

## Exodus vs. Revelation

- 1) Jacob's trouble: affliction (Isa 60:14; Jer 30:5-8).
- 2) Cry to God; heard (Jer 31:18-20).
- 3) God will command oppressors: let them go (Isa 43:6).
- 4) 2 witnesses, with miracles before enemies (Rev 11:3-6).
- 5) Enemies will also perform (Rev 13:14,15).
- 6) Sore judgements from God (Jer 25: 15,6).
- 7) God will protect His people (Rev 7:4; 12:6; 14-16).
- 8) Water turned to blood (Rev 8:8; 11:6; 16:4,5).
- 9) Satanic frogs (Rev 16:13).
- 10) Plague of locusts (Rev 9:2-11).
- 11) Boils and pains (Rev 16:2).
- 12) Hailstones from heaven (Rev 8:7).
- 13) Darkness (Isa 60:2; Rev 16:10).
- 14) Hearts hardened (Rev 9:20, 21).
- 15) Death to multitudes (Rev 9:15).
- 16) Israel to be delivered (Zech 14:3,4; Rom 11:26).

## The Seven Trumpet Judgments



## Next Session

- Read Chapters 10 and 11.
- Who are the Two Witnesses? Justify your answer with Scripture(s)
- Why were the Seven Thunders not recorded?

## The Book of Revelation

### Session 16: The Little Book/The Two Witnesses Revelation Chapters 10-11

Chapter 10: The “Little Book” and The Seven Thunders.  
Chapter 11: The Temple and The Two Witnesses.

## Revelation 10 The Little Book

- Parenthetical (Chapters 10-14):
    - 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet ushers in the Bowls of Wrath.
  - Mighty Angel with the “Little Book”:
    - Book is now unsealed: digest it.
    - Written “within and on the backside.”
    - “Thou must prophesy again...”
  - The Seven Thunders utter their voices:
    - John was about to write, but forbidden to.
- 1] And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

This is the third appearance of a distinctive messenger:

- Holding back judgments for a special work of grace (Rev 7:2).
- Messenger of the covenant, pouring fire of judgment (Rev 8:5).
- Here: Prophet, Priest, and King (Rev 10:1).

## Christ?

- Clouds (Ex 16:10; 19:9; 24:15ff; 34:5; Ps 104:3; Mt 17; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:9; Rev 1:7).
- Rainbow (Ps 89:1,8,33-37; Rev 4:3).
- Sun (Rev 1:16; Mt 17).
- Feet (Rev 1:15).
- Lion (v.3) Job 4:9-10; Isa 31:4-5; Hos 5:14; 11:10; Amos 3:8; Rev 5:5.
- Jesus often appeared in the OT as “the Angel of the Lord” (Ex 3:2; Judg 2:4; 6:11-12, 21-22; 2 Sam 24:16).

In any case, he appears to have the authority of God's throne.

“Another”: *allos*, not *heteros*. Gabriel = “strength of God” ? Michael: “who is like God”? (only archangel; cf. Daniel 10: 13; 12:1; Jude 9)

- 2] And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
- 3] And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

“Lion's roar”: Prov 19:12; Joel 3:16. [When the Father spoke to the Lord Jesus on the earth, “The people that stood by heard it and said it thundered” (Jn 12:28-29).]

- 4] And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

This is the only “sealed” thing in this unsealed book. (cf. Dan 12:9; Rev 22:10). [Note: Seven voices thundering in Psalm 29.]

No doctrine can be built upon the “Canon” being complete until the seven thunders are recorded. Many misapply 1 Cor 13:10—gifts of the Spirit are documented in early four centuries: See *The Spiritual Gifts* briefing pack.

- 5] And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,  
6] And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

(This is why some *do not* see this “mighty angel” as Christ.)

God put Himself under oath when He made His covenant with Abraham (Heb 6:13-20); when He declared His Son to be high priest (Heb 7:20-22); and when He promised David that the Christ would come from his family (Acts 2:29-30).

“Delay” no longer. He has been delaying His judgments so that lost sinners will have time to repent (2 Pet 3:1-9). Time’s up. The prayers of the martyred saints (Rev 6:10-11) are about to be answered.

The Lord Jesus will now pray for the world! There is no record of Jesus ever praying for the world in its evil state (cf. John 17:6, 9). Why? 1 John 5:19. Psalm 2 tells the whole story.

