

# REVELATION 12

## The Woman and The Dragon/ 1260 years

### Chapter 12

12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman [true church- Eze 23:2-4; Rev 17:3-6, 15, 18] clothed with the sun [light & glory of the gospel dispensation], and the moon [Mosaic dispensation] under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars [12 apostles- Luke 2:25, 26, 38]:

12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon [Pagan Rome], having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

12:4 his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon [Herod- Matt 2:1, 12, 13, 16; Isa 7:16 "in the removing of the kings" SNH SSP 215; Mat 2:22] stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. [Jer 31:15, 16; Isa 9:6; Matt 2:16-18]

12:5 And she brought forth a man child, [Jesus- Eph 1:20, 21; Heb 8:1; Rev 3:21] who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron [Ps 2:7-9]: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.

12:6 And the woman [Jer 3:14; Hos 2:19; Eph 5: 23-32] 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 [For 1260 years, the church was nourished by the Word of God & the ministration of angles. A day for a year: Num 14:34; Eze 4:6].

12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael [Christ- Jude 9; 1Thess 4:16; John 5:28, 29] and his angels fought against the dragon [Pagan Rome]; and the dragon fought and his angels,

12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven [DAR 409-10].

12:9 And the great dragon [Satan- Rev 13:1] 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.

12:10 [After the cross] 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 [Satan] is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

12:11 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 1:** Jesus, while on earth, waged a warfare and obtained the victory. See verse 13 1SG 79.2

### Verse 3

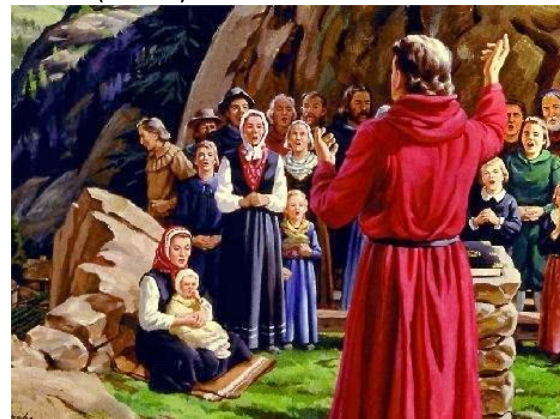
The opposing power of Satan embodied in the ruling monarchy of earth – the empire of Rome, with Caesar Augustus at its head.

**Dragon working through Herod (pagan Rome) to destroy baby Jesus as soon as he was born.**

### 1843 Chart



### Women (Church) in the Wilderness



**Verses 9-17:** Satan, personally, is the chief agent

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12:12 Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil [*Satan*] is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

12:13 And when the dragon [*Satan*] saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [*for 1260 years*] which brought forth the man [child] [*Christ*].

12:14 And to the woman [*true church*] were given two wings of a great eagle [*Ex 19:4*], that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time [*1260 years- Dan 7:25; Rev 12:6*], from the face of the serpent [*Satan*].

12:15 And the serpent [*Satan*] cast out of his mouth water as a flood [*A flood of iniquity, of false teachings, of persecutions,- in the East, this flood was "smoke" from the "bottomless pit" in the form of Mohammedanism; in the West, it was the papacy.*] after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

12:16 And the earth [*Alps- The 16<sup>th</sup> century began the Reformation*] helped the woman [*true church*], and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon [*Satan*] cast out of his mouth.

*[The last generation of Christians will experience the wrath of Satan]*

12:17 And the dragon [*Satan*] was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant [*individuals which constitute the true church*] of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Verse 13:** The "mystery of godliness" was God manifested here as a man; the "mystery of iniquity" was a man pretending to be God.

**Verse 14:**

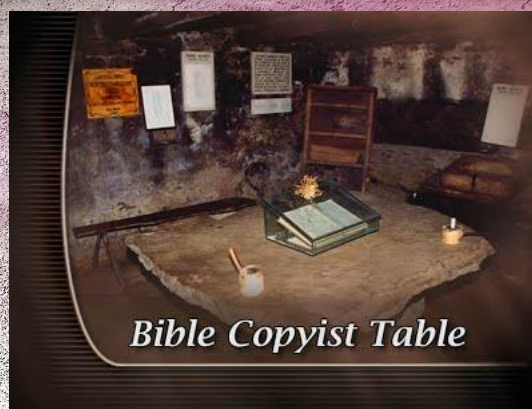
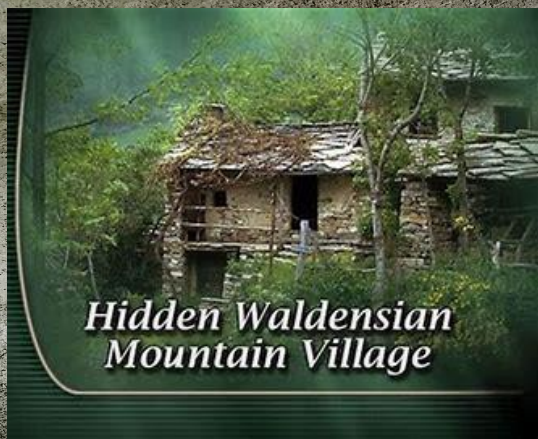
A TIME = 1 year	360 days	Dan 11:32-35
TIMES = 2 years	720 days	Matt 24: 21-29
HALF A TIME = ½ year	180 days	2Thess 2:1-7
	1260 day (literal years)	

