

Revelation 11, 12 Daniel's 70th Week Overview, Israel's Reproach and Deliverance¹

This writer's studies **Revelation 11, 12² + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1** are attached.

Like Revelation 6³, Revelation 11 takes the reader in overview through Daniel's yet future full 70th Week and beyond the Lord's millennial reign. The initial focus of Revelation 11 is on Israel and the ministry of Moses and Elijah, whom the Lord designates as "...my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" Revelation 11:3 after the manner of Micah 3:8 "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

Revelation 11:2 *But the court which is without the temple...is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

Revelation 11:3 *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*

Revelation 11:4 *These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*

Revelation 11:5 *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*

Revelation 11:6 *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

Revelation 11:7 *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

Revelation 11:8 *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

Revelation 11:10 *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*

Revelation 11:11 *And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*

Revelation 11:12 *And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*

Revelation 11:13 *And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

Revelation 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Revelation 11:17 *We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

Revelation 11:18 *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

Revelation 11:2 is the outcome for Israel for her submission to the white horse rider⁴.

It would follow that the covenant of Daniel 9:27 would be confirmed with the Jews by the white horse rider as "that man of sin" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 in the first year of a full future 70th Week where he offers them safety in their land and permits them to carry out temple sacrifices in return for submission

to his rule. The Jews accept his offer because they have never yet repented of their leaders' declaration "**We have no king but Caesar**" John 19:15.

Though the Jews' agreement with the white horse rider confers safety for Israel in a practical sense and even prosperity, Ezekiel 38:8, 11-12, Jews loyal to the Lord, Zechariah 13:8-9, setting the scene for Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17, will each react according to Isaiah 21:2-4 "**A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth...Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.**"

Revelation 11:2 reveals that "**Jerusalem the holy city**" Nehemiah 11:1 including part of the temple grounds will be under Gentile domination under the white horse rider as "**that man of sin**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 for the three and a half calendar years of the first half of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. The actual temple is left inviolate during that time so that the Jews can carry out "**the sacrifice and the oblation**" Daniel 9:27 in return, as indicated, for submission to the rule of the white horse rider as "**that man of sin**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

That temporary concession for Israel notwithstanding, Isaiah prophesied the severity for Israel of the covenant confirmation of Daniel 9:27 under the white horse rider as "**that man of sin**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 according to the judgement of God just as it was for Israel under Caesar during the First Advent, John 11:47, 48, 19:15 "**We have no king but Caesar,**" though the temple ordinances remained in operation, Luke 1:5, 8-9, 2:22-27.

"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and...mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" Isaiah 10:5-6.

Revelation 11:3-6 describe the "**thousand two hundred and threescore days**" testimonial prophetic ministry of "**my two witnesses**" Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah with Revelation 11:4, Zechariah 4:12-14. That ministry would begin in Year 1 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week coincident with Revelation 6:2 "**And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer**" and the rider confirming for seven years "**the covenant with many for one week...the sacrifice and oblation**" Daniel 9:27 with Israel as "**that man of sin**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

Note especially with respect to Revelation 11:5-6, Exodus 7:14-25, 8:1-10:29, Numbers 16:35, 1 Kings 17:1-7, 2 Kings 1:9-12, James 5:17 one effect thereby, still with Revelation 9:20-21 in operation. That effect will be Amos 4:7-8 "**And also I have withholden the rain from you...and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.**"

Moses and Elijah's ministry is encapsulated by Jonah "**And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land**" Jonah 1:9 and predicated upon the Lord's prophecy through Malachi:

Malachi 4:4 ***Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.***

Malachi 4:5 ***Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:***

Malachi 4:6 ***And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.***

Moses and Elijah will therefore discern, deplore and rebuke the ultimate identity and intention of "**thou, profane wicked prince of Israel**" Ezekiel 21:25, "**that man of sin...the son of perdition; Who**

opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

They will likewise deplore the perfidy on the part of their nation that submits to him as the Lord declared of Israel **"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive"** John 5:43 and reprove it, not without good effect insofar as they command **"the fire of the LORD"** Numbers 11:1, 3, 1 Kings 18:38, according to:

Exodus 20:3 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Deuteronomy 5:7 *Thou shalt have none other gods before me.*

1 Kings 18:37 *Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*

1 Kings 18:38 *Then the fire of the LORD fell...*

1 Kings 18:39 *And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.*

Noting 1 Kings 18:39, Malachi 4:6, as indicated, the ministry of Moses and Elijah, throughout the wide-ranging calamities of Years 1 to 4 of Daniel's 70th Week, Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8⁵, has some good effect according as the Lord said through the prophet Isaiah and as in the context Gabriel prophesied to Zacharias about John. The relevant scriptures are set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison:

Isaiah 66:5 *Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*

Luke 1:16 *And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.*

Luke 1:17 *And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

That said, as will be shown, not all will receive the ministry of Moses and Elijah, certainly not those men as indicated described by:

Revelation 9:20 *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

Revelation 9:21 *Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

Therefore, in keeping with Malachi 4:6, even during the ministry of Moses and Elijah, Revelation 6:2, 4, 5-6, 8 and afterwards, Revelation 8:7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 9:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Isaiah's grim prophecy is relentlessly taking effect⁶ after the manner of Isaiah 5:24 **"Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel."** That grim prophecy is as follows:

Isaiah 24:1 *Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.*

Isaiah 24:2 *And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.*

Isaiah 24:3 *The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.*

Isaiah 24:4 *The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.*

Isaiah 24:5 *The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.*

Isaiah 24:6 *Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.*

Revelation 11:7-10 date the ascension from **“the bottomless pit”** of the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“that man of sin...the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3. The date is **“a thousand two hundred and threescore days”** Revelation 11:3 from the beginning of the first half of Daniel’s yet future full 70th Week. That date points to the date of Revelation 13:3 as shortly before the termination of Moses and Elijah’s ministry **“when they shall have finished their testimony”** Revelation 11:7.

Noting Revelation 13:3 **“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast”** Dr Ruckman⁷ delineates the seven crowned heads of the dragon, that is the devil, Revelation 12:9, as follows, which he equates to the seven heads of the beast, Revelation 13:1. Dr Ruckman then allows for a future Caesar, in power during Daniel’s 70th Week, whom this writer takes as the white horse rider Revelation 6:2 **“that man of sin”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3. It is that Caesar that this writer takes as receiving a fatal head wound. The seven heads of the dragon and the beast are listed as follows:

1. Nimrod, king of Babel
2. Pharaoh, king of Egypt
3. Sennacherib, king of Assyria
4. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon
5. Cyrus, king of Persia,
6. Alexander, king of Greece
7. Caesar, king of Rome – and the Antichrist

Revelation 13:3 corresponds to the Lord’s declaration of Deuteronomy 32:39 **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”** The correspondence shows that the devil’s power bestowed upon the beast notwithstanding, Revelation 13:2, as the Psalmist rightly testifies **“God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God”** Psalm 62:11. See later.

