

The Woman in the Wilderness

Rev 12: 5-6; 13-17

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- To understand the “sign” of this woman requires us to take careful consideration of a number of other Scriptures.
 - First, we must remember that this sign is a symbol of something else
 - Secondly, we must rely on Scripture and not the Internet for our insight
 - Thirdly, we must recognize that the Holy Spirit intends for us to gain knowledge as we study this sign (the woman)..... (Rev 1: 3)

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- As we have studied previously this “woman” represents the people of God from Eve forward
 - Gen 3: 15...And I will put enmity between thee and **the woman**, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
 - This “woman” gave birth to a “male child” (Vs 5)
 - From this we can deduct that this “woman” is a symbol of the nation of Israel

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- Not only did this “woman” give the world the Messiah
 - She in essence also gave birth to the Church
 - Now at this time she is evangelizing the world through the 144,000 Jewish missionaries (Rev 7)
 - Many will be converted to Christ and killed (Rev 7)
 - We also know that the “woman” has built a third temple.....to worship????? (Rev 11: 1)
 - Still in rebellion to Israel’s Messiah
 - But she will be deceived (Dan 9: 27)
 - Matt 24: 15-28.....will be fulfilled.....”flee to the mountains”

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- The breaking of the 7 year "peace".....
 - Could be caused by the "woman" refusing to worship the image of beast (Rev 13: 15)
 - Satan knowing he has only a "short time" (Vs 12)
 - Is fulfilling Rev 11: 2 which states 42 months as the timeframe for the trampling of Jerusalem (3 ½ yrs)
 - Fulfilling Matt 24: 21.... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

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- Because of this great tribulation.....
 - Rev 12: 6....the woman will flee into the wilderness
 - To a place prepared by God
 - There she will be nourished
- The catalyst for all this persecution is because Satan and his angels have been cast out of heaven.....
 - Previously he has had access to heaven.....
 - To accuse.....Rev 12: 10; Job 1: 6-12
 - To deceive.....I Kings 22: 19-28

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- Vs 13....persecution will arise.....
 - Like never before but she will escape
- Vs 14....she will flee into the wilderness
 - To fulfill the prophetic word given to Hosea
 - Hosea 2: 14-23
 - Ex 19: 4.... Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- What are we to learn from this?
 - God is faithful even when we are not!!!!

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- Vs 15.....Satan will launch his attack....(flood)
 - Jer 46: 8..... Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.
 - Isa 59: 19.... 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.

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- Vs 16....the earth opened its mouth???
 - Num 16: 32-33.... And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.
- Vs 17.....now the dragon turns his fury on anyone who has faith in the Lord of Hosts

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- When people tell you on the Internet and other places that God is through with Israel
 - Jer 30: 3-11.....Israel will go through the greatest trial period (time and times and half a time) in the history of Israel.....
- If someone ever asks you to prove the Bible is true.....direct them to.....
 - Malachi 3: 8.... For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
 - “He is the same yesterday, today and forever”