The Blessed Hope!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13)

### Diamond & Nugget #176

Fulfilling biblical prophecy, fox spotted on Temple Mount



Fox spotted walking along Temple Mount wall during Tisha B'Av fast. By World Israel News

A fox was seen along a wall of the Temple Mount during a fast marking the destruction of the two temples in Jerusalem this week, fulfilling an ancient prophecy regarding the ruins of the holy site.

Footage of the fox at the southern wall of the Temple Mount went viral on social media after the animal was spotted Wednesday night.

Social media users noted that the fox's presence at the holy site during the night of Tisha B'Av – the traditional Jewish fast day memorializing the destruction of King

Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple – fulfilled the prophecy given by Uriah in the Book of Micah -(3:12): "Therefore, for your sake Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become rubble, and the Temple Mount as the high places of a forest (where foxes are found)."

In the Babylonian Talmud (Tractate Makkot 24b), Rabbi Akiva is recorded having laughed upon visiting the ruins of the Holy of Holies at the site of the Second Temple. Three other rabbis accompanying him asked Rabbi Akiva why he laughed where others mourned, prompting Rabbi Akiva to point out that the prophet Isaiah had linked Uriah's prophecy of the desolation of Jerusalem with Zechariah's prophecy of the city's redemption. *"Until the prophecy of Uriah was fulfilled I was afraid that the prophecy of Zechariah would not be fulfilled. Now that the prophecy of Uriah was fulfilled, it is evident that the prophecy of Zechariah remains valid,"* Rabbi Akiva said.

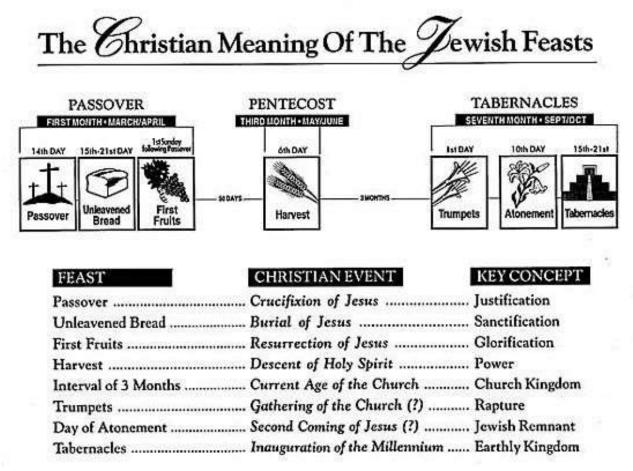
The three other rabbis present, Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya, and Rabbi Yehoshua, responded, *"Akiva, you have comforted us; Akiva, you have comforted us."* 

This excitement over sighting foxes might not seem much to us but it signifies the longing of the Orthodox community in Israel today. They know well what came from when Micah announced a verdict of penalty for their wrongdoing. Zion, a synonym for the city of Jerusalem in the prophetic and poetic literature, would be plowed into a field when God would be present—not as the false prophets promised—only to punish them for their sin and rebellious acts. He shockingly confronted them with a reversal of their belief in immunity for them and their city.

Jerusalem was the political as well as the religious capital of Israel. The Temple, which was north of the Jebusite stronghold of Zion conquered by David, was the "Lord's house," which had been filled with the glory of the Lord when it was dedicated by Solomon -(2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:1ff). Micah predicted that the hilltop where the Temple stood would become a jungle hill. When Jeremiah reaffirmed Micah's message -(Jeremiah 7), the Israelites refused to believe that the Temple would be destroyed. In 586 B.C., the capital city with its palace and Temple was destroyed as Micah had predicted -(cf. Deuteronomy 28:37; 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 9:7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicle 7:19-22). I have a rabbi friend in Rochester, NY that I've known for 57 years who was ecstatic to tell me of this event and he is expecting the Messiah. We might equate his passion with our own watching for any sign of the Lord's call to "come up hither" with anxiety and hope. –(Revelation 4:1, 11:12).

As we leave the month of July behind, particularly the high watch time of 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, and all the prophecy watchers are asking how much longer and what about Rosh HaShanah or Feast of Trumpets. This Feast Day has always been high up on the list for a potential *"Harpazo"* time. The chart below on the Feasts of Leviticus 23 has been around since 1996 as best I recall. Dr. David Reagan of Lamb & Lion Ministry had it in his ministry magazine, *'The Lamplighter'*. I was a regular listener to Dr. Reagan shortly after he began his radio program, a daily fifteen-minute morning slot on a Kentucky

Christian radio station. Fifteen minutes was not much and had listeners hungry for more.



The importance of Rosh HaShanah was suddenly elevated back in 2017 with the Revelation 12 sign. When that "sign" in the Stars occurred, Bible prophecy students were tripping over themselves in excitement. I was upbeat but reserved concerning the prophecy as the Greek text implies or suggests that it was a truncated dual prophecy and there was much more behind the text. Unfortunately, the excitement of the Revelation 12 sign got so much focus that no one seemed to care about content meaning in the Greek text.