Deuteronomy 32:39, Psalm 62:11 explain the assassination of the white horse rider **“that man of sin”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and his ascension from **“the bottomless pit”** as the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, **“that man of sin...the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Note the continuation of God’s judgement upon the rebellious souls that Revelation 9:20-21 depict, in accordance with the worldwide adulation that the resurrected beast receives, Revelation 13:3-4, which judgement is explained in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 **“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”**

The resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3, the Antichrist, as shown having the power to do so *ultimately from God*, will lose no time in executing Moses and Elijah and thereby greatly enhance the world’s worship of him **“...because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth”** Revelation 11:10. See Revelation 11:3-6 and as indicated Moses and Elijah’s warning of the Lord fulfilling Isaiah 24:1-6 at that time along with the sure fulfilment of Isaiah 13:9-10, 13, Joel 3:15-16, pointing to Revelation 16:18-21⁸. See these scriptures set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison:

Isaiah 66:15 *For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.*

Isaiah 66:16 *For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.*

Given those warnings, the resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3, in *“rebellion against the LORD”* Jeremiah 28:16 and yet even as *“the chief of the ways of God”* Job 40:19 to ensure that *“the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience”* Colossians 3:6 eliminates Moses and Elijah, who sought *“to turn the hearts of...the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord”* Luke 1:17. Moses and Elijah also rebuked Israel for her submission to the beast⁹. See also foregoing remarks on Daniel 9:27, Malachi 4:4-6, Ezekiel 21:25, John 5:43, Numbers 11:1, 3, 1 Kings 18:37, 38, 39, Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 5:7. Therefore the beast eliminates Moses and Elijah, desecrates the temple, 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and ravages Jerusalem, Jeremiah 52:12-13, Daniel 9:26, after the 42-month occupation, Revelation 11:2. Many Jews flee, Hosea 13:13, Revelation 12:6 (those who covenanted *“with death, and with hell”* Isaiah 28:15 stay and are spared but ultimately suffer, Zechariah 14:2). Thus *“he shall do exploits”* Daniel 11:28:

Daniel 7:7 *After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

Daniel 7:8 *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.*

Daniel 7:19 *Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;*

Daniel 7:20 *And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

Daniel 7:21 *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

Daniel 7:25 *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

Revelation 13:5 *And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

Revelation 13:6 *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

Revelation 13:7 *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations* including Moses and Elijah as saints at the outset of his rule as the resurrected beast, Revelation 11:7, 13:3.

However, what follows in Revelation 11:11-13, 15, 17-18 is yet more confirmation, contrary to the worldwide tyranny of the beast, *“that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men”* Daniel 4:17, 25, 32, a salient fact emphasised even in the words of Jethro *“Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them”* Exodus 18:11. That confirmation will emphasise, again contrary to the worldwide tyranny of the beast, the overarching power and authority of *“our Lord Jesus Christ...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”* 1 Timothy 6:14-15 *“F(f)or the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof”* 1 Corinthians 10:26, 28.

Therefore, compare Revelation 11:7, 13:3 *“the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them...And I saw one of his heads as it*

were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast” with these scriptures set out with accompanying remarks and scripture comparison. Note that:

- Moses and Elijah did not simply receive a fatal head wound like the beast. They had their heads cut off, like John the Baptist had by Herod, a type of the Antichrist, the beast¹⁰, John being a type of Elijah. See these scriptures, set out in the following format for clarity.

Matthew 11:13 *For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.*

Matthew 11:14 *And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.*

Matthew 14:1 *At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,*

Matthew 14:10 *And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.*

Matthew 17:10 *And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?*

Matthew 17:11 *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.*

Matthew 17:12 *But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.*

Matthew 17:13 *Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.*

- The souls of Moses and Elijah ascended after **“the Spirit of life from God entered into them”** Revelation 11:11, typifying the Lord’s ascension after His three and a half year ministry, from **“Abraham’s bosom...in the heart of the earth”** Luke 16:22, Matthew 12:40 adjacent to **“the bottomless pit”** from which the beast ascended. See the attached study **Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1.**
- Moses and Elijah then ascended each with **“whole spirit and soul and body”** 1 Thessalonians 5:23 not simply to **“the face of the earth”** Genesis 4:14, 6:1, 7, 7:4, 41:56, Exodus 10:5, 32:12, 33:16, Numbers 11:31, 12:3, 22:5, 11, Deuteronomy 6:15, 7:6, 1 Samuel 20:15, 1 Kings 13:34, Psalm 104:30, Isaiah 23:17, Jeremiah 8:2, 16:4, 25:26, 28:16, Ezekiel 34:6, 38:20, 39:14, Amos 5:8, 9:6, 8, Acts 17:26; 29 references as did the beast **“to try them that dwell upon the earth”** Revelation 3:10 but **“into heaven itself”** Hebrew 9:24, like the Lord before them. Indeed they were **“caught up to the third heaven”** 2 Corinthians 12:2.
- The catching up of Moses and Elijah just prior to the beginning of the beast’s 42-month rule prefigures the catching up or rapture of **“the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth...redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb”** and of the Tribulation saints, **“a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues”** Revelation 7:9, 14:1, 3-4*, 14-16, 15:1-4. Moses and Elijah typify those saints according to James 1:18 **“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”** *See last bullet point.
- The beast cannot obstruct any of that, of which the Psalmist testifies **“This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes”** Psalm 118:23, as Paul declares **“For who hath resisted his will?”** Romans 9:19. Not the beast, who can neither prevent the catching up of **“a great multitude, which no man could number...to the third heaven”** Revelation 7:9*, 2 Corinthians 12:2, including the resurrection, like Moses and Elijah, **“of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands”** Revelation 20:4 nor the implementation in the tribulation context with James 1:18 of James’ exhortation **“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”** James 1:21. *Saved also via **“the everlasting gospel”** Revelation 14:6.

The tribulation context of begetting and salvation is as for Saul **“God gave him another heart”** 1 Samuel 10:9, a condition maintained by steadfast observance of Proverbs 4:23 **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** That exhortation applies not solely to **“the life of the flesh”** Leviticus 17:11, Proverbs 14:30 but as **“the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore...According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue...”** Psalm 133:3, 2 Peter 1:3. Tribulation saints **“in the Lord”** Revelation 14:13 keep Proverbs 4:23.

