

Now to briefly summarize where we were last time, we were tracing down this woman¹ to look at her in prophetic Scripture. Because, as I said, I think that we sort of just lost connection with her after she flees into the wilderness. But much is said in the Scriptures about a great falling away at the end of the age—a separation between those who say they are of Christ and those who exactly are of Christ. In framing this separation, I wanted to begin with showing who the woman of Revelation, chapter 12, was. So we went through and showed that in this woman was the Son, the Son of God, quite frankly. Now, she takes on many forms up until the end of the age. One of the forms was Israel that carried Judah in her as she left Egypt to go to the promised land; and she was cared for—Israel was cared for—in the wilderness, supernaturally by God. Secondly, Mary carried Jesus in her womb, and at the time when she was about to give birth to the Lord, Herod sought to kill Him. Herod, an agent of the evil one, is a type and shadow, like Pharaoh before, in Egypt, trying to kill Moses prior to the people being set free. All of these things indicate that eventually there will be a separating out between the woman and the Child, or the Son, whom the woman gives birth to.

The enemy is limited in his ability to have any measure of success against the Son, and he finds himself often relegated to tormenting those connected to the Son. That is where the woman comes in. We want to trace her down and find her. The shocking truth is that she, in fact, is the one who becomes the harlot. The woman of Revelation, chapter 12, is the same woman of Revelation, chapter 17: the harlot. Because when the holy ones have been separated out of her, the light and the glory that she once had, has departed.

Now you may say, “Well, didn’t she have the chance to be included in those who are the Son?” Of course she did. Israel had the same opportunity. When they expelled the Son, when they killed the Son, what happened? Absolute desolation. When the early church fell into apostasy in the days of the Roman Empire, what happened? It sought favor from the kings of the earth. On one occasion,

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

¹ See Revelation 12:1-2: “Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”

it anointed the son of Charles Martel, Charlemagne, to be the Holy Roman emperor, eventually hoping to leverage her position of favor into actual rule.

That form of rule, you see, is apart from the Son. It is the rule that results when people who claim to belong to Christ yet insist on having, as Ralph Reed would put it, a seat at the political table. You can see where I am going with that insert, because this present debacle of the evangelical church is that falling away, is that movement toward the harlotry that ultimately is described as “BABYLON, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS.”² There will come a time when even the remnant of people who love the Lord, who are still in that thing that has now become so debauched as to be compared to a harlot vis-à-vis the true bride of Christ, there will come a time when the declaration will clearly be, “Come out of her, My people.”³ Whoever is yet in this institution, whoever is yet in this fallen state of those who once claimed an association with Christ, there will be a clear time, and that time, in my estimation, is very quickly upon us, where the word of the Lord will come to be, “Get out! Get out of her!” But I am ahead of myself.

Let me lay up the foundation much more carefully than I have done before. What I want to do here is show you that from the beginning, this showdown was inevitable. Let’s look back at the ancient serpent. We had read in the earlier part of Revelation where it says,

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:7-9 NKJV).

So we know who this great serpent or this dragon is: he is the ancient serpent, that “serpent of old.” That is where we want to go. We want to go and look at this dragon who is depicted as the

² See Revelation 17:5: “And on her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

³ See Revelation 18:4: “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’ ” See also Jeremiah 51:45.

constellation Draco in the heavens but is identified as that malefactor from the beginning, known as that old serpent called the devil, Satan, and the deceiver of the whole world from the beginning. When you find him, here is what you find. Go back to Genesis, chapter 3.

You know, it is shocking to me how on the point of Scripture all of these things are. You do not have to look outside of Scripture; you do not have to speculate. In fact, so much of what we call prophecy today is no more than the speculations of men and women of unspiritual minds. The guidelines, the landing path of prophecy is well-lighted in the Scriptures, but it requires a spiritual mind to see the things that are written in Scripture ahead of time.

Let's go back to Genesis, chapter 3. The story is of the fall of man. There is the interaction between Satan and the woman, and then Satan and the man, and then even some interaction with God. God calls all three to judgment after man had disobeyed God. So God, in His just and righteous ways, goes looking for them. When He finds them—having said, “Where are you?”—the man said, “I heard the sound of You in the Garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” God said to him, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said (you will love this): “Well, the woman You gave me to be with me, she gave me some of the fruit, and I ate.” That is the original throwing under the bus. The man throws the woman under the bus, so to speak, blaming her. So the Lord, as He would, follows every lead, and He says unto the woman, “What is it that you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate” (cf. Genesis 3:9-13).

First, the man said, “Well, it is not my fault. The woman You gave me, she is the one who made me do this.” The woman said, “The devil made me do this. He deceived me.” So God moves down the chain, because this is the fact finding portion of the inquiry, before judgment and sentencing. The Lord said to the serpent—interestingly, the Lord did not say to the serpent, “What did you do? What is it that you have done?” He said that to the man, He said that to the woman, but He does not say that to the serpent. He knows the serpent. Things have happened before with this serpent, with this ancient serpent who is the devil or *Ha-Satan*. This is the angel who fell with the other angels: “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the

dragon and his angels fought...” (cf. Revelation 12:7a). So all three are here; it is erroneous to suggest that Adam and the devil or Satan, *Ha-Satan*, are the same.

