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INTRODUCTION

Today's key passage can be a difficult one to interpret, but it's one that's so important to understand so that we gain a better idea of what the Lord is trying to tell us through this book of prophecy. So throughout this message, we are going to look at who the woman is and who the dragon is in this particular section of Scripture, and then we're going to close with why this information matters to us in present day. Let's dive in.

KEY POINTS

1. Who Is The Woman?

Undoubtedly, and with great confidence, I tell you this is the Nation of Israel. In Scripture, God refers to Israel multiple times as His Bride; and God is the Groom. As believers, we are engrafted into Spiritual Israel. As Paul wrote in Romans Chapter Nine, you can understand the tension. Even though he was ministering to the Gentiles, he cared more than anything about his own people, the Nation of Israel.

The woman is Israel and Israel will be a sign during the Great Tribulation. We need to understand that Israel is a sign, even now. It is important for us to have a worldview. I know you are concerned about what is happening in Europe, China, and international powers.

Let me remind you once again, the U. S. is not mentioned at all during the Great Tribulation! You might ask the question, "Where are we?" We will talk about that later, but the Scripture gives us the next step. We understand that that the woman is Israel.

2. Who Is The Dragon?

Who is the dragon? I think you know that it is the devil. Without a doubt, it is the devil! It is Lucifer himself, Satan, that old deceiver. In fact, the devil has hated Jesus and has wanted to destroy Him from the very beginning.

The word dragon is always used along with the word serpent. As you look at this dragon, the word "red" is there. It is a red dragon. What is red? It is symbolic of death. By the way, death is Satan's mode of operation. Wherever he goes, death follows. In verse nine, we find that the dragon is identified as Satan himself.

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 3. Why Should This Matter? Your politics are to be influenced by the Bible! Your commitments are to be influenced by the Bible! Your belief system is to be influenced by the Bible! Line up and choose where you will stand. You cannot read the Bible and remain neutral. There is no separation of church and state! If you don't stand for Israel and the Word of God, you are not standing with God. 	NOTES

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What did you learn about the end times from this passage of Scripture that you didn't know before?
- 2. Are you intimidated to study the book of Revelation? If so, why?
- 3. Would you say that every area of your life is influenced by Scripture? If not, what areas of your life are you holding back?



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