- The judgement of God of Revelation 11:13 that follows the events of Revelation 11:11-12 brings not simply wonder, Revelation 13:3, but an earthquake resulting in massive retribution, that is, kill two of mine*, and I’ll kill seven thousand of yours *and finally you and all yours* - compare the July 7 2005 London bombings¹¹ with the 2005 Kashmir earthquake¹² - and terror **“For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD”** Ezekiel 32:32. *Note: two witnesses are replaced¹³ by *one forty-four thousand, sealed!*

The death and resurrection solely of the beast pales in comparison to the foregoing. The Lord therefore vindicates His sole claim to worldwide rulership as these scriptures prove, set out in the following format for clarity, leading to the declaration of Revelation 11:17-18, listed earlier:

1 Chronicles 16:25 *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.*

Psalm 47:2 *For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.*

Psalm 95:3 *For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

Psalm 96:4 *For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.*

Psalm 135:5 *For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.*

Malachi 1:11 *For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Malachi 1:14 *But cursed be the deceiver...for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.*

For all that, the world chooses the *wrong* king, after the manner of John 5:43, 17:12 **“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive...the son of perdition”** and Revelation 13:3-4 **“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”**

Revelation 11 + God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1

Table Revelation 11:1-19

- 1 *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*
- 2 *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*
- 3 *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*
- 4 *These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*
- 5 *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*
- 6 *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*
- 7 *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*
- 8 *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*
- 9 *And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*
- 10 *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*
- 11 *And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*
- 12 *And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*
- 13 *And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*
- 14 *The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.*
- 15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
- 16 *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
- 17 *Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

18 *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.*

19 *And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

See Dr Ruckman's studies¹⁴ for detailed comment.

1. **Revelation 11:1-2.** John's ministry of temple measurement is significant because it signifies an End Times fulfilment of Zechariah 8:9 *"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built"* after the manner of Isaiah 14:27 *"For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"* Note that the temple of John's day had been destroyed as the Lord prophesied in Matthew 24:2 *"And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*

The manner of **"the Gentiles"** with respect to **"the court which is without the temple...and the holy city"** Revelation 11:2 is as King David observed in the light of Psalm 36:1 *"The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes."*

Given that John's ministry of temple measurement extends to **"them that worship therein"** today's believer should always remember *God's* measurement of a man according to 1 Samuel 16:7 *"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."*

2. **Revelation 11:3-6.** The duration of the prophesying coincides with that of the desecration and would likely consist of a warning **"unto the Gentiles"** Revelation 11:2 after the manner of Zechariah 12:3 *"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."*

Revelation 11:3 reveals that power to prophesy and duration of the exercise of that power *"...cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working"* Isaiah 28:29 and should be exercised in *"...humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering"* Colossians 3:12.

"...the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth" Revelation 11:4 emphasise that *"...power unto my two witnesses..."* Revelation 11:3 is *spiritual* power¹⁵ according to Zechariah 4:2-3, 5-6 *"...And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof...Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me...This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD*



of hosts.” By inspection of Revelation 11:4-6 these scriptures identify “...*my two witnesses*...” Revelation 11:3 as Moses and Elijah.

Exodus 7:20-21 “*And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt*”

Exodus 9:13-14 “*And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth*”

Deuteronomy 5:5 “*(I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;)...*”

1 Kings 17:1 “*And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word*”

2 Kings 1:10, 12, 13-15 “*And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty...And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty...And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him...*”

Malachi 4:4-6 “*Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD...*”

Today’s believer should always remember that power to witness is *spiritual* power via “...*the grace of our Lord...exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus*” 1 Timothy 1:14 according to Acts 1:8, 4:33 “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth...And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.*”

3. *Revelation 11:7-10.* Specific remarks on “*the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit*” Revelation 11:7 will be deferred until Revelation 13 is explicitly considered. Revelation 11:7 reveals that the enemy cannot intervene to terminate “...*my two witnesses*..” Revelation 11:3 until “...*they shall have finished their testimony*...” according to the principle of Isaiah 46:10 “*Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*”

The manner of the witnesses’ death is as set out in Matthew 11:13-14, 14:6-8, 10 “*For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come...But when Herod’s birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist’s head in a charger...And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.*”

Revelation 11:8 indicates that the headless bodies “...shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified” because the city is “...is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months” Revelation 11:2. Jerusalem is therefore likened to Sodom where “...the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly” Genesis 13:13 and to Egypt where “...the Egyptians are men, and not God” Isaiah 31:3 showing that at this time God declares Israel to be a “...sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward” Isaiah 1:4.

The grisly public display of the headless bodies accompanied by worldwide rejoicing, no doubt televised and broadcast via the internet because “...they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half...” Revelation 11:9, takes place “...because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth” Revelation 11:10 after the manner of Amos 7:10 “Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.”

Today’s believer should keep in mind therefore that the Lord may well call him to minister according to Isaiah 58:1 “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

4. Revelation 11:11-14. Revelation 11:11 “...after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them” is a vivid testimony to “the glory of God” Psalm 19:1, Proverbs 25:2, John 11:4, 40, Acts 7:55, Romans 3:23, 5:2, 15:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 4:6, 15, Philippians 2:11, Revelation 15:8, 21:11, 23, 16 references in all and a distinct witness to:

Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him”

Isaiah 26:19 “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead”

John 5:23 “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him”

John 17:2 “...thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him”

in the light of John 11:4, 38-40, 43-44 “When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby...Jesus therefore...cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”

Today’s believer should therefore always be grateful for Romans 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” and follow Paul’s exhortation of 1 Corinthians 6:20 “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Continuing with respect to “the glory of God” Revelation 11:12-14 are then a vivid and indeed fearful End Times fulfilment of:

Job 9:12, 37:4 “Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?...he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard”

Matthew 27:54 “Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God”

2 Peter 2:1, 3 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction...whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Today’s believer should therefore always have in mind his prior preparation for Romans 14:10-11 “...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

5. *Revelation 11:15-19*. Revelation 11:15-19 are the *Second Advent, post-Second Advent* and indeed “new heaven and a new earth” Revelation 21:1 fulfilment with further revelation of:

1 Chronicles 16:31 “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth”

Psalms 11:4, 6 “The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men...Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup”

Psalms 47:7-9 “For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness...for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted”

Psalms 99:1-4 “The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king’s strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob”

Isaiah 2:3 “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”

Isaiah 2:19-21 “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth”

Isaiah 24:23 “Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously”

1 Corinthians 15:24-25 “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet”

Today’s believer should therefore consistently seek to apply 2 Corinthians 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Conclusion



Revelation 11 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *What do Revelation 11:1-2 reveal about a holy place and the heathen?*
2. *What do Revelation 11:3-6 reveal about the Lord's two witnesses?*
3. *What do Revelation 11:7-13 reveal about martyrdom?*
4. *What do Revelation 11:14-17 reveal about God's aim for this world?*
5. *What do Revelation 11:18-19 reveal about God's ultimate response to man's resistance?*
6. *What should be today's believer's stance in the light of Revelation 11:1-19?*

Sample Answers

1. *"O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps" Psalm 79:1.*
2. *"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue" 2 Samuel 23:2.*
3. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" Psalm 116:15.*
4. *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" Daniel 2:44.*
5. *"The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed...Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup" 1 Samuel 2:10, Psalm 11:6.*

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" Psalm 29:2.