- 7] But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

**Which mystery?** The problem of evil in the world. Evil has been permitted to increase until the world is ripe for judgment (2 Thess 2:7ff; Rev 14:14-20). The price has been paid. It may come as a surprise to learn that God has never reigned on the earth. Surely He is, indeed, the sovereign King over all of the universe—over both heaven and earth. He has ruled, overruled, and intervened upon the earth. He governs in a manner that seems remote and incomplete. *He has never used His absolute power to bring about an end to demonic evil, human rebellion, and global injustice and suffering.* And He does not receive the

worship and honor that is His due. That is all about to change. That is what we pray for when we pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” *This reign will be inaugurated in Rev 11:17.*

## “Mysteries” of...

- The Kingdom of Heaven Mt 13:11
- The Kingdom Mark 4:11
- Israel’s blindness Rom 11:25
- The Rapture 1 Cor 15:51
- His Will Eph 1:9
- Christ and the Church Eph 5:32
- The Gospel Eph 3:4; Col 1:26-27; 4:3
- Iniquity 2 Thess 2:7
- God and Christ Col 2:2
- The Faith 1 Tim 3:9
- Godliness 1 Tim 3:16
- The Seven Stars & Golden Lampstands Rev 1:20
- Babylon the Great Rev 17:5
- The Harlot Rev 17:7

- 8] And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.  
9] And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Is this the book of Rev 5? The seven seals have been loosed, and the book is now completely open. Only Christ was able to take it. He has the posture of a conqueror taking possession. He is claiming the whole world (Deut 11:24; Josh 1:1-3; 1 Cor 10:26,28; Col 1:16). “All things must be put under His feet” (Ps 8:6; Heb 2:8). We are but tenants. The owner is coming.

## The “Meat” of the Word

- God’s Word often compared to food: Bread (Mt 4:4); Milk (1 Pet 2:2); Meat (1 Cor 3:1-2); Honey (Ps 119:103).
- Assimilation is essential.

Seeing, taking, knowing... isn’t enough. It is only after *assimilating* the book that John is able to “prophesy again.”

There is pain in change, and anguish in true obedience. God does not expect to convert the world through judgment. His plan is to save us through His grace. Yet His forthcoming judgment should cause us to listen and to think soberly and seriously. It should melt our pride, silence our excuses, and prepare our hearts to humbly receive His grace.

- 10] And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.  
 11] And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Cf. Jer 15:16 and Ezek 2:9-3:4. The reality of the futility of man is bitter. What we call achievement and civilization is seen to be rebellion and apostasy crying out to God for judgment. Political, economic, and ecclesiastical life is emptiness. God will be vindicated from all of the blasphemies of men. Our entire hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

[Some see John as one of the Two Witnesses that follows (I don't).]

## Revelation 11

### The Temple and The Two Witnesses

The place: Jerusalem. The time: the first half of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. Israel has a restored Temple. [Rev 10:11: John is to prophesy again **concerning** (not "before") many peoples, nations, tongues and kings.]

In Chapters 11-14, we will get an amplification of the elements. Note the distinction between Jews and Gentiles reappearing, suggesting the OT dispensation. This chapter begins on the earth but ends in heaven (v.19).

[Mid-point of the book?] Chapters 11-14 are parenthetical. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet will signal the completion of the wrath of God (15:1).

- 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.

This reckoning or measuring is tantamount to claiming it. The rebuilding of the Temple is required for this verse to take place. Temple: *naos*; holy place (vs. *heiron*, temple area as a whole).

Measuring rod: staff (*shevet*) Ps 64:2; Jer 10:16; 51:19. In Revelation, an instrument of chastisement (2:27; 12:5; 19:15). Measurements indicate

preamble to judgment (Jer 31:38-39; Zech 2); Preamble to destruction: Lam 2:8; 2 Kgs 21:13; Isa 34:11; Amos 7:8. Judgment begins at the House of God. In Ezekiel 40:2ff and Zech 2:1,2, measurement is in preparation of the Lord's coming to dwell upon the earth.

"Leave out": *ekbale*, throw out, cast out. The Gentiles have taken over Jerusalem (!) Luke 21:24 (until Zech 14:3-4).

"The holy city": no other so designated (Neh 11:1,18; Isa 52:1; Dan 9:24; Mt 4:5; 27:52,53).

