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A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* ***Revelation 12:1-6***

**REVELATION CHAPTER 12 INTRODUCES US TO
"THE ACT OF WAR"
that is yet futuristic, forthcoming, on it's way**

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**

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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.

The Identity of This Woman is Vital.
who she is matters as to whether you believe in the Bible or Not.

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

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

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

Genesis 37:5-11

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." 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*.

"THE ACT OF WAR"

Satan has real enemies he's fighting against

b.) 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.

The Woman is Israel, Would Bring forth The Child, Jesus

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born (the house David, Israel via the Virgin Mary),
Unto us a Son is given

It's What The Biblical Account Records...

Matthew 1:20

But while Joseph thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. :21 And **she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.**" :22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: :23 **"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."**

It's What Jesus Said of Himself...

John 3:14

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, :15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

It's The Message of the New Testament Church...

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.

THE ACT OF WAR

2.) *Satan is desperately fighting for total control* vv. 3-4

: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.

Satan is desperately fighting for total control

a) *Desiring to Control Human Government* v.3

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

If You Take the Time to Search out the Meaning and Application of these words and symbols in scripture...

THESE HEADS / HORNS / CROWNS
ALL APPLY TO EARTHLY GLOBAL POWERS = "POLITICS"

Daniel Chapter 7
the reconstructed, roman empire

Satan Knows That If He Can Corrupt

the Decision Makers Over a City, a County, a Nation - we can directly influence and effect millions or even billions of people.

In The End Satan and His Powers are Condemned

Isaiah 14:9

hell below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the condemned spirits of those departed, they wait to greet you — those who were once leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones — all those who were kings over the nations. :10 They will all respond together, they will say to you, "You also have become as weak, as we are; you have become like us." :11 All your pride and arrogance has been brought down to hell, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms shall cover you. :12 How you have fallen from heaven Lucifer, son of the morning, You have been cut down to the ground, you who once (*kaw-lash*) *posioned, infiltrate, attacked*, the nations of the earth!

Who or What is The Fiery Red Dragon?

Revelation 12:9

So the great **dragon** was cast out, that **serpent** of old, called the **Devil** and **Satan**,

**This is Not What Satan Looks Like,
It's What he Acts Like, his Nature and Character**

3,000 Years Ago, The Prophet Daniel was Given...

Daniel 7:8

I considered the horns (kings), and, behold, there came up among them another little horn (king), before whom there were three of the first horns (kings) plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn (king) *were* eyes like the eyes of human, a man, and a mouth speaking great and boastful things.

Satan is desperately fighting for total control

b.) Attempting to overthrow the angelic realm v.4

His tail drew (past tense) a third of **the stars** of heaven and threw them to the earth.

In the Book of Isaiah - Lucifer is Called the Morning Star.
In The Book of Job - Angels are called Stars

It's hard for us to imagine Satan's power.

It's even more difficult to imagine how he could have lied to and deceived 1/3 (2/3 are still good ones) of the created angelic realm of God Almighty.

Proof that angels sinned in the past
2 peter 2:4 / Jude 6

Satan is desperately fighting for total control

c.) Conspiring to stop God's plan of Victory v.4

And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

WHAT IS THE DEVIL UP TO HERE?

it's amazing.

The Bible records in perfect detail the Acts of War that Satan has launched against the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

ever since the garden of Eden

Genesis 3:14

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. :15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her **Seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The Murder of Abel by His Own Brother Cain

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

Noah and His Generation

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The Attacks on the Patriarch Abraham

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The Plans to Destroy the Children of Jacob

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The attempts to slay the Hebrew (male) children in the land of Egypt

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The off and on evils of Israel's kings

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

Esther and the plans to kill all the Jews

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The numerous plans to annihilate Israel

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

The killing of the male Hebrew children of Israel by King Herod

When Satan tempted Jesus to sin

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

And on that Good Friday Satan Danced a Jig

(anything to destroy the royal seed)

Listen, Throughout Jesus' Earthly Ministry...
And now that Jesus is Ascended Back to Heaven,
Satan is attacking the Key Prophetic Players in the End-Times
Scenario...

#1 The Church. #2 Israel, #3 Political Kingdoms, #4 Ethnicities...

Preaching, Teaching, Evangelism and Missionary Work These are Satan's targets - - these are the areas that we must advance!

Luke 10:17

And then the seventy (evangelist) returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." :18 And Jesus said unto them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Attacking Satan's House

(When We Share Christ with Others - It's Like a Firefight)

(satan fires back)

(When We Pray - It's Like Dropping Bombs)

(satan fires back)

John 16:11

the ruler of this world is judged.

THE ACT OF WAR

3.) *Satan is losing his hard fought battles* vv. 5-6

: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.

