genesis to the end of the book in Revelation chapter 22, should already be keenly aware of the fact that Yah does not command anyone anywhere in the Scripture to build a third temple.

Those who will put their hands to building this third temple will indeed be antichrist. They will be those who do not believe in the Messiah. And I think that it’s very important for us to understand this concept especially when we hear all of this rhetoric about a third temple being built in Jerusalem. It will be built by those who are “anti-Christ”, or “anti-Messiah” who do not believe in Yahshua Hamashiach.

We also spoke about the fact that the Roman Catholic Vatican selfishly, and wrongly I might add... claims to own many of the holy sites in Israel. And if you were with us over the last few weeks, we showed you news articles and videos of the Roman Catholic Church going into the tomb of David and throwing out the Jews so that they could enter in to perform their favorite pagan ritual.

The only reason that the Vatican could possibly be involved in the reconstruction of a third temple would be to set herself up as “*God on earth*” in front of everyone on earth. And I think that it’s important to contemplate these things as we move forward. There is no other power, or religion on the face of the earth that has all of the presidents, and the Queens, and Kings of the earth running to them every year. It’s only the Vatican that is visited by the Kings, and Queens and presidents, of the earth habitually every year.

We also spoke a little bit about the dead bone’s prophecy found in Ezekiel chapter 37 where Yah brings the house of Israel back to life and brings Israel back into the land of Israel. It is within this very prophecy that our Father tells us that he will bind the stick of Judah together with the stick Ephraim, which were the 12 tribes of Israel that had split because of a Civil War between the two houses.

When Yah breathes life back into the two witnesses after they have been murdered in Jerusalem

and have been left to lay in the streets for three days while people rejoice over their dead bodies, according to Revelation chapter 11 verse 13, it was at that hour that there was a great earthquake and a the 10th of the city fell and 7000 people were killed in the earthquake. We're also told that the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

This was known as the second woe but yet a third one was yet to come. At the end of Revelation chapter 11 verse 15 we once again heard the seventh Angel blow his trumpet and there were loud voices in heaven saying *"the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he shall reign forever and ever."*

At this point in time God's temple in heaven was opened and the Ark of his covenant was seen within his temple and there were of course flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and an earthquake, and heavy hail which leads us into Revelation chapter 12. But before we get into Revelation chapter 12, I want us to understand the symbology of the Ark of the covenant being seen within the temple of Yah.

This Ark of the covenant that is seen within the temple of Yah once again establishes that none of the covenants from the beginning of Genesis to this very day have been abolished, done away with, or overwritten. Each one of the covenants that our Father has given us from the book of Genesis to today builds upon the other. If you remove one of the covenants, you destroy all of the covenants. And as we progress through Revelation chapter 12, and the rest of the book of Revelation, this is going to become more evident as we progress.

With that being said, let's go ahead and read through Revelation chapter 12 so that we can know exactly what it says and what it does not say. **Revelation chapter 12: E1:**

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

Rev 12:2 *She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.*

Rev 12:3 *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.*

Rev 12:4 *His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.*

Rev 12:5 *She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,*

Rev 12:6 *and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.*

Rev 12:7 *Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,*

Rev 12:8 *but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.*

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Rev 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rev 12:12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Rev 12:14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Rev 12:15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

Rev 12:16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

Rev 12:17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

One of the first things that we notice here is that a great sign appeared in heaven. What was this great sign? This great sign was a woman who was clothed with the sun, with the moon under feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars.

This woman that we see (that was this great sign that appeared in heaven)... Is the house of Israel. The house of Israel has always been known as the bride of our Father in heaven.

Consider **Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 and 32: E2**

Jer 31:31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

Jer 31:32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

And of course, there are many, many other places in the Scripture where we hear of the house of Israel being called a woman. In the New Testament we are told that husbands are to love their

wives as the Messiah loved the assembly. Once again, the assembly (which some wrongly call the church) is the house of Israel and those who have been grafted into the house of Israel according to Romans chapter 11.

In order to better understand the idea of the sun and the moon and these 12 stars that this woman has for a crown... we need to turn to **Genesis chapter 37 versus five through 11: E3**

Gen 37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.

Gen 37:6 He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed:

Gen 37:7 Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."