Revelation 12

Table Revelation 12:1-17

- 1 *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:*
- 2 *And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*
- 3 *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.*
- 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.*
- 7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
- 8 *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*
- 9 *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.*
- 10 *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.*
- 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.*
- 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 is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*
- 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.*

See also Dr Ruckman's studies¹⁶.

1. **Revelation 12:1-2.** Revelation 12:1-2 reveal this woman to be *“the heavenly vision”* Acts 26:19 of Israel according to Genesis 37:9-11 *“And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying”* with Joseph as the twelfth star and the closest Old Testament type of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is prophesied in Numbers 24:17 *“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel...”*

“And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered” Revelation 12:2 because Micah prophesied comprehensively for Israel *“Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies”* Micah 4:10.

Today’s believer should therefore have the same attitude to young believers as Paul did according to Galatians 4:19 *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”*

2. **Revelation 12:3-4.** Revelation 12:3-4 are *“the heavenly vision”* Acts 26:19 of those of whom Paul states *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* Ephesians 6:12 who fall to earth and at the Second Advent are cast into *“...everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”* Matthew 25:41 as Isaiah describes together with the Lord’s judgement on this *“great red dragon”* Revelation 12:3 who nevertheless seeks to repeat what he inflicted on Israel under God’s judgement as in times past as these scriptures show. Note that the devil has angels, many of them, that follow him in the End Times.

Isaiah 27:1 “In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea”

Jeremiah 51:34 “Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out”

Matthew 24:29 with Revelation 9:1 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken...And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit”

The devil is *“...a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”* Revelation 12:3 because crowns denote kingdoms and horns denote power of rulership according to, in this case the Lord at the Second Advent, Habakkuk 3:4 *“And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.”*

Luke therefore reveals this kingly power that the devil retains until the Second Advent in Luke 4:5-6 *“And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ will depose *“...the devil and his angels”* at the Second Advent:

Psalm 110:6 “He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries”

Habakkuk 3:13 “Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.”

Today’s believers should therefore always seek to apply Ephesians 6:13 “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

3. *Revelation 12:5-6*. Jeremiah describes Israel’s “...man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron” *Revelation 12:5* as having been captured by the enemy in the context of Israel’s flight into the wilderness or that of her believing remnant to escape her persecutors in *Lamentations 4:19-20* “Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.” See the attached studies **Job 1 – Summary Thoughts** and **SATAN THE DEVIL** with respect to the enemy’s End Times persecution of Israel. Isaiah and James appear to describe the fate of this man child and his deliverance where “...her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne” *Revelation 12:5* when addressing or referring to rebellious Israel and Israel’s enemies in the End Times as these scriptures show.

Isaiah 28:14-15 “Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem...ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves”

Isaiah 57:1-2 “The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness”

James 5:1, 5-6 “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you...Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.”

Concerning the identity of this man child, when the Lord Jesus Christ is referred to explicitly in *Psalm 2:6-9, 12* “Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel...Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” who is this man child if doctrinally he is not the Lord Jesus Christ?

This writer concludes that this man child is “my servant David” *2 Samuel 3:18, 7:5, 8, 1 Kings 14:8, 2 Chronicles 17:7, Ezekiel 34:23, 24, 37:25* who once testified to Jonathan concerning Saul who made repeated attempts kill David, *1 Samuel 18:10-11, 21, 19:1, 9-11, 15* that “...but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death” *1 Samuel 20:3*. It would appear that as “the anointed of the LORD” *Lamentations 4:20* David is at that step with “the son of wickedness” *Psalm 89:22* in the End Times but avoids it as “...he slipped away out of Saul’s presence” *1 Samuel 19:10* as *Lamentations 4:20, Revelation 12:5* show.

At the Second Advent therefore “...at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints” *1 Thessalonians 3:13* David returns with the Lord Jesus Christ to rule as His Viceroy according to the prophecy of *Jude 14-15* “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have

ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” Note these scriptures in support of that conclusion.

1 Samuel 16:12-13 “...Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward...”

1 Chronicles 14:17 “And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations”

Psalm 89:3, 20-24 “I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant...I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted”

Ezekiel 34:22-24 “Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey...And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it”

Ezekiel 37:25 “And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children’s children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.”

Revelation 12:6 is the End Times fulfilment of the scriptures listed below. Note that Revelation 12:6 contains the progressive revelation of the necessary time element “...that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days” “they” ironically being God and Leviathan, Psalm 74:14, because “...the dragon...gave power unto the beast...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months...and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” Revelation 13:4-5, 15 specifically to progress the persecution of Israel via worship of an image insofar as the Lord commands Israel “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me” Exodus 20:4-5.

Psalm 74:14 “Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness”

Hosea 2:14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her”

Micah 7:14-15 “Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.” Note with Psalm 74:14 that God’s rod is the devil as shown in 2 Samuel 24:1, 1 Chronicles 21:1 “And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah...And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.”

Concerning God’s provision today’s believer should be encouraged by Matthew 6:26 “Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?”

4. Revelation 12:7-9. Concerning “**war in heaven**” Revelation 12:7 the dragon has “...**the third part of the stars of heaven...**” Revelation 12:4 with him so that today’s believer can take comfort in the principle of 2 Kings 6:16 “...**Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them**” in that under Michael *two* thirds of the angels together with the Persons of “**the God-head**” Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:9 “**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one**” 1 John 5:7 oppose the devil and his *one* third of angels.

Therefore “**the dragon...and his angels...prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven**” Revelation 12:7-8 because as again today’s believer can be encouraged with respect to trustworthy relationships as King Solomon observes “**Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour...And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken**” Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12.