HERE, BETWEEN VERSES 5 AND 6, YOU CAN PLACE YOURSELF ON GOD'S PROPHETIC TIME-LINE OF EVENTS...

Satan is losing his hard fought battles

a.) *Because he lost the war a long time ago* v.5

:5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was **caught up** (harpadzo = raptured) to God and His throne.

How and When Did Satan Lose the War?

1. When Jesus Christ was Born into the World
2. When Jesus Christ Ascended Back to Heaven
3. (He will Come Again to Rule Over the Nations)

WHAT DO WE KNOW AND SEE?

we a nation called Israel that has had trouble since it's creation. God giving the Bible with prophecies that pertain to Israel. her pain and suffering. Her rejection of the Messiah and the Holocaust that would follow. A nation that was to be driven out into all the world and then to be reestablished just before the Lord return...

She bore a male Child...

#1

The events of Jesus Christ First Coming into the World.
Becoming Incarnate God.

who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron...

#2

His Kingship Ministry to the Nation Israel and
His Salvation Ministry to the World,

And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

#3

His Priestly Ministry of Redemption, being both our sacrifice and the high priest for all those who
believe,

DONT GET ME WRONG. SATAN IS FIGHTING AND WINNING SOME
BATTLES. BUT THOSE BATTLES THAT HE WINS ARE BATTLES *THAT ARE
HANDLED TO HIM.*

we let Satan win. we allow him to continue to attack our lives.

- **Serious, desperate prayer;**

for a country, marriages, homes and churches and governmental leaders

Satan is losing his hard fought battles

b.) Because it's impossible to destroy God's Word v.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.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by never pass away.

because when you read the Bible, you're reading God's Word, God's message to man.

when you hear the Bible taught, you're hearing His Word, it's the ministry of the Holy Spirit - - to present God's Word to mankind.

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,
He will **teach you** all things, and **bring to your remembrance** all things that
I have said to you.

The Word of God, The Bible is Indestructible

Verse 6a

Then the woman fled into **the** wilderness, where she has
a **place prepared** by God...

A Yet Futuristic Event

Notice Church;
She will Flee (that is Israel) into a (the) wilderness,
where she has had a place **prepared for her by God Himself...**

Matthew 24:14 & Revelation 12 - a commentary by Jesus himself

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. :15 "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. **flee to the mountains** :18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **flee to the mountains** :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 **flee to the mountains** 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. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. :23 "Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here *is* the Christ!" or 'There!' do not believe *it*. :24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. :25 Behold, I have told you beforehand or in advance.

There is a Place That God has Prepared for Israel

Some Scholars Believe that This will become the full Meaning of Psalms 23:4-5

Psalms 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. :5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Where is this Wilderness?

It Could Very Well be "The Petra" of Jordan

Petra is an Amazing Place

The Anti-Christ will be Angry with the Nation of Jordan in the Future

Daniel 11:41

He (antichrist) shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; **but these shall escape from his hand**: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness,
where she has a place prepared by God,

#2

that **they** (Jordanians) should feed her there
one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Note This Bible Students;

Daniel 9:26

*After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One (Messiah) will be cut off and will have (receive) nothing. But the people of the ruler who is to 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. :27 He (not the messiah but the false messiah) will confirm a covenant with many for 1 week or 1 'seven or seven years.' In the middle of that 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes defilement, until the end that is decreed is poured out upon him (antichrist or false messiah.)"*

Something Needs to be Said Here, in Obedience to the Bible.

As Your Pastor, As a Watchman, Listen Please to What God Has Said;

IT'S ABOUT ISRAEL...

Genesis 22:17

blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. :18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed..

Joel 3:2

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

2 Chronicles 7:12-17

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. :13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, :14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. :15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place. :16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. :17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,

Isaiah 40:1

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. :2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins."

According to the Bible, In Obedience to God, Every Christian is Commanded to Support Israel and Pray for Israel.

**THERE HAS BEEN
AN ACT OF WAR DECLARED AGAINST
JESUS CHRIST, AGAINST ISRAEL, AGAINST CHRISTIANITY, AGAINST
YOUR SOUL**

**The Meaning of this Message to Us is This;
*the days in which we live are critical. these days are pregnant with opportunities
and risks.***

**there is a satanic, religious jihad, a global agenda that is underway
that is designed to;**

- #1- economically disable the USA (west)**
- #2- intimidate the Christian church to silence**
- #3- Annihilate the Nation of Israel**
- #4- all this, to establish the new world order**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 ¶ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

There's Great News Christian...

The Bible Tells it Perfectly.
Satan Loses Big in The End.
Jesus is Coming Back

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

END OF STUDY