Gen 37:8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Gen 37:9 Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Gen 37:10 But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"

Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Clearly... as soon as Joseph told his brothers and his father about the dream that he had... they understood the sun to be his father... the moon to be his mother... and the 11 stars to be his 11 brothers. Why are there only 11 stars? Because Joseph himself was the 12th star. And so, if we allow the Scripture to define the Scripture itself... then we should be able to decipher the sun the moon and the stars that were symbolically surrounding this woman that is a sign in heaven. Essentially the 12 stars represent the 12 tribes of Israel. And the woman herself is indeed the house of Israel.

As we can see, this woman was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. There should be no doubt in our minds who it was that she was giving birth to. Our Messiah was a Jew who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah. It was out of the 12 tribes of Israel that our Messiah came. Therefore, our Messiah is the child that the woman is having. And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment.

Many will try to teach and preach that the woman is Mary the mother of our Messiah. In fact, if you go to visit the Vatican, you'll see paintings all over the place of Mary standing on the moon. And you can find these kinds of depictions even on the Internet today in our time. Once again,

they have stolen the authority from our Messiah and given it to his mother. And this is who they call the Queen of heaven which is once again not found anywhere in any of the 66 books of your Bible in either the Old Testament or the New Testament. However... it is found all over the religions of paganism. It should be clear to us that the woman represents the house of Israel and not just Mary the mother of our Messiah alone. Consider **Isaiah chapter 54 verses five through seven: E4:**

Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

Isa 54:6 For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

Isa 54:7 For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

And I want us to think about this for just a moment. In Revelation chapter 12 verses three and four, we're told that a great red dragon with seven heads and 10 horns on his head and seven crowns upon his head swept down a third of the stars of heaven with his tail, and that the Dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

My friends the devil has continuously been trying to wipe out the seed of the woman that Yah told him was going to crush his head back in **Genesis chapter 3 verse 15: E4**

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

This is exactly why the devil has many times tried to stop this particular seed of the woman from being born. Think about it for just a moment. What happened when Moses was born? Once again, through the powers of government the devil killed all the male children.

Take David for example... David's wife Athaliah kills all the descendants of David except for Joash. And then of course we come to our Messiah Yeshua (also known as Jesus in the Greek). Once again through the powers of government the devil through King Herod kills all the firstborn children in order to stop the seed of the woman from coming. And it's important for us to realize that the power behind pagan Rome... is the devil. The words devil, serpent, and Dragon, all point to the devil himself. And just like the devil had caused all of the children of the house of Israel to be murdered during the birth of Moses... the devil is now causing the children of Israel to be murdered again during the birth of our Messiah through the power pagan Rome.

And so once again, if we let the Scripture define the Scripture, we should be able to understand these things and what these symbology's mean. What we need to understand is that the devil

always uses the power of governments over God's people. If we read Ezekiel chapter 28, we see the devil in Scripture in the form of the king of Tyre. If we read Isaiah chapter 14, we see the devil in the form of the King of Babylon. And so, this woman, child, and serpent story has been retold several times within the confines of our Scripture. The woman is the house of Israel. The child is our Messiah. The Dragon is the devil himself.

As we move farther down Revelation chapter 12, we're told that this woman gave birth to a male child who is to rule the nations with the Rod of iron. I think it should be pretty clear to all of us who that is. Once again, this is a symbolic depiction of our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach. The devil thought that by killing our Messiah on the cross that day he had stopped the seed from coming to crush his head. Little did he know... that by killing our Messiah upon the cross, he had inadvertently shortened his own lifespan. Once again, we see in Revelation chapter 12 verse five, that the child was caught up to God and to his throne. And this is exactly what happened after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah who now sits at the right hand of the Father.

Getting back to the red dragon with the seven heads, and 10 horns and the seven crowns who swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to earth with his tail... it's important to understand that stars are often times equated with Angels. In order to try and understand the tail of the Dragon sweeping down a third of the stars I'd like us to visit **Daniel chapter 8 verses eight through 10 E5:**

Dan 8:8 Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

Dan 8:9 Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land.

Dan 8:10 It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them.

And so, what we're seeing here with this prophecy of Satan removing stars and sweeping them down to the earth is Satan deceiving a third of the Angel to follow him. These are indeed fallen Angels and according to Daniel this is going to happen again in a different context and in a different setting in the future, which is exactly the symbology that we're seeing here in Revelation chapter 12.

And so, once again, we can find examples of these symbology's that we find in the book of Revelation if we read the first half of the book which is something that today's modern-day churches completely frown upon and discourage their congregants from doing because they wrongly teach that the whole first half of the book has been done away with.