Note with respect to Revelation 12:9 that Dr Ruckman¹⁷ lists Satan’s five castings out as follows in terms of his loss of position and authority:

From the 3rd heaven to the 2nd heaven, Ezekiel 28:16 “**By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**” Note Isaiah 27:1 “**In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea**”

From the 2nd heaven to the 1st heaven, Luke 10:18 “**And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven**”

From the 1st heaven to the earth, Revelation 12:9 “**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**”

From the earth to the bottomless pit, Revelation 20:1-3 “**And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season**”

From the bottomless pit to the lake of fire, Revelation 20:10 “**And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**”

That “**the Devil, and Satan...deceiveth the whole world**” Revelation 12:9 is the main reason that “...**the whole world lieth in wickedness**” 1 John 5:19. Today’s believer can therefore look forward to the promise of the Second Advent and following the Second Advent that “...**I will cause ...the unclean spirit to pass out of the land**” Zechariah 13:2 - which would include the devil’s angels because although the measure of an angel is designated as “...**the measure of a man, that is, of the angel**” Revelation 21:17, angels are *spirit*-men according to Psalm 104:1, 4 “**O LORD my God, thou art very great...Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire**” with Hebrews 1:7 - and 2 Peter 3:13 “...**we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**”

5. Revelation 12:10-12. The declaration of Revelation 12:10 “...**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**” denotes the End Times fulfilment of Job 25:2 “**Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places**” according to the Lord’s exercise of “...**All power...given unto me in heaven and in earth**” Matthew 28:18 that cleanses the heavens because “...**the stars are not pure in his sight**” Job 25:5

as is known from Genesis 1:8 **“And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day”** because the key phrase **“God saw that it was good”** Genesis 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25 or its equivalent is missing.

Revelation 12:10 is moreover **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of the End Times culmination of Daniel 9:24 **“...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...”** especially insofar as the fate of **“the dragon...and his angels”** Revelation 12:7 where the devil is described as **“...Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers...”** Ezekiel 29:3 is sealed as described with respect to their further casting out in Ezekiel 31:16-18 **“I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit...They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen...yet shalt thou be brought down...unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.”**

Those developments cause rejoicing in heaven according to Revelation 12:12 **“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them...”** after the manner that today’s believer can look forward to of Proverbs 11:10 **“When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.”**

Insofar as **“the Devil, and Satan...was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him”** Revelation 12:9 then he can no longer be **“the accuser of our brethren...which accused them before our God day and night”** Revelation 12:10.

Being thus thwarted it is understandable that the devil in his wrath should elicit the cry **“...Woe to the inhabitants 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”** Revelation 12:12 and seek to exercise his wrath in **“but a short time”** when **“...the dragon...gave power unto the beast...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months** Revelation 13:4-5 in what providentially turns out to be a forlorn hope after the manner of Daniel 11:44-45 **“...therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many...yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”**

Noting with respect to **“our brethren”** Revelation 12:10 i.e. **“Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named”** Ephesians 3:15 accused by the devil that **“...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”** Revelation 12:11 where especially for the End Times John testifies that **“...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands...”** Revelation 20:4 it is therefore reassuring for today’s believer that Paul, James and Peter exhort respectively:

Romans 16:19-20 **“...I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen”**

James 4:6-7 **“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”**

1 Peter 5:8-11 **“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”**

6. **Revelation 12:13-17.** Revelation 12:13 shows a particular aspect of **“the devil...having great wrath”** Revelation 12:12 namely in his particular persecution of Israel because **“...of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen”** Romans 9:5.

For details of Revelation 12:14 see remarks under Revelation 12:6. However noting that **“...to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place...from the face of the serpent”** whilst the End Times reference must be to modern air transport the expression will remind Israel of God’s faithful care and protection of her historically in that **“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep”** Psalm 121:4 and which therefore still applies of Exodus 19:4 **“Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself.”**

Protection of fleeing Israel **“from the face of the serpent”** Revelation 12:14 is essential because as God reveals of him in Job 41:9, 14 **“...shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?...his teeth are terrible round about.”**

As Revelation 12:15 shows the devil has the power to disgorge a torrent of water because **“...the dragon...gave power unto the beast”** Revelation 13:4 and this beast is the creature i.e. created being Behemoth of whom the Lord states in answer to Job **“Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee...Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth”** Job 40:15, 23.

Revelation 12:16 is the End Times outworking of God’s promise to Israel in Isaiah 43:1-2 **“But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee...”**

Given that the devil has been thwarted in his pursuit of Israel into the wilderness Revelation 12:17 focuses on the devil’s wrath being directed against any of Israel’s believing remnant and their supporters located elsewhere and abiding by the End Times plan of salvation whereby those saints **“...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”** as set out doctrinally in James 2:14, 17 **“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?...Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”**

Conclusion

Today’s believer in the light of the above considerations can be encouraged by the prayer of King David that applies spiritually as much today as it did then and will apply in the End Times.

“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah” Psalm 61:1-4.

Revelation 12 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *What do Revelation 12:1-2 reveal of this woman?*
2. *What do Revelation 12:3-4 reveal about the mindset of this woman's enemy?*
3. *What do Revelation 12:5-6 reveal about God's End Times dealing with this woman and her child?*
4. *What do Revelation 12:7-9 reveal further about this woman's enemy?*
5. *What Revelation 12:10-12 reveal about the outcomes of the enemy's casting out?*
6. *What do Revelation 12:13-17 reveal about the enemy's pursuit of this woman and her offspring?*
7. *What do Revelation 12:13-17 reveal about the Lord's deliverance of this woman and her offspring?*
8. *What should be today's believer's mindset in the light of Revelation 12:1-17?*

Sample Answers

1. ***"For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers" Jeremiah 4:31.***
2. ***"...thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end" Ezekiel 35:5.***
3. ***"Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved" Romans 9:27.***
4. ***"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" Isaiah 14:12.***
5. ***"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" Zephaniah 1:15.***
6. ***"The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them" Exodus 15:9.***
7. ***"Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest" Jeremiah 31:2.***
8. ***"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" 2 Timothy 4:17-18.***

Job 1 – Summary Thoughts¹⁸

See Dr Ruckman's works for detailed comment, including insight into the word **"Selah"** 2 Kings 14:7, Psalm 3:2, 4, 8 etc. 75 times, Sela Petra¹⁹, the rock city of Edom:

Introduction

Job is the oldest Book of the Bible and the first real book ever written, dating from about 1780 B.C., almost 600 years after Noah's flood, 2348 B.C., Job 14:11, 22:16, 28:4 and almost 300 years before the exodus from Egypt, 1491 B.C.

The author of Job is **"Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram"** Job 32:2. Elihu identifies himself as the book's author. **"They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion"** Job 32:15-17.