"Day for a year" - Eze 4:6; Num 14:34

**Waldensian's hid in the Piedmont valleys of Italy**



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

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“A woman”, signifies Gods church, 2 Corinthians 11:2. A corrupt woman represents an apostate or corrupt church, Ezekiel 23:2-4. A pure woman, as in this instance, represents the true church. “The sun” here signifies the light and glory of the gospel era. “The moon” is the symbol of the Mosaic period (the Old Testament era). As the moon shines with light reflected from the sun, so the Old Testament era shines from the light of the New Testament gospel era. Revelation 21:5. “A crown of twelve stars” symbolizes the twelve apostles. “A great red dragon” represents pagan Rome. “Heaven” is the area of the sun, moon and stars, that region we typically speak of as “heaven”. The scenes presented to John in this part of his vision occur here on this earth, not the place where God resides, in literal heaven.

Verses 1 and 2 cover a period of time beginning just before the opening of the Christian era, when the church was earnestly longing for and expecting the advent of the Messiah, and extending to the full establishment of the gospel church; with its crown of twelve apostles, Luke 2:25-26.

The woman (the church), had the moon under her feet; that is, the Mosaic period had just ended and she is now clothed with the light of the gospel sun; light that was just dawning. By looking forward the church is represented as fully organized with its twelve apostles, being established immediately after Christ began His ministry. There is no ground for misunderstanding the passage, and hence, no violence is done to a correct system of interpretation by this representation.

**4 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.**

**5 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.**

**6 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.**

“A third part of the stars” is applied in two ways by John. The sun, moon and stars are sometimes used as symbols to represent leaders, as we have already had evidence in Revelation 8:12. Judea had three classes of rulers: kings, priests, and the Sanhedrin. When Judea became a Roman province, prior to the birth of the Messiah, Rome forced the removal of a third of its rulers, the kings.

The stars undoubtedly have a wider, or secondary, meaning as well; relating to verses 7-9 of this chapter. As a result of a conflict, literally in heaven, it is evident that a third part of the angelic host, who joined with Satan in his rebellion against the Ruler of the universe, were cast out of the courts of glory.

“The dragon stood before the woman”, ready to devour her child, the Messiah. The testimony concerning the “man child”, which the dragon sought to destroy, is applicable only to our Lord Jesus Christ. No other has been “caught up unto God and to His throne” and been exalted as

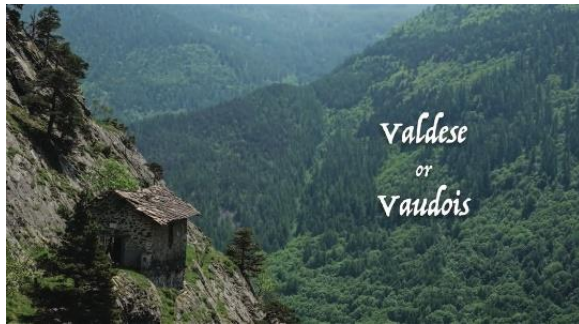
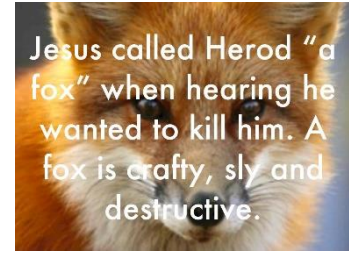


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Jesus was, Ephesians 1:20-21; Hebrews 8:1; Revelation 3:21. No other received from God the commission to rule all nations with a rod of iron, only Jesus has been appointed to this work, Psalm 2:7-9. The time to which the prophecy refers is equally evident, being the time when Christ appeared in this world as a babe in Bethlehem.

The dragon represents Herod specifically, pagan Rome and the devil behind the power of Rome secondarily. It was Herod who made fiendish efforts to destroy the infant, Jesus when he decreed that all the male children in Bethlehem from two years old and under should be slain. Rome was the most responsible actor in this event. We have then the most conclusive evidence that pagan Rome, in the person of Herod, is the great red dragon of verse 4. It was Rome who cast down a third of the Jewish leadership, its kings, and it was pagan Rome who attempted to devour the woman's man-child.

The Christ child is born to the waiting and watching church. Herod could not destroy Him, nor could the combined powers of earth and hell overcome Him. He broke the cruel bands of death and the tomb and opened a way of life for mankind. He was caught up unto God and His throne when He ascended to heaven in the sight of His disciples, leaving to them and us the promise that He would come again.



The church fled into the wilderness to hide from persecution at the time the papacy was firmly established, in 538 AD. There it was nourished by the word of God, that is, His two witness the Old and New Testaments; and the ministration of angels during the long, dark and bloody rule of the papacy power for the next 1,260 years. This civil/religious papal power of Rome ruling from 538 to 1798, ended when it received a deadly wound. Said wound was the removal of its authority to

persecute anyone it deemed a "heretic".