## Half-Week Designations

This is the *most documented period of time in the Bible*, and more definitely marked for literal interpretation than that which limits the time of future judgment upon the earth preceding the Millennium. [The literalness of the fulfillment of the 69 weeks of Daniel 9:25 is a guarantee of the literalness of the seven-year duration of the 70<sup>th</sup> week.]

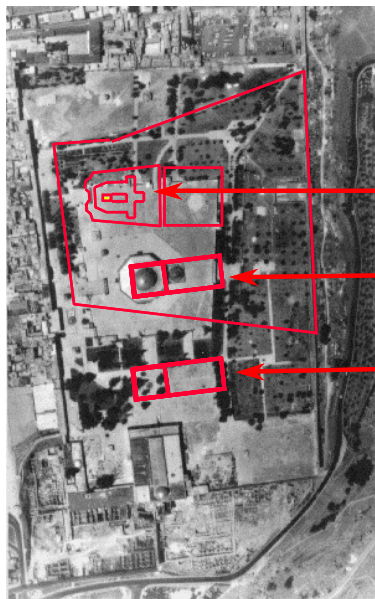
- Half of the (70<sup>th</sup>) week of years      Dan 9:27; Rev 12:14
- 1260 days [1<sup>st</sup> half?]      Rev 11:3; 12:6
- 42 months [2<sup>nd</sup> half?]      Rev 11:2; 13:5
- Time, times, the dividing of time [2<sup>nd</sup> half?]      Dan 7:25; 12:7 Rev 12:14
- "Times" = dual; used of years      Dan 4:16, 23, 25

## The Rebuilding of the Temple

Jesus: Matthew 24:15  
 Paul: 2 Thessalonians 2:4  
 John: Revelation 11:1,2

## The Temple of God

- Tabernacle
- Solomon's Temple
- Zerubbabel's Temple
- Herod's Temple ("2<sup>nd</sup> Temple")
- "3<sup>rd</sup>" Temple
- Millennial Temple
- Heaven



**Northern Conjecture**

**Traditional View**

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### Traditional View

The Temple has been traditionally assumed to have been located where the Muslim Dome of the Rock is located. Most experts currently doubt this location and suspect that it was either north or south of the traditional location.

### Northern Conjecture

The Northern Hypothesis is suggested by Dr. Asher Kaufman (his book is published in Hebrew, except for an acknowledgement page which credits Chuck Missler as a sponsor of his research).

Based on alignment with Golden (Shushan) Gate, certain rock outcroppings, etc. He believes that actual site of Holy of Holies and the Ark of the Covenant was at the Dome of the Tablets (also known as the Dome of the Spirits). Note: This conjecture suggest that the Dome of the Rock is actually in the Outer Court (The Court of the Gentiles) and this is particularly provocative in light of Rev 11:1,2.

### Tuvia Sagiv: The Southern Conjecture

Why *south* of the Dome of the Rock is also likely:

**The Hulda Gates:** According to the Mishna, difference in heights between the Hulda Gates and the Holy of Holies was approximately 10 meters, with about 39° between the entrance to the Temple Mount and the level of the Temple. Dome of the Rock proposals require 20 meters and 80° separations. Current assumptions of tunnels is not mentioned in ancient sources. This suggests a lower, more southern location.

**Where was Antonia's Tower?** The Antonia was located to the north, according to ancient sources, on a hill about 25 meters high. The current El Omriah school building is on a rock only 5 meters high. For many stratigraphic and other considerations it is doubtful that this was the actual location of the Antonia.

**The Moat (Fosse):** According to ancient sources, the Antonia and the Temple Mount were *adjacent* to each other. The moat would be to the *north* of the Tower for protection, placing the Antonia about where the Dome of the Rock stands today.

**The View from the North:** Josephus Flavius describes the fact that the Bizita Hill was located north of the Temple Mount and obscured the view of the Temple from the north.

### Background History

- 70 A.D. Fall of Jerusalem
- 132 A.D. Bar Kochba Revolt
- 135 A.D. Romans regain Jerusalem
  - Aelia Capitolina built over city ruins
  - Temple to Jupiter built over the site of the Jewish Temple
  - An Equestrian Statue of Hadrian was installed over the Holy of Holies

Jerome's equestrian statue of Hadrian—marking the location of the Holy of Holies—would be where the Al-Kas fountain is today. [This, incidentally, would prevent anyone from inadvertently walking over that spot...]

