

We want to continue in Revelation, chapter 12, and now the discussion will focus on the interaction between the woman and the dragon. For our purposes, this is an end of the age showdown reaching its final chapter in a series of prior occurrences. I have detailed, or at least referenced, some of these prior showdowns between the dragon and the woman. In summary, just to say, the woman is the carrier of that which represents and will become the man in the image and likeness of God. The dragon is the consistent, and one might even say persistent opposition to this man in the image and likeness of God emerging out of creation.

God established creation to produce a man in His image and likeness so that, ultimately, in this corporate man God Himself will dwell, and in this corporate man God will put on display who God actually is—His nature, His character, and His power. That is why Paul wrote to the Ephesians, in the 1st chapter of the Book of Ephesians, and stated that his ostensible purpose for writing the Book of Ephesians to the Ephesians, to the church in Ephesus and by extension to the Gentiles, was that the believers might have wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ concerning these three things:¹

1. The hope of His calling—what He called people out of darkness into light to become. What hope did He invest in that—the ecclesia, the out-called? He called us out of, to be assembled into. He goes on in the Book of Ephesians, the 1st chapter, to talk about this plan existing before the foundations of the world. It obviously allows for the framing of God’s divine intent for the creation itself, and for mankind with specificity.
2. His glorious inheritance in the saints—how this was the prize in the mind of God to be attained.
3. The working of His mighty power on behalf of those who believe.

The reason I keep going back to the rest of Scripture when we come across these references in the Book of Revelation is that it is obvious: the Book of Revelation does not exist independently in the Scriptures. All of the symbology of it can be understood and is meant to be understood by the

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Ephesians 1:17-21

deconstruction of other Scripture that has been written about exactly the same things. There are people who just love mystery for its own sake, and they forget that a mystery is typically of no value to anybody. Do you know the only value of a mystery? It is when it is revealed. Pardon me for a moment, but we have got people today who will take the plain (the thing that has been revealed) and turn it into a mystery. How idiotic. Religion does that all the time. Why do priests walk around swinging censers with incense? Why do they do that? When you turn the plain into a mystery, you exalt the symbol as the thing that is important, not what the symbol symbolized. When you do that, you see, you are reestablishing a barrier, when God broke it down.

I knew this one woman, and she really had a prophetic gift, but then her character remained undeveloped. The sign that her prophetic gift had now become something else was, she would take things that were plain and do her very best to convolute them. If you know the woman, if you were to ever have met her, she was one of these gals who had such a poor image of herself. I do not know any other woman who could approach her or who could penetrate her defenses. She always quickly retreated. Usually very erratically and very inconsistently, she quickly retreated to a mysterious poise and to a higher perch. Needless to say, there is no real use for people like that in the Kingdom of God. That is like turning wine into water—you are going in the wrong direction.

These symbols have their antecedents in plain Scripture. Wherever the woman appears carrying the divine seed, and whenever that seed comes forth on the earth, it is endowed with the power of the living God. And part of what it does is to destroy the works of the devil, whenever the Son of God is revealed, in whatever fashion the Son of God is revealed²—whether Moses liberating Israel from the control of Pharaoh,³ a type and shadow of Satan; or Christ appearing and wounding the serpent by crushing his head,⁴ a mortal wound; or this Child that appears, a male Child,⁵ and

² See 1 John 3:8b: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

³ Exodus 14:30-31: “So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.”

⁴ See Genesis 3:15 NIV: “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

⁵ See Revelation 12:5a: “She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.”

sometimes it is rendered a man Child, because although it is new in its appearing, it appears full grown—it appears as the product of the time of gestation.

God did not raise Adam in the Garden. Adam was not a barefoot kid running around in the Garden. He was old enough to have a wife. God caused a deep sleep to fall on him, and out of his side He removed a rib, made the woman, and brought her to the man. The man said, “This is flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone.”⁶ He was old enough and mature enough to have a wife. Christ was born in an ordinary way, meaning the way humans are born, so the last Adam is a perfect example in all the ways that man will ever be. He was not born capable of having a wife. He was born and was raised and grew up. The point was not to focus on His birth or His growing up. The prophecy of Scripture is, “Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.”⁷ So the Child is born to become the Son who is given, not just to be a child.

That is why any religion or religious group that exalts the mother over the child will keep the child in a state of permanent infancy and will exalt the mother as the access to the child. That is silly. The point and purpose of the Child is to become the Son who is given, not merely to be born. The reference here to a man Child, or even a male Child, is a reference not to the growing up, not to the months of gestation, not to learning obedience by the things we suffer, but His readiness for the purpose for which He was brought into the world. Jesus Himself would say that. When He was encouraged by His disciples to sidestep His destiny in order to avoid death, execution by crucifixion, His view was, “Unto this end I was born.”⁸ There is a revealing here, not of a child, but of the fully grown up, the One who is mature and ready for His destiny.