It was in 2015, when I began to write my eBook, '*The Season of the Rapture: God's Threefold Witness*'. The essence of the eBook is that God revealed the Gospel Message in three forms:

- 1. Gospel in the Stars
- 2. Gospel in Stone
- 3. Gospel in the Written Word

The eBook is 189 pages, 10 chapters and you are free to read it and why God has gone beyond expectations to reveal Himself, His Message, and His Creation. The link to the

book can be found in Blessed Hope #150 and the original eBook link at <u>The Season of</u> <u>the Rapture: God's Three-Fold Witness (E-Book)</u>

New information has led me to go back and read it again to see how accurate the content is when read in light of any new discoveries. Most of the information is still valid and the background content is still pretty solid. The very fact that God delivered the Gospel through three forms is a stunning fact in itself, I think you would agree as well.

Since the Mazzaroth is found in Job 38:22 – "Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" This lone reference in the Bible led me to study Biblical Astronomy as early as 1999. At the time I purchased the Starry Night Pro computer software, not cheap at the time. It is a top of the line astronomy program that covers a period of some 10,000 years – 6,000 years backwards and 5,000 years forwards of the planets. Initially I used the free software Stellarium but its limitations motivated me to buy the Starry Night Pro software package.

The second means by which God revealed the Gospel Message was that of the Great Pyramids [Gospel in Stone] at Giza, Egypt. There is a reference to that in the text of Isaiah 19:19-20. What is incredibly interesting about the Hebrew text of Isaiah 19:19-20, the numerical [Gematria] value of the 30 Hebrew words of those two passages is 5,449. The unfinished pyramid is exactly 5,449 inches from the base to the unfinished capstone. Now if you don't find that to be astonishing, you are not awake to what God has been doing. The Pyramids of Giza, Egypt are the most measured physical structure in the world, inside and out. The chapters of my eBook cover so much more but the presence of a reference to the altar in the passage confirms that the Pyramid data confirms the accuracy of our KJV Bible, and that the Great Pyramid is a definitive reference to the Creator who commission its construction. He has left abundant evidence in its design, measurement, and construction as to say, "I ordered it there!"

The third means by which God delivered His Holy Word came through the ancient texts of the Hebrew language and the Greek Textus-Receptus. Hebrew and Greek are the only two languages where letters have a dual, or secondary purpose. This Biblical numeric pattern has a dual purpose to validate its accuracy, or lack of it in some small sections. The Russian mathematician Ivan Panin in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century cracked that code. There are other mathematicians who likewise have confirmed the Bible's accuracy. Being the sole survivor of the computer programmers who computerized the KJV Bible in 1963/1964, we can assert it is 98.2% accurate through its Heptadic Design Feature. Two others beside myself ultimately went into Christian ministry as a result of our experience putting the text onto a computer searchable format. You don't hear much about the evidence these days as most theologians and clergy choose to ignore the subject. Even when Ivan Panin back decades offered a huge financial prize for the person who could prove his work to be wrong went unchallenged and the money prize unclaimed.

The Revelation 12 sign has suddenly reappeared and is raising eyebrows and causing prophecy watchers to stop and reflect. Have we missed something overlooked from back in September 2017? Should we dismiss it as a nothing-burger or is there a lot

more to think about since we are now under fifty days until Rosh HaShanah observed September 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I have gone back to my eBook to refresh my own memory here in order to see if we have additional reason to be excited.

I have already noted the importance of Prince Charles and his planned Great Reset and his Climate Agenda 2030 for which the world elite are going crazy over to bring a concerted effort to get this off the ground at this year's UN opening sesson.

#### The Original Revelation 12 Sign

## **Revelation 12 Sign**

23rd September 2017 - Jewish Feast of Trumpets

#### Revelation 12v1

A great and wonderous 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

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Rev 12v2

She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth

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A brother on Facebook by the name of Joe Speno has shared a star chart for the dates of 9-17-2023, taken from Stellarium and that is the date following the Feast of Trumpets two-day observance of September 15-17. Take a close look at his Stellarium star chart below and consider the implications of it. Joe Speno posted a couple videos as well and the link to them can be found below his comments.

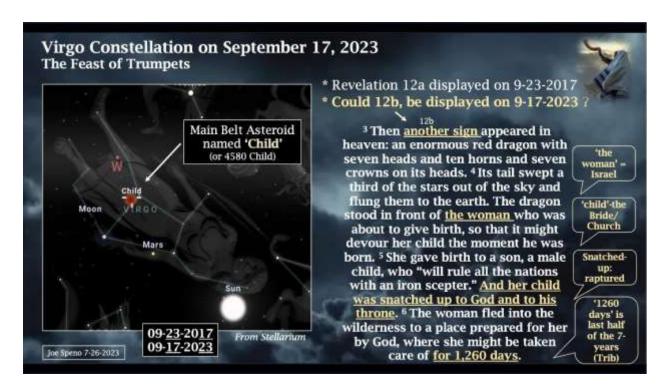
UPDATE: I updated this chart because today I saw something interesting in the Virgo Constellation this coming September 17, 2023 (Feast of Trumpets). As if the Asteroid named 'Child' was not cool enough, there is also an Asteroid named 'Israel', that is inside the Virgo Constellation. This all just seems so like God to arrange all of this on the Feast of Trumpets; at a time when Bible Prophecy is playing out in front of our eyes in the world. This may be our sign that the Rapture is coming around this time, and the

7-year Tribulation will start in 2024. Three videos are linked here below.