Sela Petra

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I...Selah"

Psalm 61:2, 4

How does Elihu fit into the Book of Job? It is possible that, as an evidently mature young man, Elihu was betrothed to Job's eldest daughter Jemima, Job 42:14, noting Job 42:15 **"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job..."** If so, then the author of the Book of Job wrote from a position of anguish similar to that of the subject of the Book. Elihu would have lost both his beloved fiancée and his upcoming brothers and sisters-in-laws, probably his closest friends, so that like Job he lost ten of his nearest and dearest in one day, Job 1:19. If this is so, then, noting the reaction of Job's friends, Job 2:12, and that **"they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights"** Job 2:13, Elihu, with **"his own sore and his own grief"** 2 Chronicles 6:29 is like Ezekiel – who lost his wife, Ezekiel 24:16-18 – **"and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days"** Ezekiel 3:15. Moreover, Elihu is like **"the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus..."** Hebrews 3:1, 12:2. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ is an author. He is the Author of **"the scripture of truth"** Daniel 10:21 **"the book of the LORD"** Isaiah 34:16. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ **"sat where they sat"** in that like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ endured sorrow as Isaiah says **"He is...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"** Isaiah 53:3. As Paul says **"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"** Hebrews 4:15. Therefore, as Isaiah says further **"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"** Isaiah 53:4-5. That should always be kept in mind when reading the scriptures. The Author understands *all* that the reader goes through in **"this present evil world"** Galatians 1:4 *and has overcome it for us* as the Lord Jesus Christ said **"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** John 16:33.

The Book of Job of course focuses on the question of suffering, especially the *righteous* suffering in that **"Job...was perfect and upright"** Job 1:1. Job asks that question by asking **"Why?"** 13 times; Job 3:11, 12, 23, 7:20, 21, 9:29, 19:22, 28, 21:4, 24:1, 27:12. The answer is the way *up* to **enduring and overcoming suffering with God** is the way *down*, **repenting of self as Job did, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of"** 2 Corinthians 7:10:

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" Job 42:5-6. See Philippians 3:8-9 below.

Job – “great tribulation,” 1st and 2nd Advent Prophecy

Dr Ruckman states that besides addressing the righteous suffering, the Book of Job is one of the most detailed Books of scripture on the suffering of *the nation of Israel* during the **“great tribulation”** Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 *after the rapture of the Church*, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. The Lord Jesus Christ is **“the King of the Jews”*** Matthew 27:11, 37, Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26, Luke 23:3, 37, 38, John 18:33, 39, 19:19, 21 *i.e. the nation of Israel as distinct from the Church* **“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end”** Luke 1:33 but **“there shall be great distress...and wrath upon this people”** Luke 21:23. *The Lord Jesus Christ is always **“the King of the Jews”** with a big K except during mockery, Luke 23:37. The Book of Job depicts and foretells the **“great distress...and wrath upon this people”**:

- Job means *one persecuted* as Israel will be during **“great tribulation”** Matthew 24:21.
- Job is in **“Edom...the land of Uz”** Lamentations 4:21, where Sela Petra is, the rock city.
- Israel will flee from persecution to Sela Petra **“a place of refuge”** Isaiah 4:6. See graphic.
- Satan, **“leviathan”** Job 41, persecutes Job, Job 1:9-19, 2:7-8 and Israel, Revelation 12:13-17.
- Job is on the ground 7 days and 7 nights, depicting Daniel’s 70th week, Daniel 9:27.
- The Book of Job has 42 chapters, for the 42 months of the Antichrist’s rule, Revelation 13:5.
- **“The LORD turned the captivity of Job”** Job 42:10 **“And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first”** Jeremiah 33:7. See attached study **Satan The Devil** for further insight into the adversary, 1 Peter 5:8.

In addition to revealing Job *the man*, see subtitles below, Job’s sufferings depict:

- The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; Job 3:24, Psalm 22:14, John 19:28.
- The torment of the lost man in hell; Job 30:20, 26-31, Matthew 13:41-43, Luke 16:23-25.
- The peril of trusting in *self* righteousness *not* God’s; Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, Romans 10:3.

Job the Perfect Man, Job 1:1, 8

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil” Job 1:1 with Job 1:8. Job was **“perfect”** in *doing* right, *living* right, *worshipping* right and *hating* evil as God and the Bible testify. To be **“perfect”** back then was to walk *with* God, *before* God and *in obedience* to God, Genesis 6:9, 17:1 as Job did, Job 1:1, 8. Yet *note*, though **“perfect,”** Job only offered sacrifice for others *not* himself. That was *self* *i.e.* **“perfect”** does *not* mean *sinless!* Never interpret a Bible term by popular usage. Always compare scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13. **“Blameless”** NKJV, NIVs is *not* correct because to be **“blameless”** then was to walk rightly before *men*, Genesis 44:10.

Job the Particular Man, Job 1:8

Psalm 37:37 says **“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.”** Job was a particular *i.e.* *marked* man. God *marked* him, for a purpose and Job’s end was peace, though his way was wearisome Job 5:23, 24, 7:3. So it is for believers, John 16:33.

Job the Persecuted Man, Job 1:14-19, 2:7-8

Though via Satan* God persecuted Job: **“thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause”** Job 2:3. *Satan obeyed God *instantly* so *note* Matthew 21:6. Note Satan **“had the power of death”** Hebrews 2:14, Jesus has **“the keys of hell and of death”** Revelation 1:18 *now*.