This dragon is always waiting to devour, always waiting to capture in a state of potential vulnerability, capture the Child when He is brought out, when He appears. It says this “Child,”

⁶ See Genesis 2:23: “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.’ ”

⁷ See Isaiah 9:6: “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

⁸ See John 18:37: “Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’ ”

you see, “who was to rule the nations with a rod of iron” (cf. Revelation 12:5). There cannot be any doubt as to who this Child is: He is in the image and likeness of Christ. For Christ is destined to rule the nations with a rod of iron, and we will rule and reign with Him.⁹ The *Corpus Christi*—the word *corpus* being corpse or body, or corporate; and Christ, as opposed to Jesus—is a many-membered spiritual Man. The head, the crowned head is the Lord Jesus, the Christ; the body is the executive function of the head.¹⁰ We are the plenipotentiary of His power. In other words, we are the potential for the seeing of His plenary or complete purpose or power. We are the plenipotentiary. Plenary simply means complete. We are the complete demonstration of His power. That is why He told us, “You will do greater works than what I did, for I am going to My Father.”¹¹

Again, I go back to what I said a few recordings ago, when I said the natural man, the man who is only concerned about his *bios*¹² life, the life of his biology, has to be the greatest, has to be the most, has to be the fastest, has to be the richest. The man in the spirit understands empowerment. That, in the spirit you are empowered to attain the likeness of God. God’s standard is the ultimate. He is never going to be less than Himself. Even when He makes Himself less than Himself, it is to elevate others to the pre-existing state. In the spirit there is no competition. In the spirit there is room for everybody because the goal is the same, and no one is greater or lesser in terms of value, and indeed, ultimately, in terms of identity. We may have greater or lesser authority, but that is more on the order of the arrangement of His executive power—how He means to execute what He does.

He does mean for you, for one subject to His rule, to obey the authorities that He has set and to honor the authorities that He has set because it is the way one honors Him, and it is the way one learns to honor. Because we are all ultimately subject to the head, we must all learn the principle of honor. A person may talk about honor, and in fact many people talk about honor, only as it regards themselves—they desire to be honored. They will position themselves as honorable and

⁹ See Daniel 7:27; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 2:26, 3:21, 5:10, 20:4-6.

¹⁰ See Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

¹¹ See John 14:12: “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

¹² See *bios*, Strong’s Greek 979 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/979.htm>

worthy of being honored. You really honor the Christ in the other; and if the Christ is absent from the other, what is elicited under the guise of honor is more an extraction from a heart that is corrupt: wanting honor, but refusing to give honor.

There was always this conflict: that this Child was to rule the nations with a rod of iron. It simultaneously refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, the head, and the corporate body, the many members of His holy self, of His spiritual self. The enemy is ready to pounce, and her Child was caught up to God and His throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness.¹³ Let me show you how our minds work. The moment we read, “This Child was caught up to God and His throne,” what do we think? Yes. He is out of here; He is in heaven. We forget that heaven is already on earth, in terms of the power of His authority. This is not a reference necessarily to someone being taken up out of this world; it is a reference more to what Jesus said, “You are in Me, and I am in You. Let them be one in Us.”¹⁴ That is being caught up to God and to His throne. In what sense was it true that God was in Christ? When Jesus said in John 17, “Let them be one in the fashion in which You and I are one. You are in Me.” In what sense was God in Christ? The power of this is, it requires an earthly presence in order for the nations to be reconciled to God. “For God was in Christ”—God appeared in Christ, to do what?—“to reconcile the world to Himself.”¹⁵

This is not a reference to a rapture, to being taken out; this is a reference to a changing of your position, from the son of the woman to the Son of God. Why? Because the woman brought forth a Child whose destiny was to rule the nations with a rod of iron, who was caught up to God and to His throne. You know, God is never seen in creation; the Father is never seen in creation.¹⁶ He is

¹³ See Revelation 12:5b-6: “And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”

¹⁴ See John 17:20-21: “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

¹⁵ See 2 Corinthians 5:18-19: “Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

¹⁶ See John 1:18: “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.” See also 1 John 4:12.