RAPTURE - THE LAST PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

SHE GIVES BIRTH TO THE CHILD ON THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS 🎺

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtdqlL5Z1ag



Joe Speno describes this picture as follows:

"The woman, with a child in her womb, was suffering severe birth pangs, crying out in agony, ready to give birth. Israel, that is, the godly remnant in Israel expecting the Messiah, finds that expectation bringing her through a long history of painful experiences (cf. Isaiah 26:17). The preparation for the first coming of Jesus (John 1:9) began long before Mary became the final representative of the godly women in Israel who hoped they might become the mother of the Messiah.

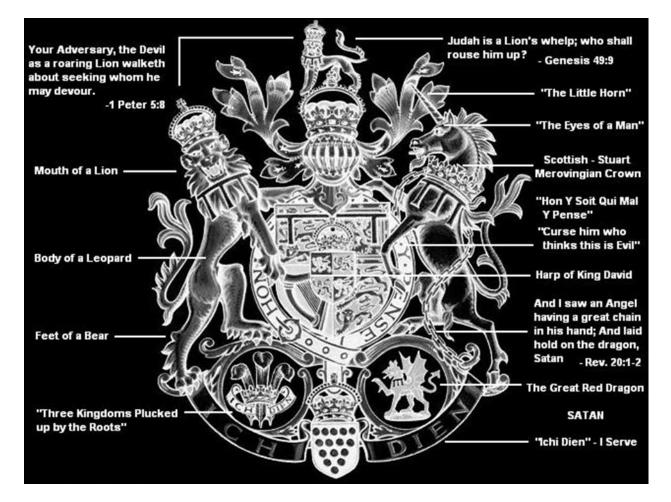
12:3. Another wonder or sign appeared in heaven (or, in the sky). As a sign, it also pointed to something. What was seen was a great red dragon in the form of a serpent with 7 heads, 10 horns, and a crown or royal diadem on each of his heads. This serpent is not identified here, but in verse 9 he is called the devil, Satan. Just as the fiery red of the horse in 6:4 signified blood and death, so the fiery red of this serpent speaks of the fact that the devil is a murderer and has been a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). In fact the conflict between Satan and the people of God really began back in the

Garden of Eden. It was there the promise of victory over the old serpent was given (Genesis 3:15).

The seven heads symbolize, not wisdom, but satanic cunning. The 10 horns picture his claim of a completeness of power, a claim that is actually false, but which does mean he has been allowed to have power on earth (cf. Daniel 7:7, 24). Some see his power working through 10 kings. The seven crowns or royal diadems signify the completeness of authority over earth's kingdoms that he claims as "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4)."

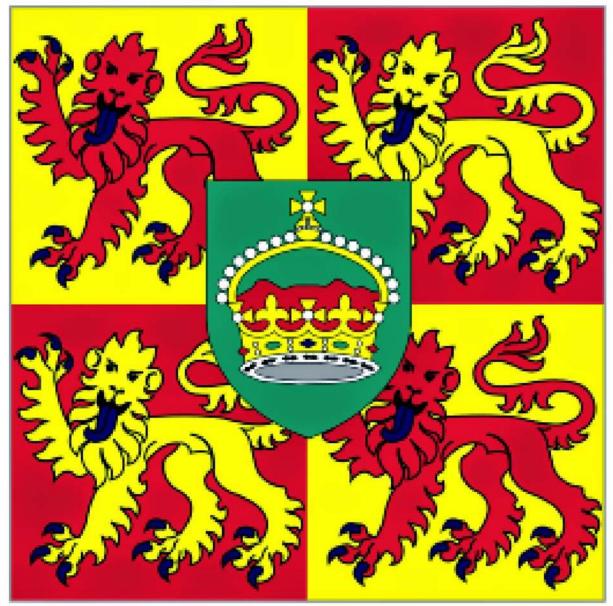
What should we conclude from this? Its huge if true and deserves our watching. I'm encouraged to say the least!

Keep in mind that the **Red Dragon** is the personal symbol of Prince Charles, and was chosen by him as it was on the official flag of Wales. Note the lower right corner of Prince Charles "coat of arms".



With the information that Antichrist and UN watcher Craig Bong has been posting since before the Coronation of Prince Charles, there is no doubt whatsoever in my thinking we are seeing the culmination of the Antichrist Agenda 2030. The constant statements concerning they only have 'seven' years to achieve their Great Reset is a huge 'red flag' as it relates to Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, and the confirming of the Covenant of Daniel 9:27, the coming of the "cashless" economy, the "Mark" of the Beast as it relates to control, plus other items as well offer us undenible evidence that the Rapture is very close. It has been these announements that heighten our excitement for our Blessed Hope this September.

## FLAG OF THE PRINCE OF WALES Depicting Two Scarlet Beasts!



We are seeing the converging of the physical realm with the spiritual realm, that will be played out on the Earth as well as the heavenly realm. I've analyzed the Greek text of Revelation 12 numerous times in the past, and I've spent some time reviewing my

eBook on the 'Season of the Rapture: God's Threefold Witness' Satan knows by now that his time is running out and those in his service around the world know they have but a short time to achieve the goals – "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." -(John 10:10)

Even the False Prophet Pope Francis says disabled, frail, and elderly people should be euthanized to *'Fight Climate Change'* He called for the elderly to be euthinized as an "Act of Love" to save the planet. The web site "The People's Voice" posted the story a few days ago. At 86 years of age maybe he will take the iniative and volunteer first!

I will provide my interpretation working from the Greek text to the Revelation 12 sign in a verse-by-verse approach. It is a complex structure design with things in heaven and others on earth.