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**8 and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

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The first six verses of this chapter take us down to the close of the 1260 years in 1798, which marked the end of papal supremacy. Now in the 7th verse, we are carried back to the time of Christ's first advent when pagan Rome sought to destroy Him; and even farther back to the beginning of the great controversy between righteousness and evil. When in literal heaven Michael (Christ) and His angels fought against the dragon (Satan) and his angels. We see that Michael is Christ from the scriptures found in Jude 9:1; Thessalonians 4:16; John 5:28-29.

Centuries later, "the great dragon", "that old serpent called the devil, and Satan", put forth a supreme effort in pagan Rome, to destroy the world's Redeemer. Satan had looked forward to Christ's mission to this earth as his last chance of success in overthrowing the plan of salvation. He came to Christ with carefully planned temptations, in the hope of overcoming Him. He tried in

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various ways to destroy Christ during His ministry. When he had succeeded in laying Him in the tomb, he tried to hold Him there. But in every encounter the Son of God was triumphant; and He sends back His gracious promise to His faithful followers: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne", Revelation 3:21.

Satan and the fallen angels had suffered a terrible defeat, which Christ describes by saying, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven", Luke 10:18, and Peter tells us that these fallen angels have been delivered "into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment", 2Peter 2:4. Because he could not conquer Christ, in heaven, he turns his wrath against the church (the woman) which becomes the object of his malice and his rage. Now the prophet glances rapidly over the working of Satan from the time of his original rebellion in heaven to the end, verses 11 and 12. During which time the faithful brethren overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, while his wrath increases as his time grows short.



It was Satan that moved upon Herod to put the Savior to death. It is always Satan that stands behind evil deeds. The chief agent of the arch rebel in the early Christian era was the Roman Empire, whose dominant religion was pagan. Thus, while the dragon represents Satan, in a secondary sense it represents pagan Rome.

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

**14 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.**

**15 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.**

**16 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. 17 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.**

When Satan becomes fully aware of his failure to defeat Christ in heaven, his fury is increased tenfold. He turns his wrath upon the church which Christ established and it is forced into hiding, that is, into "the wilderness". Christ's new church was first persecuted by pagan Rome and then this continued when the head of Rome became Papal in 538 AD. The persecution continued from that point for the next 1260 years. It was only when papal Rome lost its power to "correct heretics", in 1798 when the pope was taken captive and the church received a deadly wound, did the persecution subside.

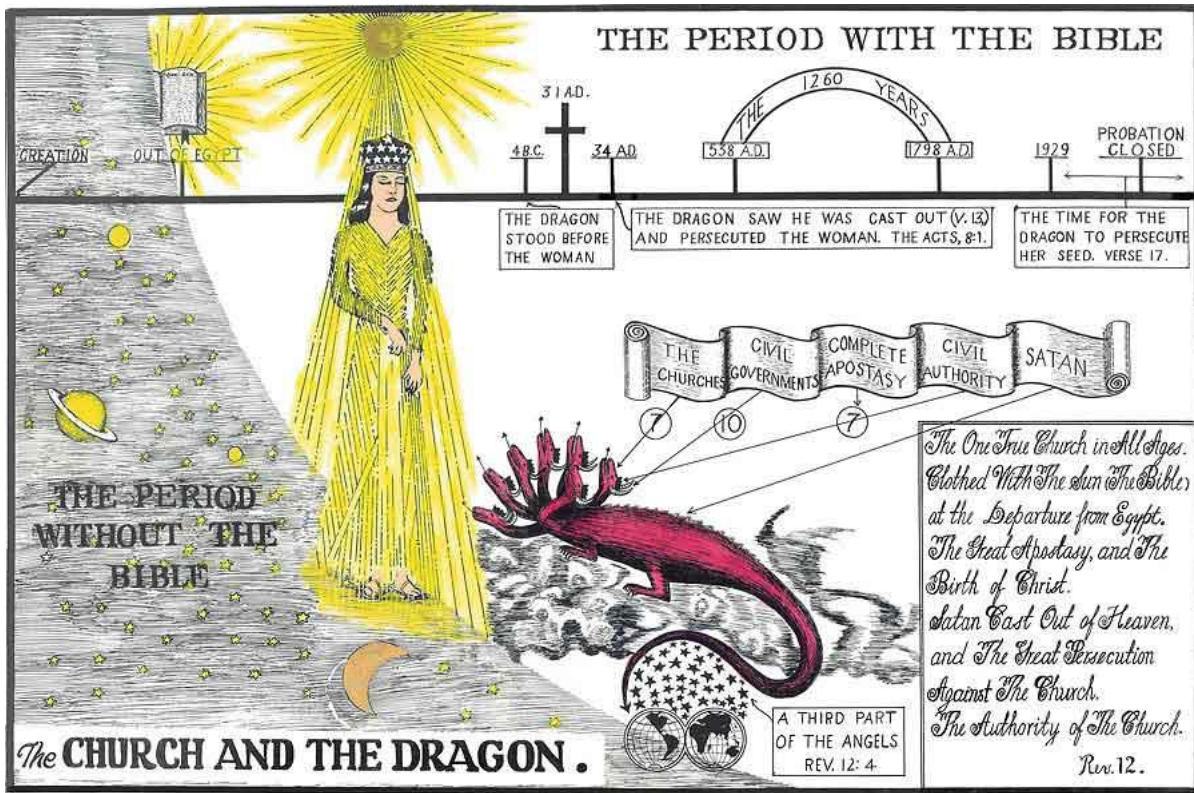
The "mystery of godliness" was God made manifest as a man, Jesus Christ; the "mystery of iniquity" was a man pretending to be God, the pope of Roman Catholicism. Catholicism is the great apostasy produced by the union of paganism and false Christianity, as Catholicism is simply paganism baptized. Christ's church, forced into seclusion, continued worshiping in secret places. The caves and the hidden recesses of the valleys of the Piedmont, which borders France and Italy, are representative of such places. Here the truth of the gospel was sacredly cherished from the rage of its foes. Here God watched over His church, and by His providence protected and nourished her.