Three defensible alternatives; only careful archaeological investigation will resolve this. Aggressive attempts by the WAQF (Jordan High Council) to obliterate all evidences of Jewish historical presence is destroying artifacts by the truckload. Time will tell...

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

“*The two witnesses of mine*”: emphatic construction. Joshua sends only two on a mission, (vs. 12 by Moses 40 years earlier)

Two: Required number of witnesses before the law (Deut 17:6; Mt 18:16). [Note: always two angels—after resurrection, at the ascension, Gen 18, etc.] These are specifically called prophets (v.3,6) in the Old Testament sense; they perform miracles.

“Sackcloth”: Speaks of the law rather than grace; repentance. Everything here speaks of the OT.

- 4] These are the two olive trees, and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

Zerubbabel & Joshua, who reestablished Israel (Zech 4:10-14); continuous filling by the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:12).

- 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.

## Identities

- 3 were expected (Jn 1:20,21): Messiah (Mal 3:1-3, 5,6); Elijah (Mal 4:5,6); and Moses (Deut 18:15-19).
- John the Baptist: “I am not.” John 1:19,20; Mt 11:14; 17:10-11. He did not “turn the hearts of the children” as Malachi predicted, nor usher in the “great and dreadful day,” etc.
- Two ministries were *unfinished*: Moses (Num 20:12; Deut 3:26-28) and Elijah (1 Kgs 17:1; 19:13-16; 2 Kgs 2:11).
- Staff Meeting? (Mt 17) connected with Second Coming (Lk 9:31; (24:4-7?); 1 Pet 1:10-12; 2 Pet 1:6-18).

## Unique Powers

- Elijah: Fire from heaven (1 Kgs 18:37; 2 Kgs 1:10,12; Jer 5:14); shut heaven (1 Kgs 17:1; 3 1/2 years! Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17,18). vs. *ministers of Church to be harmless*: Phil 2:15; Rom 16:19. James and John would have duplicated Elijah’s acts, but Jesus rebuked them (Lk 9:54-56).

- Moses: Water into blood (Ex 7:19,20); Plagues (Ex 8–12).

## Alternatives

- Enoch? “Once to die...?” (Heb 9:27); general rule; exceptions: Lazarus, Jairus’ daughter, Nain’s son, et al. The Witnesses are Jewish.
- Is Enoch a model of the Rapture? Born, translated, on the Feast of Shavout?
- John, the Apostle (and writer)?
- John the Baptist?

## Two Witnesses Empowered

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| – Call down fire from heaven | Elijah? |
| – Shut heaven, no rain       | Elijah? |
| – Turn water into blood      | Moses?  |
| – Smite earth with plagues   | Moses?  |

## Two Witnesses

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| • Transfiguration | Mt 17:3     |
| • Resurrection    | Lk 24:4-7   |
| • Ascension       | Acts 1:9-11 |

- 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.  
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.

**Jerusalem** = “Sodom” (Isa 1:9,10; 3:8,9; Jer 23:14; Deut 32:30-33)  
= “Egypt” (Ezek 23:3,4,8,19)

They are invulnerable until their testimony is completed. (*So are you!*) [Moses and Elijah had their previous ministries interrupted.]

Antichrist now in power (first mention). Note the origin of this beast. And notice that he is able to overcome them—in contrast to the church. (vs. Mt 16:18.) More on him in Chapter 13. (Cf. 13:7, 15)

- 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.

Only celebration on the earth in Revelation! A “Satanic Christmas”?

- 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.

A CNN exclusive? ? [Same coverage as Mt 24:15?] Cf. Rev 4:1

- 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.

A great earthquake occurred when the 6<sup>th</sup> seal was opened (6:12); a greater one when the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl is poured out (16:18-20). (The greatest fault line on the earth runs east of Jerusalem down the Jordan called the Great Rift Valley, running underneath the Dead Sea into Africa.)

“Tenth”: expressly declared that the tenth belonged to the Lord: Lev 27:30-34.

“Seven thousand *names of* men were killed in the earthquake.” Idiom suggests men of prominence. [The same number that Elijah was unaware of: 1 King 19:18. (Cf. 1 Kings 20:15ff.)]

This ends the parenthetical section between 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> trumpets. Opens up the Seven Personalities in Chapters 12 & 13. All this was part of the “2<sup>nd</sup> Woe!” The 3<sup>rd</sup> Woe (the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment) will bring the final Seven Bowl Judgments.