### "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

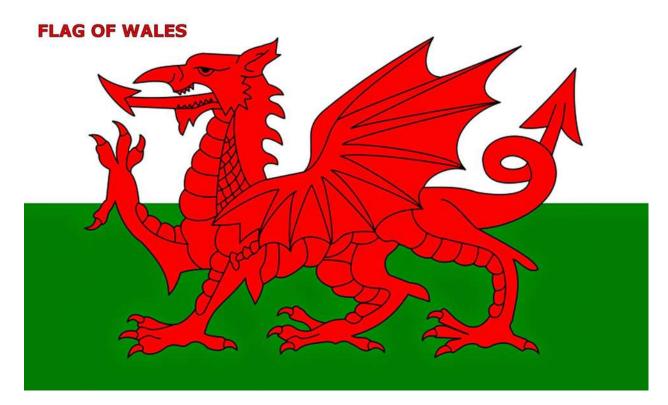
In Revelation 12:1, John's attention has been on the events around the throne. But now comes an interlude where seven personages and four conflicts are introduced. First, in the heaven (which seems to mean in the sky, see verse 4) there appears a vision of a great wonder, actually, a sign pointing to an important truth by looking back in retrospect. The description of this sign is symbolic, but like the other symbols in the Book of Revelation, it represents a reality. What John saw was a woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, and having a crown of 12 stars on her head. In Psalm 104:1, 2, God is pictured as clothed with honor and majesty, covering Himself with light as with a garment. Also, Christ is the *"Sun of righteousness,"* the light of the world - (Malachi 4:2; John 8:12). But the language here is more reminiscent of Joseph's second dream where the Sun was Jacob, the Moon, Leah, and the 12 stars were the 12 sons of Jacob -(Genesis 37:9). Thus, the woman most probably is Israel, pictured as a royal mother -(cf. Isaiah 54:1; Galatians 4:26), with dominion over lesser things (standing on the moon), with the faithful among her 12 tribes (or their angel representatives) as majestic stars in her crown.

#### "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

The woman in 12:2, with a child in her womb, was suffering severe birth pangs, crying out in agony, ready to give birth. Israel, that is, the godly remnant in Israel expecting the Messiah, finds that expectation bringing her through a long history of painful experiences -(cf. Isaiah 26:17). The preparation for the first coming of Jesus -(John 1:9) began long before Mary became the final representative of the godly women in Israel who hoped they might become the mother of the Messiah.

## "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

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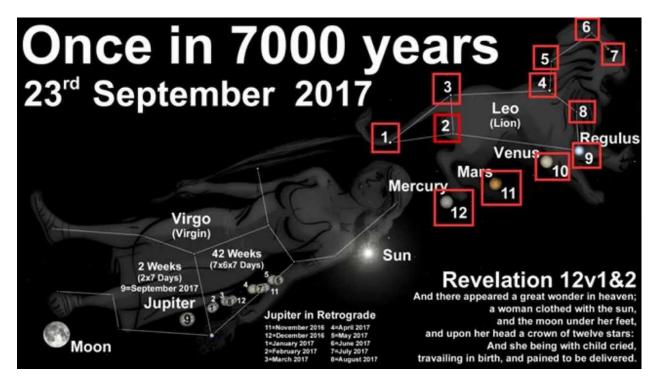


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#### "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

In 12:4, with one sweep of the serpent's tail he drew (dragged away by force) a third of the stars of heaven and threw them down to the earth. This is a look back at what Satan did when he first fell and drew a third of the angels with him Others take it simply as a terrible demonstration of his power. This action is like that of the little horn (Antiochus

Ephiphanes, Daniel 8:10). It is part of the symbolic "sign" of this vision. It shows the immensity of this serpent's strength and power. The struggle with Satan is no laughing matter.



The serpent who has all this power is then pictured as standing in front of the woman who was about to bear the child. He intends to devour the child as soon as it is born. He has known what this child would do ever since the promise of Genesis 3:15.

#### "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

The woman of 12:5 gave birth to a man-child, literally "a son, a male." In the opinion of this writer the apposition here of the words "son" and "male" shows that an individual is meant, not a group, not a company of people, not the Church, though the Church will share in the victory. The man-child represents Jesus. However, many scholars believe the man-child may represent the Church, for Christ was not raptured to escape the devil.

This son is identified as the one who is going to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron. Chapter 2 (verses 26, 27) tells us Jesus will give power over the nations to the overcomers, not just to those of Thyatira but to all who remain faithful to the end. The overcomers will shepherd the nations with a rod of iron, breaking them in pieces as a potter's vessel is broken. But Jesus added that this is **"as I received of my Father."** In other words, the Father has appointed Jesus to be the One to shepherd the nations, shattering them in judgment with a rod of iron. But He will invite the faithful believers to share with Him in that victory. Psalm 2 also makes it clear that Jesus is the primary One

whom God recognizes publicly as His Son and gives power over the nations. (See also 19:15.)

Satan would like to prevent that judgment by devouring the man-child who is born. He has shown that desire by his opposition to Israel down through the centuries, and finally by his attempts against Jesus during His life on earth. But Satan was thwarted in that desire by the Resurrection.

Some writers wonder why the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus are not mentioned in this picture. There is good reason for this. The focus of John's vision is not on salvation but on the judgment to come. That judgment is pictured in Daniel 2 as a shattering by a huge stone of the great image with the head of gold. It is assured because Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father at the throne, where He is waiting for that time when His enemies will be totally conquered -(Hebrews 10:13).