The eagles' wings given her appropriately signify the haste with which Christ's church was obliged to flee when the man of sin was installed in power. This figure, eagles wings, was also used to describe ancient Israel, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself", Exodus 19:4.



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The period of time during which the woman is nourished in the wilderness is given as “a time and times and half a time”. This is similar phraseology to that used in Daniel 7:25 and furnishes a key for the explanation of verse 14. The same period is called in Revelation 12:6, “a thousand two hundred and threescore days”. From this we know that a “time” is one year, 360 days (reckoned



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as a biblical year); two “times”, two years, or 720 days; and “half a time”, half a year, or 180 days, making in all 1260 days. These days, being symbolic, then signify 1,260 literal years.

The serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood to carry away Christ’s church. The flood was the many false doctrines of the papacy, which had so corrupted all nations as to have absolute control over the civil/military powers for long centuries. Millions of true believers were carried away by that flood of error, but the church was not entirely swallowed up, for the days were shortened for the elect’s sake, Matthew 24:22.

“The earth helped the woman” by opening its mouth and swallowing up the flood; this is when the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century began its work. Martin Luther and his co-laborers would expose the true character of the papacy, and break the power of superstition that had enslaved the minds of the people. Princes began to support the cause of the Reformers, it was the dawning of religious light and liberty, and God would not suffer the darkness to swallow up its radiance. To the present day, the spirit of the Reformation and religious liberty has been fostered by the leading nations of Christendom.

But the dragon is not yet through with his work, verse 17 brings to view another and a final outburst of his wrath, this time against the last generation of Christians to live on the earth. That time in which we live today! No generation but the last can be represented by the remnant. This intense warfare against the truth cannot be far in the future.

This remnant is characterized by its keeping of the commandments of God and having the testimony of Jesus Christ. This point speaks to a Sabbath reform to be accomplished in the last days. It is the Sabbath primarily that in the commandments we find a difference of faith and practice among those who accept the Decalogue as Gods eternal moral law and those who proclaim His law has either been set aside or accepted the change of “times and laws” enacted by Roman Catholicism. This is more particularly brought to view in the message of Revelation 14:9-12.

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## Revelation—Chapter 12 Pt 1 God's Love Letter — The Gospel Church — The Great Controversy

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 209**

THE salvation of souls is the end of an infinite plan. The object of all creation was the pleasure of God, and enjoyment comes to Jehovah when He sees the harmonious working of all the laws of the universe. Through the prophets, God has, from time to time, made known as much of the plan as the human mind could grasp. Each generation has received new revealing of that infinite plan of salvation. At each new manifestation, angels have exclaimed in wonder, and bowed in adoration before the throne; for it was the opening to their view of a new phase of the divine character.

### **Ellen White, Youth's Instructor, May 6, 1897**

The knowledge of God's works and ways we can only begin to obtain in this world; the study will be continued throughout eternity.

### **Deuteronomy 29:29**

### **Ellen White, Ministry of Healing, pg. 429**

The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand. But beyond this we are not to penetrate. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out in conjectures regarding the nature of God, but the effort will be fruitless. This problem has not been given us to solve. No human mind can comprehend God. None are to indulge in speculation regarding His nature. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 210**

The whole plan for peopling the earth with a race that could develop a spiritual nature like unto His own, was a revelation of His love.

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### **Revelation 12:1**

### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pgs. 509-510**

By parity of reasoning, a pure woman, as in this instance, would represent the true church.

"The sun," the light and glory of the gospel dispensation.

"The moon," the Mosaic dispensation. As the moon shines with a borrowed light derived from the sun, so the former dispensation shone with a light borrowed from the present. There they had the type and shadow; here we have the antitype and substance.

"A crown of twelve stars," the twelve apostles.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pgs. 213, 214**

Around the head of the church clustered twelve stars, representing the twelve apostles, who became the fathers of the Christian church, their names are also on the twelve foundation stones of the New Jerusalem.

The followers of Christ are the special objects of care in the courts of heaven, and there never was a time when the interest was more intense than when the fullness of time was at hand, and the Son laid aside His God form, and clothed Himself in human flesh,—flesh subject to all the weaknesses of the frailest child on earth. Into the territory of Satan, into the nation which was the very essence of all untruth and deceit, the deepest, strongest compound of error, Christ came as a helpless child to show the power of truth and love.

### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pgs. 509-510**

"A great red dragon," pagan Rome.