- 15] And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom(s) of this world are become *the kingdom(s)* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

βασίλεια *basileia* Kingdom (singular). Satan has had the world under his control (Mt 4:8-9; 12:26; Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11).

Announcement of victory. Satan had offered a shortcut (Mt 4:8-9). Jesus did it the way the Father wanted it done. [Note that this is the trumpet of an *angel*, not the “Trumpet of God” which occurs at Sinai (Ex 19) and

at the rapture (1 Thess 4:16,17). Seventh angel yields seven bowls of wrath.]

- 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.

Threefold acclamation of praise (11:16-18). Christ reigns supremely (v.17); He judges righteously (v.18); He rewards graciously (v.18). In Rev 4:10-11, the elders worshipped the **Creator**; in 5:9-14 they worshipped the **Re-deemer**; here, the emphasis is on the **Conqueror and King**.

“Thou hast begun to reign” is more accurate (ingressive first aorist active indicative).

- 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.

“Destroy” = corrupt. Not an ecological statement, but referring to those who follow the one called the Destroyer. However, man cannot be an acceptable steward if he denies the Owner.

Why are the nations angry? They want to have their own way (Ps 2:1-3). They want to cast off all restraint. God will permit them to do so. The result of their “utopia” is Rev 17-18. Their anger will lead to Armageddon.

“Thy wrath is come”: “Angry” is the verb form of the word translated “wrath.” Only the last half of the 70<sup>th</sup> week will reveal the wrath of God (11:18; 14:10; 16:19; 19:15). Two Greek words used: *orge*, used here (4X), indignation, a settled attitude of wrath; and *thumos* (7X: 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15), “rage, passionate anger.” God’s anger is not dispassionate, for He hates sin and loves righteousness and justice; he is neither temperamental nor unpredictable. [In contrast to Allah who is presented as capricious...]

- 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.

The “original” Ark *has always been there*: the one on the earth was but a replica (Heb 9:23). It is the view of some that the *Mercy Seat* will be the very throne that Christ will reign from. See *The Seat of Mercy* briefing pack for a detailed background.

## Seven Great Openings

- A door opened in heaven Rev 4:1
- The seals are opened Rev 6:1-8:1
- The Abyss opened Rev 9:2
- Temple of God opened Rev 11:19
- Tabernacle of testimony opened Rev 15:5
- Heaven is opened Rev 19:11
- Books of Judgment opened. Rev 20:12

## Next Session

Read Revelation chapter 12, one of the most important strategic summaries in the Bible. Who is the “Woman” of chapter 12? How does this chapter affect our perspectives of *today*?

## The Book of Revelation Session 17: The Woman, Man Child & Dragon Revelation Chapter 12

*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.*

Revelation 11:19

The end of the last chapter, Rev 11:19, really introduces Chapter 12.

## The Woman and the Dragon

This is one of the most important chapters in the Bible: an overview of the enigma of Israel, without which the Bible cannot be fully understood.

## Pattern for the Ark

*Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.*

Hebrews 8:5

## The Mercy Seat

*And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim.*

2 Samuel 6:2 (NAS)

- 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.

## Four Women of Revelation

- 1) Jezebel Rev 2:20
- 2) The Harlot Rev 17, 18
- 3) (This one) Rev 12, Jer 3:20
- 4) The Bride Rev 19:7; 21:2, 9  
– Espoused Virgin 2 Cor 11:2

Women = religion... 2 good; 2 evil. If this woman is the bride, she is in a lot of trouble—she’s pregnant! Jer 3:20, 22 – “Israel as wife of YHWH” 1 Cor 10:32: Jews, Gentiles, Church are distinct. Her identity is interpreted for us by Jacob in Gen 37:5-11:

*And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 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 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.*

Genesis 37:5-11

## The Woman

- Israel is described as a woman in travail in OT (Isa 54:5; 66:7; Jer 3:6f; Micah 4:10; 5:2-3);
- She gives birth to the man-child (Rev 12:5; Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27; Rev 19:15).
- This is Israel, not the Church (Micah 4:9; 5:2).
  - “Unto us a child is born...” (Isa 9:6).
  - “Seed of woman” (Gal 3:16; Jer 31:31).
  - The Messianic Line begins (Gen 3:15).