# "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

John first saw the woman and the dragon or serpent as great signs in heaven in 12:6. But the birth of the man-child took place on earth. In verse 6 the woman, Israel, is seen on earth. Just as the Old Testament often jumps from the first to the second comings of Christ in the same verse, so here the Book of Revelation leaps ahead to the end times where the woman, Israel, flees to the desert or wilderness. There she has a place already prepared for her by God. There she will be fed or nourished for 1,260 days; that is, for 3-1/2 years of 360 days each, which seems to refer to the last half of the tribulation period. The repetition of this number in the Book of Revelation seems to mean the time is to be taken as literal rather than symbolic.



Some think the wilderness is symbolic of all the nations of the world, but the mention of a place prepared seems to mean something more specific. Some note that in Daniel 11:36-45, Edom Moab, and Ammon (the present country of Jordan) escape destruction. Isaiah 16:1-5 also speaks of Sela (now called Petra) and Moab. The Edomites thought Sela was impregnable, but Obadiah (verse 4) prophesied God would bring them down. Nabataean Arabs made Sela a mighty fortress again, and eventually the Romans conquered it. But it soon became lost to civilization, and its ruins were rediscovered in the early 1800's. Thus some think Petra might become the prepared place in the wilderness. The important thing, however, is not the location but the fact that wherever it is, God himself will see that the woman is nourished and protected there.

#### "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"

The scene of Revelation 12:7 now shifts back to heaven to a great battle between Michael (whose name means "Who is like God?") and his angels on one side and the dragon or serpent and his angels on the other. It is Satan's last supreme effort to defeat God's angels and God's purpose and plan. Up to this time Satan and his demons have had principalities (spheres of influence) and have been powers (rulers of authority in the spirit world), as well as the rulers of the darkness of this world (world rulers of this darkness, the darkness of a sinful world). The Greek indicates, however, that the attack is launched by the archangel Michael. The forces of righteousness are in action. The rulership and dominion of the devil and his angels are about to come to an end. I might add that it is helpful to have a dictionary of Bible Names. God has used names to convey significant meanings and conccepts to His Word. Genesis 5 is a great example.

**Genealogy of Genesis 5** (with their Hebrew meaning.) = "Man" (is) D78 Adam nw Seth = "Appointed" Enosh Scitt = "Mortal" = "Sorrow" (but) Wenan 72 קהללאל Mahalael = "The Blessed God" = "Shall Come Down" Jared ' = "Teaching" Till Enoch מתושלה Methuselah = "His Death Shall Bring" למך Lamech = (the) "Despairing" T: Noah = "Comfort, Rest"

This is not a lone example, although it might have been one of the first discovered. There are at least two dozen if not more that I am aware of. God's creativity has always proved to be superb and flawless in confirming what He wants us to know!

#### "And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

Revelation 12:8 relates that the dragon could not win this conflict with heaven. Satan has power, but his power cannot match the power of God's mighty chief angel Michael and his army of angels. As a result, whatever access Satan and his angels have had in heaven was no longer available. There was no more place for them in the heavenlies. Whatever happens of evil or wrong today, believers can be encouraged, for they know Satan is an enemy doomed to defeat.

#### "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The great dragon or serpent here in 12:9 now called that old (ancient, from the beginning) serpent or snake because he was the one who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, is identified as *"the Devil, and Satan."* The basic meaning of devil is *"slanderer."* But even as the devil he is the *"adversary,"* which is the meaning of the word *"Satan."* -(See 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8.) He is further identified as the deceiver who has led astray the whole inhabited world. He began his deceptions with Eve, and he is still trying to deceive both the world and the Church -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:3). But when Michael and his angels defeat him, he will be cast out into the earth and all his angels will be cast out with him.

When the 70 disciples returned to Jesus and told Him even the demons were subject to them, Jesus knew those minor victories were in anticipation of a greater victory to come, and He looked ahead to this time when Satan would fall from heaven. This defeat by Michael and his angels is, however, not Satan's final defeat. Though no longer able to enter the heavenlies, he still has power on earth. But his time will be short. We know that will be "seven" years and not a day longer. As soon as the judgments of the bowls begin, all of them will follow in rapid succession, and after the final defeat of the Antichrist, Satan will be bound and cast into the abyss. Then the earth will be free from his temptations and evil schemes.

#### "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

After Satan and his angels were cast out, here in 12:10 John, still in heaven, heard a loud voice in heaven. The voice was the voice of those who are brothers to those tempted by Satan. Thus, it might be the voice of the people of God who are there, or perhaps of the 24 elders as their representatives. Whoever they are, the casting out of Satan causes them to look ahead and rejoice in the final victory which is soon to come.

The voice proclaimed that now the salvation, mighty power, and kingdom or kingly rule of our God had come, even the authority and power of His Christ, His anointed One. Up to this point the accuser of our brothers had been accusing them before our God day and night. An example of this is in the first two chapters of Job where Satan accused Job of serving God for personal advantage. Zechariah 3:1-5 gives another picture of Satan resisting Joshua the high priest of the Jews who had returned from Babylon. He represented the returning Israel before God, but he was clothed in filthy, soiled garments. Satan was probably slandering them, saying their sins were too filthy to be forgiven. The Lord rebuked Satan then and restored and cleansed Joshua. But Satan's accusations are coming to an end. After the battle described in 12:7-9 he was cast down out of heaven. This victory was the assurance that nothing could now hinder the full carrying out of God's plan. It anticipates the establishment of God's kingdom and Christ's authority, which is already as good as done, even though some things must still take place before the earth sees Jesus bringing in its complete fulfillment.