"Heaven," the space in which this representation was seen by the apostle. We are not to suppose that the scenes here represented to John took place in heaven where God resides; for they are events which transpired upon this earth; but this scenic representation which passed before the eye of the prophet, appeared as if in the region occupied by the sun, moon, and stars, which we speak of as heaven.

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### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 510**

No symbols more fitting and impressive could be found than are here employed. The Mosaic dispensation shone with a light borrowed from the Christian dispensation, just as the moon shines with light borrowed from the sun. How appropriate, therefore, to represent the former by the moon, and the latter by the sun. The woman, the church, had the moon under her feet; that is, the mosaic dispensation had just ended, and the woman was clothed with the light of the gospel sun, which had just risen. By the figure of the prolepsis, the church is represented as fully organized, with its twelve apostles, before the manchild, Christ, appeared upon the scene. This is easily accounted for by the fact that it was to be thus constituted immediately after Christ should commence His ministry; and He is more especially connected with this church than with that of the former dispensation. There is no ground for any misunderstanding of the passage; and hence no violence is done to a correct system of interpretation by this representation.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 211**

These prophecies not only portrayed the character of the Messiah to come, but also revealed the time of His appearing. Satan is familiar with the Word of God, and trembles before its fulfillment.

### **Revelation 12:2-3**

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 214**

It was the opposing power of Satan embodied in the ruling monarchy of earth—the empire of Rome, with Caesar Augustus at its head. ... The great red dragon is the devil; and the seven heads with the ten horns represent the Roman Empire, in which the devil dwelt.

### **Revelation 12:4a**

### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 510**

Judea became a Roman province sixty-three years before the birth of the Messiah. The Jews had three classes of rulers, — kings, priests, and the Sanhedrim. A third of these, the kings, were taken away by Roman power.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 215**

The Jewish nation was ruled by its king, aided by the Sanhedrin and the priests; and in the removing of the kings, the "dragon," through Rome, cast the third part of the stars of heaven to the earth. The Divine hand which wrote this history cannot be hidden; for the very language which was literally fulfilled in Jerusalem, Describes with equal accuracy, the great fall in heaven, when Satan was cast out together with one third of the angels,— Those who adhered to his principles.

### **Revelation 12:4b**

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pgs. 215, 216**

Satan knew the time for the advent of the Son of man, and he determined to slay Him at birth. The history of the decree of Herod, who caused the slaying of "all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof," may be read in the Gospel of Matthew and in the prophecy of Jeremiah. The Child was guarded by an angel band, and He escaped the sword of the angry king. Throughout the lifetime of Christ, repeated attempts were made to take His life; and failing to do this, Satan haunted His every step, seeking to entrap Him through the weakness of human flesh, or cause Him to exercise His divine power for His own protection.

### **Revelation 12:5**

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 216**

Again heaven resounded with praise; for the triumph was seen, and the terrors of evil were recognized as never before.

### **Revelation 12:6**



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### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 513**

The church fled into the wilderness at the time the papacy was established, in 538, where it was nourished by the word of God and the ministrations of angels during the long, dark, and bloody rule of that power, 1260 years.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 216**

There are three steps from the moonlight of the typical sanctuary service until the day of triumph and salvation is completed; but oh, what those steps imply! The emptying of heaven in the gift of its Prince; the crushing of the light under the feet of him who thought to exalt his throne above that of the Most High, and lastly, the gathering of a little company with whom the dragon is still wroth, but "who keep the commandments of God" and cherish the light of His Spirit.

### **Ellen White, Signs of the Times, December 28, 1891**

Your will must blend with the divine will, and you must submit to the divine working. Your energies are required to cooperate with God. Without this, if it were possible to force upon you with a hundred-fold greater intensity the influences of the Spirit of God, it would not make you a Christian, a fit subject for heaven. The stronghold of Satan would not be broken. There must be the willing and the doing on the part of the receiver. There must be an action, represented as coming out from the world and being separate. There must be a doing of the words of Christ. The soul must be emptied of self, that Christ may pour his Spirit into the vacuum. Christ must be chosen as the heavenly guest. The will must be placed on the side of God's will. Then there is a new heart, and new, holy resolves. It is Jesus enthroned in the soul that makes every action easy in his service. He is the fountain of all righteousness, the source of all happiness, the reservoir of all power. There must be a full trust in Christ's words, and Christ must be all in all to the receiver. Grace, truth, and joy will fill the soul.

## **Revelation — Chapter 12 Pt 2 God's Love Letter — War In Heaven — War Brought To Earth!**

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### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 210**

The enemy has offset each blessing of the Father by a hellish scheme; hence while some accept the workings of the Spirit of God, there are others who yield to the influence of the contrary spirit; and the earth has become a great battlefield.

### **Revelation 12:7**

### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 513**

Another symbol is here introduced, and John hastens to tell us what this symbol represents. It is the devil and Satan. But this is not the same as the dragon of verses 3 and 4. ...

When it is desired to set forth Satan by a symbol, no more appropriate one can be chosen than a great dragon, or serpent, unqualified.

### **Ellen White, The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, pgs. 18-21**

Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. ... They anxiously sought to move him to renounce his wicked design and yield submission to their Creator; for all had heretofore been peace and harmony, and what could occasion this dissenting, rebellious voice?

