

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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THE ACT OF WAR – PART 1

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The Bible Warns Us That

We have an enemy that has proven to be expert at surprise attacks. That he and his axis of evil are planning attacks and at this hour are already at work in our midst. I am of course referring to the person of Satan and His Demonic Allies that Plotting Against Us.

About Two Month's ago the Department of Homeland Security, The F.B.I. and the C.I.A together announced, "The Enemy is Now Among Us"

(I would like to add that apparently, on September 10th 2001, the Enemy was Already amongst us)

"It's a Pretty Sobering Thought to Think, that there are those against us;
Gather information, watching and learning from our lives where our weaknesses are - - a place to attack!!!

Following the Events of the Surprise Attack Against United States
on December 7th. 1941, Japan Initiated

AN ACT OF WAR

Against the United States of America.

Following the Events of the Surprise Attack Against the United States
On September 11th 2001, Jihad was Initiated...

In Both Attacks Against the U.S.

All International Laws of War and Warfare Were Broken and Violated
So That a Surprise Attack Could Kill as Many People as would be Possible!

Do You Really Think a Real Enemy,
With 'Surprise Attack" on the Mind Has Any Regard for the
Rules and Regulations of War?

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

It's not a Hollywood Plot This Time.

You and I are actually Living in the Midst of an "Ongoing", "Ever Increasing", "will Not Stop" Agenda Designed to Destroy the United States of America and the Judeo-Christian Influence in the World - - *and it's satanically driven!*

REVELATION CHAPTER 12 INTRODUCES US TO

"THE ACT OF WAR"

that is yet futuristic, forthcoming, on its way

Interestingly Enough;

While a Soldier in WW1, J.R.R. Tolkien, Believed that behind the powers of Nations and Their Leaders were Spiritual Powers at War. His creation of the "Lord of the Rings" was His Interpretation of an Epic Battle Between Good and Evil.

Revelation 12:1-6

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. :2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. :3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. :4 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. :5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. :6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

"THE ACT OF WAR"

I.) Satan is locked in an epic battle

vv. 1-2

I love the thought of that, not just because it's true, but because Satan loves to get us "cough" - it's only fitting that we give him a little heaven!

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Satan has real enemies he's fighting against

1st It's a battle against a chosen people

v.1

Now a great (wonder) sign (samay-on) appeared in heaven: 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.

there are key spiritual truths here that translate into our physical world more than you might think.

This "**great sign**" appeared in heaven:
(this is not a person but an event involving identities)

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Verse 1
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a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet
and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The Identity of This Woman is Vital.

who she is matters as to whether you believe in the Bible or Not.

Because the Woman is in Fact Israel the Nation,
the Twelve Stars Represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel

That's Important Because;
The Tribes of Israel were Listed Back in Revelation Chapter 7

Genesis 37:5-9

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more. :6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: :7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf." :8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. :9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

Genesis 37:10-11

So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" :11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.

O.K. Pastor Jack -- I Get that the Sun is Jacob, the Moon is Rachel and the 11 Stars are the Brothers of Joseph, but there's 12 stars?

JOSEPH'S LIFE WAS A LIVING PARABLE OF THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL

You could say that; - - Israel is the Mechanism of the Promised Messiah
From the House of Jacob...

"THE GOD ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB (1 2) = ISRAEL"

This is The Nation of Israel

***The Woman is Not Any Religious or Christian Group
Nor is it The Catholic Church.***

The Vision is Futuristic // it's a Vision, Sign in Heaven,
Currently = Jesus is Enthroned in Heaven Now

Gently Jack

If it's Catholic theology, this would have Mary in Heaven and Pregnant! (that's a serious problem if this is Mary because who is she pregnant by and who is she carrying in this pregnancy since Jesus was born 2,000 years ago?)

The Church didn't Create Christ and Give Birth to Christ.
Christ gave Birth to the Church!

It's Not a Person, It's the Nation Israel!

Romans 9:1

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, :2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. :3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, :4 who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; :5 of whom *are* the fathers **and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came**, who is over all, *the eternally blessed God. Amen.*

Satan has real enemies he's fighting against

2nd It's a battle against a divine mission

v.2

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

Isaiah 26:17

As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, *When* she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we (Israel) have been in Your sight, O LORD.

The Woman is Israel, and The Child is Jesus

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **:7** Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 66:7

"Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child. **:8** Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? *Or* shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children. **:9** Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the LORD. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up *the womb?*" says your God. **:10** "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; **:11** That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory."

Psalms 2:7-9,12

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, '**You are My Son**, Today I have "begotten " You. **:8** Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. **:9** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel...

v:12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

The Gospel in the Old Testament is Right There

Acts 13:32

And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. :33 God has fulfilled this for us, their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: “*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*”

John 1:1-3, 14

In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God.
:2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...
:14 And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of **the only begotten** of the Father, full of grace and truth.

NIV John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but (*the only begotten*) God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

The Truth is Here That;

This verse reminds us of all the horrors and terrors that the Jew and the nation of Israel have had to suffer and endure in its ancient existence.

ITS HOLOCAUST(S) THROUGHOUT THE AGES

Jesus Warned That in the Future, After Israel has rebuilt its Long-Awaited Temple, that a horrific time would come...

Matthew 24:15-21

“Therefore when you see the ‘*abomination of desolation,*’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), :16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. :17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. :18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. :19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! :20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. :21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The **Promised Messiah** Had to Come Through Israel, according to the Bible
And the Second Coming of this **Promised Messiah** will be to Israel,
according to the Bible!