### "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Verse 11 is a parenthesis to let us know that the believers, both men and women, were not defeated by Satan. Those brothers whom Satan continually accused before God had the secret of victory. They conquered Satan because the blood of the Lamb had power to defeat him and his accusations. Every victory over Satan down through the centuries, as well as the final victories in the end time, are all won because Jesus shed His blood and gave His life for us on the cross. The Cross and the Resurrection were really the greatest defeats of Satan. They guarantee victories for believers now as well as the great victory of their future resurrection and entrance into the joys of the Kingdom prepared for them by the Father (Matthew 25:34).

Believers are victorious over Satan also because of the word of their testimony. They do not allow anything or anyone to stop them from speaking for Christ. Furthermore, they do not love their own lives unto death. They are determined to serve Christ at any cost. Satan will try, but he cannot win this conflict with believers. Their faith conquers even their fear of death.

#### "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

In verse 12 the loud voice John heard in heaven then drew attention to the results of Satan's being cast out of heaven. It called on heaven and its inhabitants (including all those around the throne) to rejoice. The Greek speaks of the inhabitants "tenting" or "tabernacling" in heaven where God has His tabernacle (13:6). The inhabitants of heaven are thus "dwelling" with Him.

Because of the victory of Michael and his angels heaven will never again hear Satan's accusations against God's people. They are to rejoice also because God's kingly rule or

power and Christ's authority was manifest in that victory. This means too that Christ, instead of giving so much of His attention to being the believers' advocate with the Father -(1<sup>st</sup> John 2:1), will be looking to see the Father make His enemies His footstool as preparation for establishing the millennial kingdom.

But there is another result of Satan's being cast out of heaven. The voice continued with a pronouncement of woe to those inhabiting the earth and the sea. No one on earth, either on land or on the sea, will be able to escape the effects of what is to follow. The devil, the slanderous adversary, has come down to them fuming with great fury, not only because he was cast out of heaven, but also because he knows he has but a short time to do anything on the earth. Satan is well aware of his final doom because he knows what is in the prophecies of the Bible. He knows God's Word is sure, but he remains a rebel.

Satan's activity thus continues through the remaining time of the tribulation period. He will be active through the Antichrist and his false prophet. God will also bring further judgments, pouring out His wrath on a world that is also rebelling. I hope that you can visualize how beautiful God's prophecies becomes when you see it from the perspective of God revealing history told in advance.

### "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."

Verse 13 is a wakeup call in this paragraph break. As soon as the dragon or serpent, the old devil, Satan, **"saw he was cast unto the earth,"** he continued his conflict with Israel, pursuing the woman with renewed zeal. Jewish people have long known persecution, but the worst is yet to come. Many see this as the fulfillment of the time of Jacob's trouble prophesied in Jeremiah 30:7.

#### "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

In verse 14 Satan is not able to stop the woman from reaching the place God prepared for her in the wilderness, for she is given the two wings of a great eagle so she might fly there to be nourished for a time, times, and half a time; that is, 3-1/2 years.

The Book of Revelation is still using Old Testament language and typology. The two wings of the great eagle reflect the figure used in Exodus 19:4 where God told Israel, "*I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.*" The eagle's wings are powerful, and the eagle's wings are symbolic of a mighty move of power. God did bring His people out of Egypt with a mighty move of His power, even though they had to walk. (See also Deuteronomy 32:10, 11; Isaiah 40:31) Just what the two wings of the eagle mean, or what the eagle itself is here, may be controversial. However, it is clear that God will protect and preserve a godly remnant of His people.

That God will nourish the woman means He will provide her with food. The implication may be some supernatural provision of food God provided for Israel during their 40 years in the wilderness, or as He did for Elijah by the Brook Cherith.

The repetition of the facts given in verse 6 shows that verses 7 through 13 are a parenthesis. They did not have parentheses marks in Bible times, and this type of repetition is used to show that verse 14 takes up where verse 6 left off.

There, in the place God prepared for her, the woman is kept from the face or presence of the serpent or snake. The old devil that has caused so much trouble down through the centuries will not be able to touch her.

However, the *"time, times, and half a time"* according to Daniel 12:7 is the time the Antichrist will have dominion on the earth -(cf. Daniel 7:25). The phraseology used here is in anticipation of the revelation of the Antichrist as the beast from the sea in the next chapter. Thus it is clear that his later efforts against Israel will be in vain.

### "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."

In verse 15. Satan, that ancient serpent or snake, does not give up when he sees the woman fleeing. Out of his mouth he throws out water like a river with the intention of washing her away like a river in flood, to her destruction.

Some take the river to be a literal flood that is somehow sent into the wilderness in an attempt to drown the people. Even in desert areas of the Middle East sudden rainstorms can produce dangerous floods. As stated earlier, some students of the Bible have conjectured that the ancient rose-red city of Petra will be the place of refuge for God's people. The Siq, the mile-long narrow canyon which leads into the valley which is the site of Petra, has been known to have sudden floods which have caused the death of people.