Job the Patient Man, Job 1:22

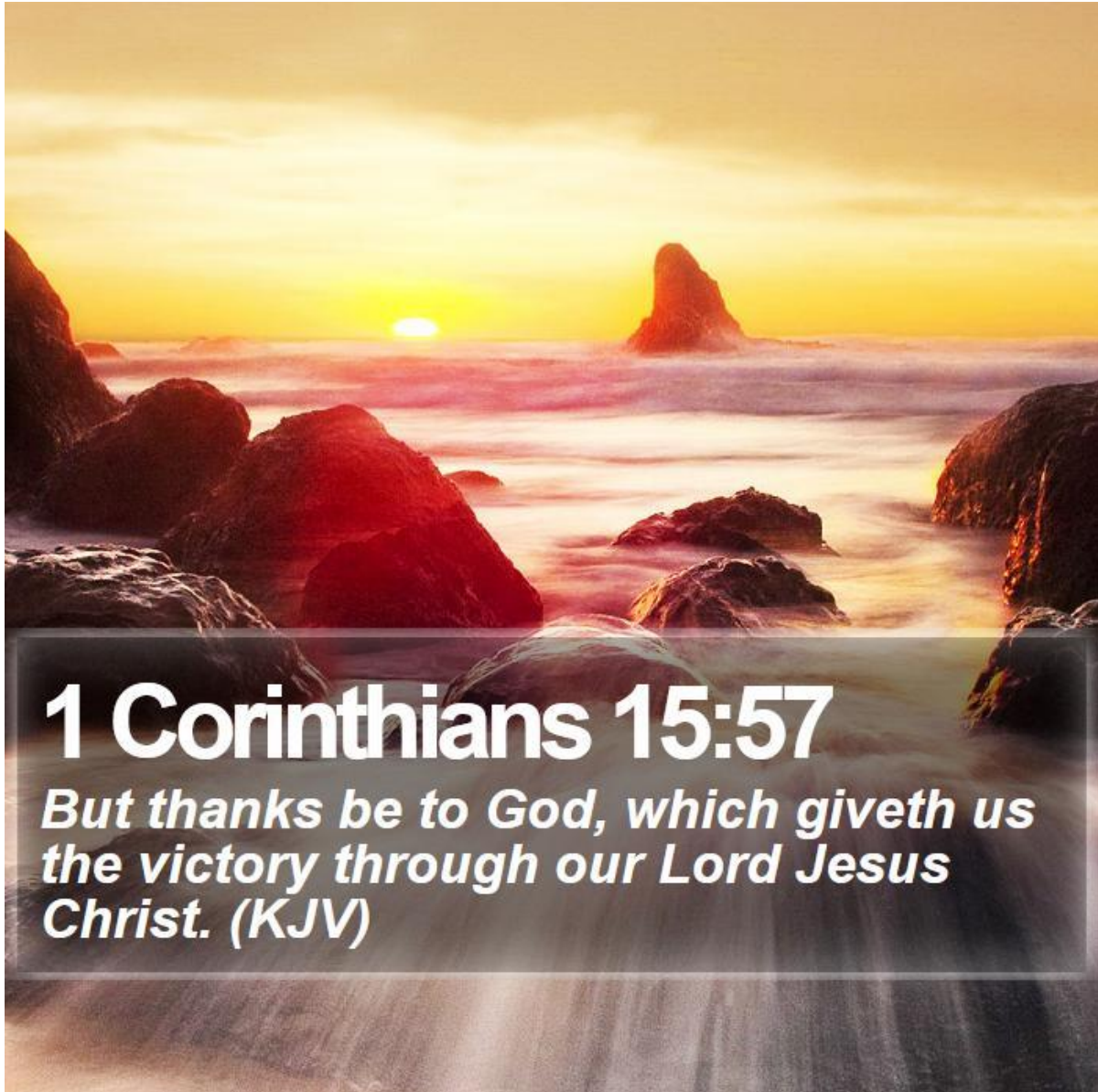
“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”. Believers, note 1 Thessalonians 5:18 **“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”**

Job the Purified Man, Job 42:5-6

Job was self-righteous, Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, until he saw God. “...**but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes**” Job 42:5-6, like Isaiah, Isaiah 6:5, like Peter, Luke 5:8. In each case, repentance brought restoration, “**thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged**” Isaiah 6:7 with Job 42:12, John 21:15-17, 19, 22. Paul, who also saw “**Jesus Christ our Lord**” 1 Corinthians 9:1 with Acts 9:3-6, states for now what Job foresaw then.

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” Philippians 3:8-9.

Finally²⁰:



1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

SATAN THE DEVIL

“...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8



“Someone in the trench said, “THE DEVIL’S COMING!””

– German soldier, September 15th 1916, the battle of the Somme

Introduction – “The Devil’s Coming!”

Tanks were first used in action at the battle of the Somme²¹ on September 15th 1916, by the British against the Germans. A German soldier spoke of his shock at the sight of the metal monsters.

“One stared and stared as if one had lost the power of one’s limbs. The monsters approached, slowly, hobbling, rolling and swaying but they approached. Nothing impeded them. A supernatural force seemed to impel them on. Someone in the trench said, “The Devil’s coming!” and the word was passed along the line like wildfire.”

Only Satan the Devil was terrible enough for these men to voice their fear. They were not wrong. God says of the Devil in Job 41:9 ***“shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?”*** Yes, one would be. So the Christian should know about the Devil as Paul warns in 2 Corinthians 2:11 ***“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** The answers to some key questions should help believers not to be ignorant of Satan and his devices.

The Devil – Who is He?

Satan the Devil is the Christian’s main enemy as 1 Peter 5:8 calls him ***“your adversary the devil:”*** Satan is the Devil as Revelation 12:9 says ***“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.”*** Those terms reveal the Devil as he is now²². He is ***“the great dragon,”*** ***“a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”*** Revelation 12:3. He is ***“that old serpent”*** of Genesis 3:1 and ***“leviathan”*** of Job 41:1-34 ***“a king over all the children of pride”*** and so he has ***“seven crowns upon his heads.”*** That’s why ‘gay pride’²³ is among ***“the works of the devil”*** 1 John 3:8. Isaiah 27:1 says he is ***“leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea,”*** ***“the sea”*** being ***“the waters...above the firmament”*** Genesis 1:7. ***“The sea”*** is Satan’s main domain now, though he isn’t confined there. Satan was ***“Lucifer, son of the morning”*** Isaiah 14:12 and ***“the anointed cherub...perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity”***

was found in thee...therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God" God said in Ezekiel 28:14-16 and He did. The Devil is a *created* being but *not* a fallen angel, he's a cast-out cherub, so only four cherubs are around the throne in Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:6-7. The fifth cherub representing the aquatic and reptile creatures is missing. That's Lucifer. Ezekiel 1:10, 10:14 show that the essential face of a cherub is that of an ox, so the Devil is shown with split hooves, horns and a serpentine tail.

2 Corinthians 11:14 warns however that "***Satan...is transformed into an angel of light***", having been Lucifer, *Lux-fero* or light bearer. Eve was not "***cast down...at the sight of him***" in Genesis 3:2 because she didn't see him as he really is. Only "***the holy scriptures***" 2 Timothy 3:15 do.

The Devil – What Does He Do?

"The devil...deceiveth the whole world" Revelation 12:9. He does so by *questioning* what God said, subtly *changing* what God said and luring the deceived "***taken captive by him at his will***" 2 Timothy 2:26 to *doubt* and then *depart* from what God said so that "***they that are unlearned and unstable wrest...the...scriptures, unto their own destruction***" 2 Peter 3:16.

Genesis 3:1 states "***the serpent...said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***" The question is pitched with a positive "***Yea***" contrary to God's ten-fold negative "***Thou shalt not***" Exodus 20:4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 in the Ten Commandments against "***wicked ways***" and "***corrupt doings***" Ezekiel 20:44 and as though doubting God is itself "***to be desired to make one wise***" Genesis 3:6 instead of damnable because doubt "***is not of faith***" Romans 14:23. The Devil then says "***Ye***" plural instead of "***thou***" singular which is what God *actually* said because "***the man and his wife...shall be one flesh***" Genesis 2:24-25.

Genesis 3:2-3 show that "***the woman being deceived was in the transgression***" 1 Timothy 2:14. She used the plural "***We***" and "***Ye***" showing the Devil had driven a wedge between her and her husband that ends in a separation between man and God Who "***drove out the man...from the garden of Eden***" Genesis 3:23-24. The modern feminist²⁴ movement, "***sin in the flesh***" Romans 8:3 and the "***many, which corrupt the word of God***" 2 Corinthians 2:17 all start in Genesis 3:1-3 and all are satanic. The purpose of the Devil's deceit is death. He achieved it in Eden.