Lucifer refused to listen. And then he turned from the loyal and true angels, denouncing them as slaves.

These angels, true to God, stood in amazement as they saw that Lucifer was successful in his effort to incite rebellion. ... Again the loyal angels warned him, and assured him what must be the consequences if he persisted; that He who could create the angels could by His power overturn all their authority and in some signal manner punish their audacity and terrible rebellion. ... The great God could at once have hurled this archdeceiver from heaven; but this was not His purpose. He would give the rebellious an equal chance to measure strength and might with His own Son and His loyal angels. In this battle every angel would choose his own side and be manifested to all. It would not have been safe to suffer any who united with Satan in his rebellion to continue to occupy heaven. ...

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## Revelation 12:8

### **Ellen White, The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, pgs. 23-24**

Angels in Heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in Heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth. He would place man upon probation to test his loyalty, before he could be rendered eternally secure. If he endured the test wherewith God saw fit to prove him, he should eventually be equal with the angels. He was to have the favor of God, and he was to converse with angels, and they with him. He did not see fit to place them beyond the power of disobedience.

### **Ellen White, The Desire of Ages, pgs. 21, 22**

Sin originated in self-seeking. Lucifer, the covering cherub, desired to be first in heaven. He sought to gain control of heavenly beings, to draw them away from their Creator, and to win their homage to himself. Therefore he misrepresented God, attributing to Him the desire for self-exaltation.

### **Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, pg. 42**

The discord which his own course had caused in heaven, Satan charged upon the government of God. All evil he declared to be the result of the divine administration.

### **Ellen White, The Great Controversy, 1888 pg. 496**

Lucifer himself did not at first see whither he was drifting; he did not understand the real nature of his feelings. But as his dissatisfaction was proved to be without cause, Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong, that the divine claims were just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all Heaven. ... But pride forbade him to submit.

### **Ellen White, Australasian Union Conference Record, October 1, 1906**

None are too high to fall. Sin originated with Satan, who was next to Christ. Lucifer became the destroyer of those whom heaven had committed to his guardianship. Satan has a church in our world today. In his church are all the disaffected ones and the disloyal. All who harbor pride, ambition, vain-glory, or selfishness, will be found wanting when weighed in the balance of the Lord. We cannot of ourselves perfect a true moral character, but we can accept the righteousness of Christ.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 217, 218**

It may, at first, seem strange that this far-reaching view of the church, should at once bring before the prophet's mind the whole history of Satan,— the power behind the throne of Rome in its evil doings toward the Christ. And yet, when the spirit of heaven is caught, this is the most natural view. Before the creation of our world, "there was war in heaven." Christ and the Father covenanted together; and Lucifer, the covering cherub, grew jealous because he was not admitted into the eternal councils of the Two who sat upon the throne. He, the light-bearer, standing so close to God that he reflected the glory of the throne, allowed jealousy to rankle in his heart. For the first time, the harmony of heaven was broken. The discord spread; and when love failed to win, Lucifer and his followers were cast beyond the gates of heaven, and Satan was permitted to make the earth his abiding place.

## Revelation 12:9-10

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 218**

Satan was a son of God by creation, and likewise, because of the earth over which he had usurped power, and bore sway. As a representative of the earth, he claimed the right to meet at the gate. There, in the midst of the heavenly assembly, he stood an accuser of the brethren.

### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 220**

Wonderful triumph! One loses much of the force of Christ's life, unless he sees the actual triumph at the cross. He who had given up His power and His strength, taking human weakness instead, and "trodden the winepress alone" regained all at the cross.

## REVELATION 12

### Revelation 12:11

#### **Ellen White, The Youth's Instructor, November 21, 1911**

Many of us need a clearer understanding of what it means to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The word of our testimony means a great deal. It is borne before all the universe of heaven, and before the world. The soul who by word or act dishonors God, places himself on the losing side. Satanic agencies gain the advantage, and the world loses the power that soul might have exerted for the right had he honored God.

#### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 220**

The life of Christ as a man, formed the strongest bonds between angels and human beings, so that in heaven, men are spoken of as "our brethren." "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, "and in their love for Christ, they willingly sacrificed life itself."

### Revelation 12:12

#### **Ellen White, The Great Controversy, 1888, pg. 623**

Fearful are the scenes which call forth this exclamation from the heavenly voice. The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its culmination in the time of trouble.

### Revelation 12:13

#### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 221**

Having been cast to the earth, he put forth redoubled efforts to overthrow the truth, as it was heralded by followers of the Man of Nazareth. Through the various governments he had worked, only to meet with defeat in the end. Subtlety took the place of opposition. Paganism melted away before the increasing light of the Gospel; but pagan principles were accepted by Christians, and clothed in the garb of Christianity.

### Revelation 12:14

#### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 517**

The eagles' wings given her appropriately signify the haste with which the true church was obliged to provide for her own safety when the man of sin was installed in power, together with the assistance God provided her to this end.

#### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 221**

It is the period called the Dark Ages. Hidden from sight in mountain fastnesses, and obscure corners of the earth, some secretly, through the long night, held fast to the Word of God. From the mouth of the "dragon" was cast out a flood of iniquity, of false doctrines, of false teachings, of persecutions, in the hope of forever drowning the truth.