Since the water of the river comes out of the dragon's mouth, and since the word *"dragon"* has been identified in verse 9 as the ancient snake, the one who was in the Garden of Eden in the beginning, and further identified as the devil, even Satan, the word *"dragon"* is symbolic, and his mouth and the water can also be symbolic. Thus, others take the river to be a flood of false teachings, a *"river of lies,"* coming from the mouth and out of the heart and mind of Satan. -(Compare 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:9-11)

Still others point to the figure of a flood used in Jeremiah 46:8 and other passages where it represents an army. If this takes place when the Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and Israel flees, it would be logical for him to send a great army after them, just as Pharaoh sent after the Israelites when they left Egypt.

## "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Satan's attempt to destroy the woman by a flood of water fails. "The earth helped the woman" by opening up its mouth and swallowing up the river here in verse 16. The language here is like that in Numbers 16:32, where God brought judgment on Korah and his company because of their rebellion and mutiny against God's chosen leaders, Moses and Aaron. There it is recorded that "the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up." Several other passages emphasize the supernatural character of this judgment as an act of God even though God used the earth to do it -(Deuteronomy 11:6, 7; Psalm 106:17). Thus, we can take it that God is the true cause of the earth's opening its mouth. An earthquake can often cause wide and deep cracks to appear in the earth's surface, some extensive enough to absorb a large stream or at least divert its course, so the threat of a flood is nullified.

# "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

What the earth did in swallowing up the river made the dragon or serpent even more angry with the woman. Since he could not touch her in the place God had prepared for her, he went away from her and proceeded to make war with the rest of her seed. Her seed is identified as those who continually keep the commandments of God and keep on holding to the testimony or witness of Jesus Christ. (The commandments of God here are the witness that Jesus Christ gave.) This indicates that those of Israel who accept Christ as their true Messiah, Saviour, and Lord, and obey Him during this period will be persecuted by Satan as well as by the Antichrist and his followers. They are a godly remnant who may be martyred during this period, or survive until the Kingdom is established.

#### "And I stood upon the sand of the sea."

Many printed Greek New Testaments make this verse part of chapter 12, i.e., "And I stood upon the sand of the sea." Most ancient manuscripts have "I stood," meaning John stood on the sand of the sea, indicating a change in his location. This would connect this verse with 13:1, and on this basis this verse is part of 13:1 in most English versions. Other ancient manuscripts have "he stood," meaning the serpent, Satan, stood on the sand of the sea in anticipation of what was about to happen, but perhaps connecting this with his warfare with the rest of the woman's seed.

What is the Most Recent Manuscript Count for the New Testament?

Dr. Sean McDowell, son of Josh McDowell said,

"With the initial release of 'Evidence that Demands a Verdict' in 1972, my father helped popularize the "bibliographic test" for the reliability of the New Testament. Essentially, the bibliographic test examines the textual transmission by which a document reaches us." "Since we do not have the original New Testament writings (the autographa), textual critics aim to determine the reliability of existing copies. For any particular work or collection of works, the greater the number and the earlier the dating of the manuscripts, the easier it is to reconstruct a text closer to the original and identify errors or discrepancies."

"Since people still regularly cite manuscript numbers from the 1999 "New" Evidence, I thought it might be helpful to write a post with the most recent numbers from the updated Evidence (2017)."

"Scholars use different sources, such as the Leuven Database or the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts. It is extremely laborious to track down the number of both classical and biblical manuscripts. We had a team of researchers and scholars help us with this endeavor. Still, for a variety of reasons, these numbers are educated guesses."

"We list the numbers for other classical works and specific biblical manuscripts in the updated Evidence. But here are the key manuscript updates:

Greek Manuscript total: 5,856

\*Earliest manuscript: AD 130 (John Rylands Papyrus: P52)

Non-Greek Manuscripts (Armenian, Latin, etc.): 18,130+

Total Manuscripts: 23,986

How do the New Testament documents compare with other ancient books? A stack of existing manuscripts from the average classical writer would measure about four feet high. Yet the New Testament manuscripts would stack to more than one-mile high."

In this segment of Blessed Hope I have chose to focus on the recent information on the Revelation 12 sign. Its not that there is nothing to report in the news front, to the contrary but I am choosing to deal with that in the next Blessed Hope. This is all about the potential Revelation 12 sign and its immediate link to September 15-18, 2023.

Since the government has begun their disinformation campaign about "non-aliens" as a distraction, we can expect the media and the industrial-military-pharmaceutical complex to use the alien distraction "card" as the excuse to explain our disappearance with the rapture. This was predicted over thirty years ago and like clock-work the globalists have run out of lies and distractions and resorted to the space alien card to get the world to come together and join (submit) to the New World Order of the Antichrist Beast System.

It was President Ronald Reagan who said on September 21, 1987, "I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, is not an alien force already among us? What could be more alien to the universal aspirations of our peoples than war and the threat of war?" This was shear propaganda of an actor and president back then to condition the public decades later to submit to Satanic UN global government. The government has stolen no less than \$31 Trillion dollars to spend on secret CIA programs and black ops to use againt the world.



Above – A super secret U.S. aircraft (UFO) on the elevator deck of a U.S. nuclear aircraft carrier!