And I once again want us to understand why it is that the book of Revelation is so masked in symbology and in parables. Consider what our Messiah told the apostles in his own red-letter

words in **Luke chapter 8 verse 10: E6:**

Luk 8:10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

Many of the end time prophecies that we have were given while the prophets were in a foreign land that was hostile to the house of Israel. Both Daniel, and Ezekiel wrote what they wrote while in exile in Babylon during the sixth century BC. And once again these prophecies were cloaked so that only those who truly worship him would be able to recognize the symbols in order to protect the divine message from those who had no right to understand them. And this is why Kings like Nebuchadnezzar, and Belshazzar had to call a worshiper of God like Daniel to make any sense of the dreams that they were having or the messages that they were being given.

In order to properly understand what we're seeing here in the book of Revelation we have to go to the place that today's modern-day version of Christianity has blackballed as dead Scripture. And so once again, it will only be those who truly love him and are seeking him out that are going to be able to understand what these things mean and how to navigate what is to come.

Moving back into Revelation chapter 12, we still have the seven heads, and 10 horns, and the seven crowns to deal with. What do we make of all of this? Where in the Old Testament prophecies do we find a beast with seven heads and 10 horns? Technically speaking... we don't. But... we do find these attributes in **Daniel chapter 7 versus one through seven: E7:**

Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter.

Dan 7:2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

Dan 7:5 And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

Dan 7:6 After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Now, none of these beasts in Daniel chapter 7 versus one through seven exactly matches this Dragon that we see in Revelation chapter 12 with seven heads, and 10 horns however... If you put all of the beasts here in Daniel chapter 7 together... you will find that between the four of them... they have seven heads and 10 horns just like the Dragon in Revelation chapter 12. And I believe that the reason that the Dragon in Revelation chapter 12 is depicted as a combination of these four beasts... is because the Dragon... the devil... is the one who controls all four of these beasts. It is the devil himself who has given them their crowns of authority here on this earth.

And we're going to get much deeper into what these four beasts represent as we move forward into our study into the book of Revelation, but for now, I want us to clearly see the overall picture of the vision that John is seeing here in Revelation chapter 12.

As we move through the book of Revelation, we're going to see a very special beast that is described as a beast rising out of the sea. And this beast is going to have 10 horns and seven heads and 10 crowns on its horns and blasphemous names on its head. We're going to see this beast introduced in chapter 13 and again in chapter 17 except it's ridden by a woman. And there is no doubt in my mind that this indeed is Roman power. And we'll talk more about why that is as we continue on through our study next week, but for now I want to stay the course here in chapter 12 because it's important to understand this before we understand that.

What we're seeing here with a third of the Angels being swept down to the earth I believe is a vision of something that has happened in the past, but is also something that is going to reoccur in the future. The past event was when Satan was hurled out of heaven and sent to earth and there were some number of Angels that followed with him. This would have been back in the time of Adam and Eve and we see some evidence of this in Genesis chapter 6. We can also see more evidence of this in the New Testament in the book of Jude. But this goes directly in line with this war in heaven that we see in Revelation chapter 12 verse seven.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, I want to return to Revelation chapter 12 verse five where we are told that the woman gave birth to a male child who would rule all nations with the Rod of iron. This comes directly from **Psalms chapter 2 verses seven through nine:**
E8:

Psa 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psa 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

And if we return to Revelation chapter 12 verse six, we're told that the woman fled into the wilderness where she has a place prepared by God in which she is to be nourished for 1260 days. What's important to understand is that because our Messiah was caught up to God and to

his throne... the only thing that the devil can do is to attack the woman. Once again, the woman is not Mary exclusively. The woman represents those who have faith and believe in the Messiah and are either part of the original house of Israel... or those who have been grafted into the house of Israel through faith in their very Jewish Messiah who came from the house of David and the loins of David, and the tribe of Judah.

And so, the whole idea of this woman being Mary exclusively goes up in smoke right here when we're told in Revelation chapter 12 verse 13, that when the Dragon saw that he had been thrown down to earth he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. In verse 17 we were told that the Dragon became furious with women and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua. Who are the rest of the offspring of the house of Israel? Those who have been grafted in through faith. **Romans chapter 9 verses six through eight: E9:**

Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

Rom 9:7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

Rom 9:8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

And so, because the house of Israel had been expanded because the child was caught up to God to his throne... the devil went to make war with the rest of the offspring of the woman.