### Revelation 12:15

#### **Uriah Smith, 1897, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 518**

The serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood to carry away the church. By its false doctrines the papacy had so corrupted all nations as to have control absolutely, for long centuries, of the civil power. Through it Satan could hurl a mighty flood of persecution against the church in every direction; and this he was not slow to do.

### Revelation 12:16

#### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 222**

At last the earth itself grew weary of the evil. God broke the power of the tyranny. He raised up rulers who opposed the power of the papacy, and who espoused the cause of the reformers, and sheltered them from the anathemas hurled after them.

### Revelation 12:17



## REVELATION 12

### Revelation — Chapter 12 Pt 3 God's Love Letter — God's Remnant Under The Severest Attack!

#### Revelation 12:17

##### **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 222**

The purity and power of the sunlight characterized the Apostolic Church. There are two characteristics of the Remnant; they keep the commandments of God,— the law which forms the foundation of the eternal throne, and which, Lucifer considered an arbitrary code. In the midst of this law, is the seal which the "dragon" sought to destroy, but which is restored to the last true church. The second distinguishing mark of the Remnant is that they have the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the Spirit of Prophecy.

##### **Ellen G White, Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1 pg. 61**

The Lord opened more fully to Enoch the plan of salvation, and by the spirit of prophecy carried him down through the generations which should live after the flood, and showed him the great events connected with the second coming of Christ and the end of the world.

##### **Ellen G White, Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1 pg. 156**

God, by the spirit of prophecy, elevated the mind of Jacob above his natural feelings.

##### **E. J. Waggoner, Present Truth, UK August 17, 1899**

The last message of the Gospel is preeminently a prophetic message. It is given by the power of the Spirit of God, which is the Spirit of prophecy.

##### **W.W. Prescott, General Conference Daily Bulletin, February 25, 1895**

The point is this: The Spirit, The Holy Spirit, is the spirit of prophecy. It is the spirit by which the prophecy was given. It is the spirit which enlightens and quickens the mind of every student of God's word who comes prayerfully, to be taught of God, and submits his mind to the guidance of the spirit. It is the spirit through which all the gifts are manifested in the church.

##### **1880 James White, Life Sketches, pg. 341**

The truth of God upon this subject is consistent and harmonious with itself, and with all divine truth. The spirit of prophecy, in consequence of the fall and man's separation from the visible presence of God, became a necessity. This necessity has not been obviated by any past change of dispensation. No dispensation needs the gifts of the Holy Spirit more than the Christian age; and at no time in the long period of man's separation from God's visible presence have they been so much needed as amid the perils of the raging tempests of the last days. But when the Redeemer shall come, the controversy be ended, the saints' rest given, and they, all immortal, meet around the throne with angels, and face to face behold the glory of God and the Lamb, the spirit of prophecy will be numbered among Heaven's choicest blessings of the past.

##### **Ellen White, The Desire of Ages, 1898, pg. 398.**

In place of the authority of the so-called fathers of the church, God bids us accept the word of the eternal Father, the Lord of heaven and earth. Here alone is truth unmixed with error. ... Let all who accept human authority, the customs of the church, or the traditions of the fathers, take heed to the warning conveyed in the words of Christ, "In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

#### Revelation 12:17

##### **Ellen White, Review & Herald, May 3, 1887**

In order for us to give a reason of the hope that is within us, we must first have an understanding of the truth ourselves. The time has come when we cannot depend upon the doctrine which comes to our ears, unless we see that it harmonizes with the word of God. There are dangerous heresies that will be presented as Bible doctrines; and we are to become acquainted with the Bible so that we may know how to meet them. The faith of every individual will be tested, and every one will pass through a trial of close criticism.

# REVELATION 12

## **Ellen White, Notebook Leaflets, Vol. 1 pg. 74**

The most fearful and most to be dreaded evidence of man's fall from a better state is the fact that it costs so much to get back. The way of return can be gained only by hard fighting, inch by inch, every hour. Heaven's path is too narrow for rank and riches to ride in state, too narrow for the play of ambition, too steep and rugged for carriages of ease to climb. Toil, patience, self-sacrifice, reproach, poverty, hard work, enduring the contradiction of sinners against Himself, was the portion of Christ, and it must be the portion of man if he ever enters the Paradise of God.

If your present faith is yielded so easily, it is because you never sent down the taproot in clinging faith. It has cost you too little. If it does not sustain you in trial and comfort you in affliction, it is because your faith has not been made strong by effort and pure by sacrifice. Those who are willing to suffer for Christ will experience more joy in suffering than in the fact that Christ has suffered for them, thus showing that He loved them. Those who win heaven will put forth their noblest efforts, and will labor with all long-suffering, that they may reap the fruit of toil.

## **Matthew 6:22-23**

## **Psalm 101:3**

## **Ecclesiastes 6:9**

## **Psalm 19:7-9**

## **Stephan N. Haskell, 1905, The Story of The Seer of Patmos pg. 223**

The wrath of Satan may be great, but He who preserved Christ will preserve His people till the end. The book of Revelation reveals the fact that the Remnant church is now in existence and that the time is short.