Dr. Stephen Greer has been the major figure engaged in exposing this complicated story of separating fact from fiction that has been led by the CIA and without congressional oversight of the mony that has been skimmed off for their criminal activities. Despite government hearings this past week, the public will never see any physical evidence of extra-terrestrial life, now or ever! Dr. Robert Malone appeared with Steve Bannon's program 'The War Room' this past week and made the statement that the CIA is a rogue organization. Keep in mind, it was Dr. Robert Malone who invented the mRNA spike Protein that has been the center of controversy of the Covid-19 vaxx program. The fact that Dr. Malone stated that on camera was in itself an invitation on his life in my thinking. He added that the CIA is feared all over the world for its unchecked powers.



Above – Another super secret aircraft (UFO) at a Lockheed-Martin plant.

In addition to the above two U.S. UFO aircraft, several pages at the close of this article there are more photos of UFO's of various sorts and shapes, all taken at U.S. secret locations (pages 24 and following). I will simply state that all are U.S. made UFOs. Most observations or sightings are largely reported at night but they are often seen on the ground and in transit on low-bed trailers. What most Americans are not aware of is that German scientists had mastered anti-gravitation before WW2 had ended. Those scientists were brought to the U.S. under Operation Paper Clip in order that they could continue their research and the U.S. has had seventy years to advance this secret technology to a level so advanced it can be passed off as something from an alien world!

Pastor Billy Crone also believes this is part of a 'custom tailored' last days deception to explain away the Rapture that is next on God's prophetic calendar. Once Christians are taken millions of people will disappear. So there needs to be a reason as to what happened to these people. It's all deception - these are demons. If we are getting close to the Rapture happening we should see exactly what we are seeing in the news right now. Governments around the world have denied aliens/aliens crafts for decades. A few years ago they admitted there were 'some craft' that seem to be 'alien' - now we are seeing the next step - non-human beings are in these crafts. This is simply soft disclosure or what is predictive programming. Plant that seed of fear in the minds of the unknown and humans will fall for the lie. Think about all the psy-fi movies over the past sixty years.

"If you are going to use the alien/UFO thing to explain away the Rapture of the Church then you have to slowly work people up into that. That's exactly what we're seeing right

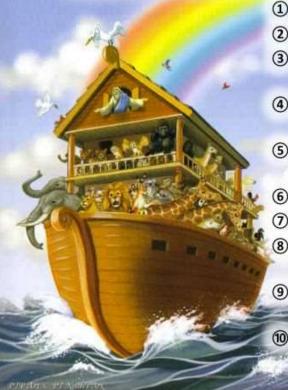
now." Pastor Crone is not surprised by all of this recent 'disclosure' because he's convinced this is "the excuse to explain away what happened to those people who disappeared."

Demons are real. Pastor Billy Crone said that aliens are 'repackaged demons'. Some secular ufologists have come to the conclusion that aliens are really demons. These are indeed 'non humans' but they aren't 'aliens' - they are what the Bible calls demons and they are here to explain away the Rapture. The KJV Bible does not use the word "demon" but rather translates the demonic or Greek "*daimonion*" as "devils". Modern translations for the most part translate it as "demon".

To 'take over the world' THEY would need some sort of global crisis to freak people out in mass in shock and awe. He thinks this UFO narrative could do just that. THEY create a crisis, people will surrender their freedoms - if the TV showed aliens showing up all over the world - many people would fall for it. To panic people they use the Hegalion Dialect of (problem – reaction – solution). It works like a charm. Don't be tricked into this Satanic deception!

Do not fear the deception being perpetrated upon the public by the Antichrist System. Take a lesson from the Biblcal story of Noah and his family below:

## Lessons From Noah's Ark



- Don't miss the boat.
- We are all in the same boat.
- ③ Plan ahead; It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- ④ Stay fit; God may ask you to do something really big when you are 600 years old.
- (5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- It is always safer to travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't necessarily an advantage; The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- The Ark was built by amateurs; The Titanic was built by professionals.

10 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

### Covid shots are "Bio-weapons" intended to harm and kill! They are part of a program to Depopulate the U.S.A. and the Planet!

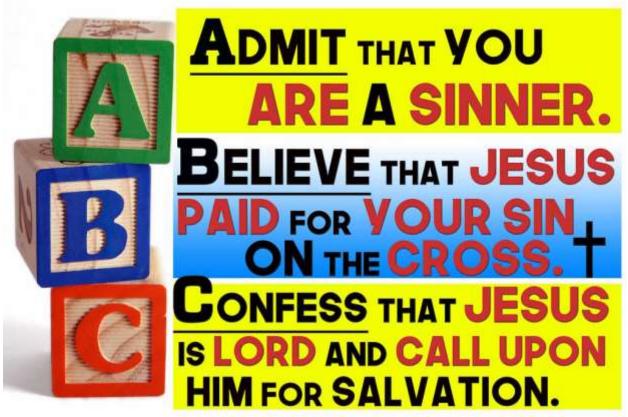
If you want the proof, read: <u>Population Control And Official USG</u> <u>Policy</u> This government document was posted a week ago.

The only escape from the Draconian New World Order possible is asking God to save you from the wrath to come!

The "Key" Rapture Watch Day is now Rosh HaShanah on September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>, or adjacent to the events of the UN meeting. How much prior is anyone's guess! The basis of this 'unknown' is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-8.

### Days to September 15<sup>th</sup> as of 8/1/23 – 46 Days

Praise God!



Blessings in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ,

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## **MYSTERY CRAFT**

Mystery surrounds a 'UFO-like' aircraft spotted being towed on trailer at top secret US defence base in the Mojave Desert, California.