Galatians 3: 27 through 29: (scrn 1)

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



Again, just as we've seen through Old Testament Scripture, the house of Israel has always been known as a woman just as the assembly or the body is often times referred to as a woman.

Now, in Revelation chapter 12 verse seven, this is where this war rises in heaven and Michael and his Angels fight against the Dragon, and the dragon and his Angels fought back and wound up being thrown down to the earth, and we're told very clearly who Dragon is here in

Revelation chapter 12 verse nine: E1

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And of course, we're told in verse 12, that the heavens rejoice but it says woe to you oh earth and sea for the devil has come down to you in great wrath because he knows that his time is short. And in verse 13 we see that the Dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth and he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

If we know anything about Christian history, we know that shortly after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah Christianity essentially became outlawed and the assembly was forced to go underground. The assemblies were persecuted, they had to build catacombs to hide in, they had to go underground and things really got bad for our brothers and sisters who were alive back in that time. And this continued on until we hear of a man by the name of Constantine, who comes into the picture who was a devout pagan until as the story goes... he had a conversion at the battle of Milvin Bridge to Christianity (even though many historians doubt that conversion because he wasn't even baptized until he was on his deathbed) but that's another story.

In a nutshell, Constantine turns Christianity into a state religion governed by the Roman government. And then about 538AD this very dubious version of Christianity was given an Army and at that point in time their version of Christianity was enforced by this new state-run version of Christianity.

At that point in time Rome was extremely pagan with literally hundreds of pagan gods within its borders. Every time Rome would take over new territory, they would allow the people to continue to worship whatever god it was that they were worshipping, and so, all of these different nations, and cities, and towns that Rome took over became part of Roman culture which was always pagan.

When Christianity became a state-run institution... Constantine knew, that if he wanted to bring people together under one religion, he was going to have to give a little to get a little. And so, what happens is that this newfound state-run Roman church begins integrating paganism, and the worship of other pagan gods, and combing pagans, and pagan practices, and pagan

traditions, within its newfound version of Christianity. And by doing this Constantine was able to bring people together under a brand-new false religion that he had created for himself which was the perfect concoction for the devil who wanted to create for himself a false church.

Once the devil realized that he could not kill all the woman's offspring, he simply devised a plan to create his own harlot church that would teach and preach against the law of God, and his laws, and his precepts, and his appointments, and his sabbaths. And thereby leading them away from the truth of God's word, he knew that he would be able to truly kill them both physically and spiritually.

And so, it was through compromise that the Dragon essentially built a false harlot church mixed with truth and just enough lie to kill both you and your children, and your children's children with this newfound concoction of both truth and lie mixed in a Golden cup of abominations.

Getting back to Revelation chapter 12 verse 14, we're told that the woman was given two wings of a great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness to the place where she is to be nourished for a time in the time and half a time. Let's turn to **Exodus chapter 19 verse four (scrn 2)**

Exo 19:4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Exo 19:6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."



Let's turn also to **Deuteronomy chapter 32 versus 10 through 12: (scrn 3)**

Deu 32:10 "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Deu 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,

Deu 32:12 the LORD alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.



And so, just like an Eagle... our Father is completely capable of transporting his people to the place that he wants them to go and he is also capable of protecting them at the same time. And I want us to think about where Yah took the house of Israel to re-teach them his law after he took them out from under the bondage of Egypt. He took them to the wilderness. Where did Elijah take refuge from King Ahab? The wilderness. Where did John the Baptist live dressed in sackcloth and ate honey and locusts? The wilderness. Did Yah feed Israel in the wilderness? Did Yah give Israel water to drink in the wilderness? Did Yah feed Elijah in the wilderness? Of course, he did. And so, we're told in Revelation chapter 12 verse 15, that the serpent poured out water like a river out of his mouth after the woman to sweep her away with a flood.

Let's think about that for a moment. When could it have been that the serpent poured out water like a river out of his mouth after the woman to sweep her away with a flood?

What we need to understand here is that from 538AD to 1798 Rome installed its own Roman Emperor Justinian. And they gave this new Roman Emperor an Army to enforce their new version of what they called "*Christianity*". And for 1260 years this monolithic paganized version of Christianity was ruthlessly enforced upon God's people. Once again Bible and Scripture believing Christians had to go underground. And this went on until Napoleon came into the picture and sent his general Berthier into France in 1798 and arrested the Pope and carried him off to Valence where he ultimately died. And it was at this point in time that this new pagan version of Christianity that Constantine had built had finally been put down (or at least wounded in its head... for a time).