That is why Paul states "***Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned***" Romans 5:12.

The Devil – What is His Fate?

"...the devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" Revelation 20:10. "***Amen; Alleluia***" Revelation 19:4.

The Devil – What Can Defeat Him?

James 4:7 states "***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.***" Submission to God means submission to all that God said. *Refusal* to submit to God led to defeat in Eden but *willingness* to submit to God gained the Lord *victory over the Devil in the wilderness*. "***And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God***" Luke 4:4. Luke 4:13 warns "***And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season***" but the Lord drove him off that time and He did each time. So can the Christian. The reason is that the Devil must do what God tells him.

Note Job 1:12, 2:7 "***So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD***" and the contexts where Satan is permitted to afflict Job. He does exactly what God tells him and no more. Noting that the Devil is "***a king over all the children of pride***" Job 41:34, note Psalm 105:14-15 "***He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.***" Every Christian is God's anointed. "***Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God***" 2 Corinthians 1:21. *The Devil must still obey the command* "***Touch not mine anointed.***" Use it, and defeat the Devil.

God the Creator and Destroyer Figure 1

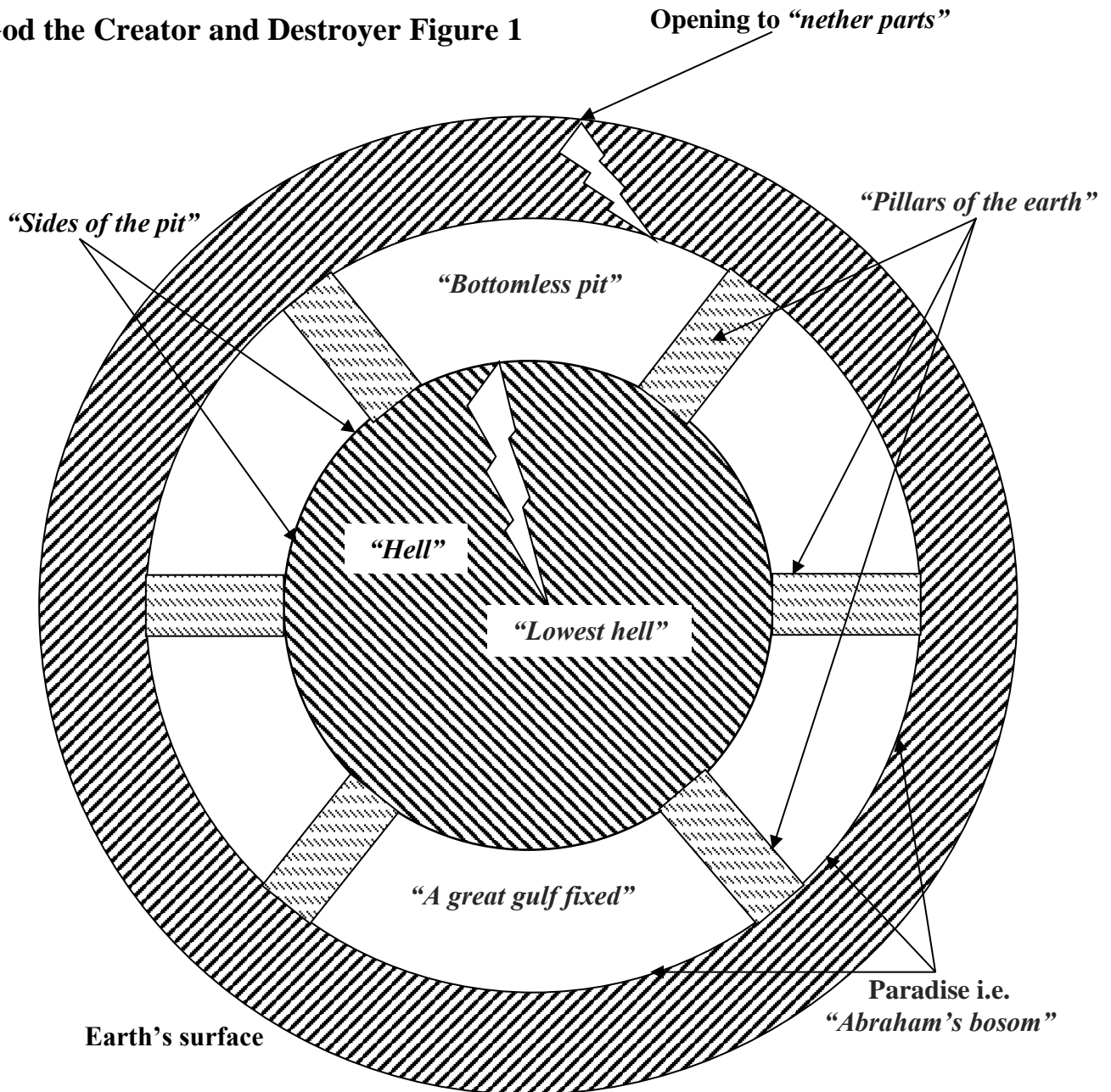


Figure 1 Earth and “The Nether Parts of the Earth”

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...the LORD God made the earth and the heavens” Genesis 1:1, 2:4. Note the difference²⁵!

Figure 1 - Key to Texts. N.B. *“Hell”* occurs 54 times in *“the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21

“Nether parts of the earth” Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18, 32:18, 24

“Abraham’s bosom” Luke 16:22

“Pillars of the earth” 1 Samuel 2:8

“A great gulf fixed” Luke 16:26

“Bottomless pit” Revelation 9:1, 2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1, 3

“Sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:15, Ezekiel 32:23

“Hell” (*sheol**) Deuteronomy 32:22; 2 Samuel 22:6; Job 11:8, 22:6; Psalm 9:17, 16:10, 18:5, 55:15, 86:13, 116:3, 139:8; Proverbs 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9, 15, 28:15, 18, 57:9; Ezekiel 31:16, 17, 32:21, 27; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:5 (*hades**) Matthew 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14, (*geena**) Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5, James 3:6, (*tartarus**) 2 Peter 2:4. *The distinctions are irrelevant in English

“Lowest hell” Deuteronomy 32:22, Psalm 86:13

Finally²⁶

“And HE saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore HIS arm brought Salvation unto HIM; and HIS righteousness, it sustained HIM. And HE put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of Salvation upon HIS head; and HE put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly HE will repay, fury to HIS adversaries, recompense to HIS enemies; to the islands HE will repay recompense. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and HIS glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the SPIRIT of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” Isaiah 59:16-19.



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