## **Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5 pg. 449**

In the near future we shall see these words fulfilled as the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against commandment keepers. The same spirit which actuated papists in ages past will lead Protestants to pursue a similar course toward those who will maintain their loyalty to God.

## **Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, pg. 421**

All who profess godliness are under the most sacred obligation to guard the spirit, and to exercise self-control under the greatest provocation. ... The strongest temptation cannot excuse sin. However great the pressure brought to bear upon the soul, transgression is our own act. It is not in the power of earth or hell to compel anyone to do evil. Satan attacks us at our weak points, but we need not be overcome. However severe or unexpected the assault, God has provided help for us, and in His strength we may conquer.

## **Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5 pg. 426**

The more responsible the position they occupy, the more fierce will be Satan's attacks; for he knows that if he can move them to take an objectionable course, others will follow their example.

## **E. J. Waggoner, Present Truth, UK November 30, 1893**

Whenever the devil cannot deceive a person by getting him to trust in his reason or his natural senses for the discernment of spiritual truths, he (Satan) will assail him with Scripture (in a perverted form, of course), and then if that person be not grounded in the word of God, he will have nothing to withstand Satan's attack.

# REVELATION 12

## Revelation — Chapter 12 Pt 4 God's Love Letter — The Remnant; — The Word Of Their Testimony!

Revelation 12:11

### Strong's Concordance

Word = G3056 = logos = log'-os

### Ellen White, Early Writings, pg. 114

The Lord has shown me that great interest should be taken by Sabbathkeepers to keep up their meetings and make them interesting. There is great necessity of more interest and energy being manifested in this direction. All should have something to say for the Lord, for by so doing they will be blest. A book of remembrance is written of those who do not forsake the assembling of themselves together, but speak often one to another. The remnant are to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Some expect to overcome alone by the blood of the Lamb, without making any special effort of their own.

### Ellen White, Review & Herald, March 9, 1886

We have each to battle with the fallen foe. I feel an intense interest that all should look upon this battle in the light of the Bible. Begin the warfare at once by gaining victories over self. Do not give place to the Devil. Do not sin against God, by indulging sinful thoughts or words. Do not let the enemy have control over your powers, but throw all the weight of your influence on the side of Christ.

### Ellen White, Signs of the Times, March 17, 1898

There is no time now for levity, self indulgence, and stupidity in the understanding of the work we have to do. Activity and devotion are to be united; work and piety must blend. Sufficient strength will be given for daily duties. The lamp must burn; and this is impossible unless it is fed with the holy oil. And the oil which is so precious is efficacious only as its light is shed upon the pathway of others.

### Ellen White, Letter 159, 1901, Manuscript Releases, Vol. 8 pg. 168

Church members need to fast and pray, striving earnestly to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Not one particle of Sodomish impurity will escape the wrath of God at the execution of the judgment. Those who do not repent of and forsake all uncleanness will fall with the wicked.

Satan's Lie "What if".... Really means

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**Jude 1:24-25**

**Ephesians 3:20**

**1Corinthians 10:13**

Satan's Lie "Yes but"... Which really means

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**1Corinthians 1:9**

**Romans 8:32**

**Hebrews 4:15**

Satan's Lie "I forgot"....

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**Matthew 6:33**

**Psalms 16:8**

**Psalms 119:16**

**Strong's Concordance**

Forget H7911 = shaw-kay'-akh

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**Psalms 119:93, 109**

**Proverbs 3:1**

**Hebrews 13:15, 16**

**Hosea 4:6**

**Ellen G White, Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 358**

Habits of negligence should be resolutely overcome. Many think it a sufficient excuse for the grossest errors to plead forgetfulness. But do they not, as well as others, possess intellectual faculties? Then they should discipline their minds to be retentive. It is a sin to forget, a sin to be negligent. If you form a habit of negligence, you may neglect your own soul's salvation and at last find that you are unready for the kingdom of God.

**Ellen G White, Signs of the Times, March 6, 1879**

We should be faithful in everything. It is a sin to forget. Many are heard again and again to excuse themselves for some gross error, by saying that they forgot. Have they not intellectual powers? and is it not a duty to discipline their minds to be retentive? It is a sin to neglect. If you form a habit of negligence you will find at last you have neglected your own soul's salvation, and are unready for the kingdom of God.

**1888 Webster's Dictionary**

NEGLIGENCE, n.

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**Ellen G White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 3 pg. 12**

Many feel that no blame should be attached to forgetfulness. This is a great mistake. Forgetfulness is sin. It leads to many blunders and to much disorder and many wrongs. Things that should be done ought not to be forgotten. The mind must be tasked; it must be disciplined until it will remember.

**John 8:29**

**Revelation 14:12**

**Revelation 12:11**

**Ellen White, The Youth's Instructor, October 11, 1894**

Christ was the special One who should bruise the head of the serpent; but the prophecy also includes all those who shall overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. In the words addressed to the serpent is a delineation of the great, unended conflict that has been waging in the world from the beginning of sin. The earth is the battle-field for the conflict, and the result of the conflict, while it brings temporal loss upon the followers of Christ, will bring eternal ruin upon Satan, evil angels, and evil men, who unite with the enemy in the controversy against Christ.

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