And if we know our church history, we know that the Albigenses, and the Waldenses, and the Hussites, and many societies of people were literally murdered for even reading a Bible because

according to Catholicism at that point in time... you are not allowed to even own a Bible or be caught with a Bible in your possession, or you and your whole family would be murdered in cold blood. And so many of these societies hid out in the Swiss, and French Alps out in the wilderness for a millennia where Yah preserved his word and these people wrote the Scriptures down by hand and obeyed them during that time.

Revelation chapter 12 verse 17 tells us that the Dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua. And I want us to understand exactly what it is that we're seeing here in Revelation chapter 12 verse 17. Who is it that the Dragon is furious with? He's absolutely furious with those who keep the commandments of God and... and... hold to the testimony of Yeshua.

Let me ask you my friends... does it say that the Dragon is furious and wants to make war with those who hold to the testimony of Yeshua... or... does it say that he wants to make war with those who keep the commandments of God his Father... and... hold to the testimony of Yeshua? Clearly it tells us that this Dragon is furious and wants to make war with those who keep the commandments of Yah the Father and who also... holds to the testimony of Yeshua who came to teach and preach the commandments of Yah his Father.

There are many people in the world today who believe that all they have to do is go down to the front of the aisle and say heartfelt 60 second prayer with their favorite pastor and their saved! There are actually people in the world today who believe that after they say that magical 60 second prayer down at the front of the aisle... that they can return like a dog to their vomit, and like a pig to its mire because they've been wrongly taught that they are now "*once saved always saved.*"

My friends if we're once saved always saved, then what do we have to endure? Why do we have to endure even unto death? You might as well throw away the whole book of Hebrews chapter 10 verses 26 through 31, and Hebrews chapter 10 verses 37 through 39, and Hebrews chapter 6 versus four through six, and Romans chapter 3 verse 31, and if you gonna do all that and start tearing pages out of the Bible... you might as well just go ahead and throw away the rest of the Bible along with it because there's no sense in just tearing out pages and keeping what you want and getting rid of what you don't want.

I tell you the truth my friends... in the last days there indeed is going to be a great division within what is now called "*Christianity*". There will indeed be a great shaking in these last days and I believe that we can see the sifting down of many of these churches and assemblies happening right now in our time. Sides right now are being taken. Many people are coming out of today's modern-day version of Christianity and are coming back to the truth of God's word as it is written just like they did during the first Reformation.

In the end there will only be two camps. One camp is going to rally around the Torah and the

prophets, and the Psalms and the true testimony of Yeshua Hamashiach and they're going to be filled by the Ruach Hokadesh of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And they're going to see things and they're going to know things that their counterparts are not going to be able to see and know.

The other camp is going to rally around the laws, and the commandments and the traditions of men. And by doing so, they're going to take the Mark of the beast. Many people believe that the Mark of the beast is some kind of stamp or chip that is embedded into the skin. But I would submit to you that the head represents what you believe... and because of what you believe... the hand does what it does.

If you believe that the Torah is the word of God... and if you believe that the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not a burden to us... then your hand is going to do... the word of God.

On the other hand... (no pun intended)... if you believe in your head that man's wisdom and man's traditions are what you believe over Yah's spoken word... then your hand is going to continue to keep the traditions of men. And just as our Messiah told the Pharisees in his time... *"You have made void the word of God in order to hold onto your own tradition... They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."*

Both of these camps are going to claim to have the truth. We have to remember that the people who crucified our Messiah on that cross claimed to believe in the Torah. The same Torah that prophesied about their Messiah that they were hanging on the cross. The dragon is a master of deception, and the father of all lies.

It is written that the time will come when those who persecute you will think that they are serving God. **John chapter 16 verses one through three: (scrn 4)**

Joh 16:1 "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

Joh 16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

Joh 16:3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.



And so, with that being said it's important for us to understand what's written in the Scripture for ourselves. And before we close out this session of our study into the book of Revelation this Sabbath morning, I will once again ask you to please... please take what you've heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promise land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, you will stay the course to the end, you and I will indeed surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries not like to thank everyone within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with us here for this week study into the book of Revelation.