heard in creation but never seen. Why is that so? His disciples came to Jesus on one occasion, and they said, “Show us the Father.”¹⁷ If God ever intended to appear in a form in creation as just Himself, He would have showed up then. It is simple: He established creation, so He may appear vicariously. A vicarious appearing of God is an incarnation. The form of God that may be incarnated and the intended form of God to be incarnated is His nature and His character. He will support His incarnation with “the working of His mighty power on behalf of those who believe.”¹⁸

Again, I reference back to what I just talked about, where I talked about Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the three imperatives to the Ephesians: the hope of His calling, His glorious inheritance in the saints, and the working of His mighty power on behalf of those who believe. We have this notion that being caught away, being lifted out, is salvation. No, not at all. Salvation is in Him. Let me be specific. This is what Paul said in his letter to the Colossians: “For our lives are now hidden with God, in Christ”—we are hidden with God in Christ—“so that when Christ who is our life appears, we shall appear with Him in glory.”¹⁹ Listen to what Jesus said when some Pharisees told Him Herod was planning to kill Him—Herod being a type of Satan. He responded by saying, “Go, tell that fox I say, ‘I will cast out demons today and tomorrow; and on the third day I will reach My goal.’ ”²⁰ In other words, there is not a thing you can do to thwart why I am here. Today and tomorrow represents two thousand years.²¹ He did not plan to actually be here for two thousand

¹⁷ See John 14:7-11: “ ‘If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.’ Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.’ ”

¹⁸ See Ephesians 1:19-21

¹⁹ See Colossians 3:3-4: “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

²⁰ See Luke 13:31-32: “On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, ‘Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.’ And He said to them, ‘Go, tell that fox, “Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.” ’ ”

²¹ See 2 Peter 3:8: “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” See also Psalm 90:4.

years (to be physically present on the earth for two thousand years); He planned to carry on through His body for two thousand years, and He will return on the third day.

When the Father is in you—“Let them be one in the manner in which We are one. You are in Me.” When you are in Christ, when you are assembled to the *Corpus Christi*, the resulting state is this: in the same manner in which God was in Christ, in the same manner He is in you, and for the same purpose. And you are in the Father because—“the Father is in Me; I am in the Father.” That is a different administration. The Spirit of the Father is literally present in you, in fellowship with your spirit, and that is why He sent us the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of the Son are brought to us in the complete divine Spirit of God known as the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has all of the characteristics of the Father in Him, and the Holy Spirit has all of the characteristics of the Son in Him. In the Spirit of God is the entirety of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Because in the Spirit, our spirits are in fellowship with the spirit of the Father, so we know we have the Father.

He gives us the Holy Spirit, and what is the first thing we do? What is our first response upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead? What is our first response? Father! Father!²² It is the Spirit of the Father that acquaints our mindsets with the fact that we are born of God. Whoever is born of the Spirit has received the Spirit of sonship,²³ which means the Spirit of the Father is one of the imports into our being through the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of the Son is also in the Holy Spirit. The Father is a Spirit, the Son is a Spirit, and they are brought to humanity and brought to the Body of Christ by the third person of the Godhead, or the third representation of the Godhead, who is the complete representation of the Godhead now, like Jesus was the complete representation of the Godhead in His time.²⁴

²² See Galatians 4:6: “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ ”

²³ See Romans 8:15 BSB: “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ”

²⁴ See Colossians 2:9: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

So to be caught up to God is not about going anywhere. To be caught up to God is to be hidden with God in Christ. And He said to His disciples, “I have given you permission to sit with Me on My Father’s throne.”²⁵ When are we seated with Him in heavenly realms? When we die? No! When you are a spiritual man, the heavenlies have come to wherever you are.

Let me show you something about the throne of God. Though it is located in heaven, it moves from heaven to earth whenever the rightful regent is sitting on the throne. So the throne of God will come out of heaven and will be upon the earth, as the Jerusalem of heaven comes into the earth. The throne is just a symbol. Of what is the throne a symbol? It is a symbol of His power, a symbol of His authority. He decreed and declared His power and authority upon the earth when He said to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go ye therefore.”²⁶ By what authority are we functioning if we are in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are on the earth? We are functioning by the authority of the throne of God. This Son who is born is caught up to God and His throne. He is caught up to God because He is assembled to the Body of Christ, where the Father is to be met in the person of Christ, for the Father is in Christ. That way He is assembled to God, caught up to God and to the power of His throne.

The woman then flees into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared for her by God.²⁷ I want to focus on the woman who flees into the wilderness when we come back.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will continue to unpack the Book of Revelation, chapter 12. See you then. Bye-bye.

²⁵ See Revelation 3:21: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

²⁶ See Mathew 28:18-20: “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

²⁷ See Revelation 12:6: “Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”