God said to the serpent,

- “Because you have done this...” - In other words, God did not ask him what he thought; God simply spoke to address him, having concluded that he did this, because it was the nature of the serpent to lie. It is the nature of Satan: a liar and a deceiver who has deceived the world from the beginning.⁴
- “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.” - So what is prophesied here? What is prophesied here before the woman has any children or any child has emerged out of her womb? A specific offspring is prophesied. It is not, “I will put enmity between your offspring and her offsprings.” So this is not general or generic. It is a specific offspring, and it goes forward, leaving no doubt whatsoever that He is speaking of the specific offspring.
- “He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” - This offspring will strike a mortal blow to one of the seven heads of the beast. It will have recovered by the end of the age, but when Christ died on the cross, the specific prophecy here, He struck the first blow that John the Apostle describes in 1 John 3:8, that the Son of God, when He is revealed, will destroy the works of the devil. But this destruction is a progressive destruction. It will have begun with Jesus on the cross, but it was never meant to be the final blow. Why? Paul writes to this issue, and he says in the Book of Ephesians 3:9-10, that there were things that God had hidden in Himself for long ages past, and God’s intent was that now, through the church, through the Body of Christ, the manifold wisdom of God would be made known—to whom? —to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms, that which God had accomplished in Christ.

So it was a two-stage process. The mortal wound to the head will be mortal in that, ultimately, it will destroy the works of the devil. In that sense, its mortality, its end, is

⁴ See John 8:44: “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

assured. But the first wound was the death of Christ; that was a wound to the devil’s head. And it is specifically promised, “He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

So, Satan succeeded in arranging for the death of Christ; however, this was a Pyrrhic victory because Christ would live again in His body on the earth. He would live again, being actually raised from the dead and taken up into heaven. But like Jesus said when the statement was made, “Herod wants to kill You,” He spoke back not to Herod but to Satan, reminding him of this very truth that was prophesied from the beginning, which truth was, “I will cast out demons today and tomorrow.”⁵ Why does He say, “cast out demons”? “I will heal the sick, I will raise the dead, and I will cast out demons today and tomorrow.” Why does He specifically focus on casting out demons? Because, He Himself had said, “And if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of Heaven has come to you.”⁶ In short, clothed in the authority of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is inclusive of “all authority in heaven and on earth,”⁷ He then has the power, through the church, to ultimately fulfill the promise that the revealed Son would destroy all the works of the devil.⁸ We see the initiation of this when Jesus is crucified, but raised again from the dead, and the light has come into the world. It is a direct challenge to the hegemony of the deceptive lies that had begun and continued since the deception of Adam. But then, it was to reach its apogee, it was to reach its fulfillment in the Body of Christ. His intent, Paul said in the Book of Ephesians, chapter 3, God’s intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God would be made known to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms.

You see, base and vain speculation is not a substitute for the knowledge of the word of God. It is not just knowing about the Bible, but seeing how God wisely connects everything together. This is an operation that is undertaken by the Spirit of God through human agencies.

⁵ See Luke 13:31-32 NASB: “At that very time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, ‘Go away and leave this place, because Herod wants to kill You.’ And He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox, “Behold, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third *day* I reach My goal.” ’ ”

⁶ See Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20.

⁷ See Matthew 28:18: “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’ ”

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

And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne (Revelation 12:4b-5).

So when we go back now to Revelation, chapter 12, the woman is about to give birth, the devil is waiting to devour the Child, but the Child is caught up to God and to His throne. As I mentioned in regards to that, “to God and to His throne” is not a reference to Jesus going to heaven; it is instead a reference to the fact that we, as His disciples and as His body in particular, are seated on the throne of divine authority, and we are allowed to bring forth judgment upon all the works of the devil.

The Child who is brought forth—and I mentioned before in the last broadcast, when it says,

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child (Revelation 12:13).

The male Child, it had been previously described, was caught up to God and His throne. I mentioned also that the terms “male” and “Child” are the reference to a man who is fully grown, the *huios*⁹ of God. Let me go back and frame that more perfectly. It says in Revelation 12:5 that the woman “bore a male Child who was to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.” This is clearly Christ, but equally clearly Christ doing it through His body. And this is not some new invention. This was always what God intended. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God would be made known to principalities and powers. These were things that God hid in Himself for long ages past, according to Paul in the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. This is not a new thought.

⁹ See *huios*, Strong’s Greek 5207 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5207.htm>

When it was said in the Book of Genesis, chapter 3, that the Seed of the woman, the offspring of the woman, would crush the head of the serpent, it has that double entendre, because whoever is in Christ is viewed as being the same as Christ for the purposes of God. The crushing of the head was a two-stage operation: one was when Christ actually died on the cross and introduced the first wave of the destruction of the deception of the enemy; the second wave would come when the Body of Christ had been fully matured. That is what He is talking about here: the Son who is “caught up to God and His throne,” ruling by the authority that was inherently given to Christ, the pattern Son, who is also, in His body, the collection of all the sons. Alright?

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 (Revelation 12:6).

It goes on to talk about the war in heaven (verse 7), and like I said, I will come back to that.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death (Revelation 12:11).

There is an accusation against those who are in Christ. It says in verse 10,

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come...” (Revelation 12:10a).

That has come. Where has it come to? Well, it says (in verse 9) that Satan and his angels were cast out; and then this is said about the power and the Kingdom of God that have come,

“...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down” (Revelation 12:10b).

Where has he been cast down to? It says,

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time” (Revelation 12:12).

We, though we are on the earth, are seated in heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.¹⁰ In Christ Jesus we are seated upon the throne of God.¹¹ So though we live on the earth, we operate on the earth by divine authority. To that end, “salvation, strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of Christ have come” (verse 10). To whom? To those who are in the Lamb. When that happens, they “overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of His testimony, and that they did not love their lives even unto death” (verse 11). “Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them” (verse 12), because we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The fact that we are bodily on the earth does not matter; we are operating by the authority of the throne of God. That is what Jesus said when He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go ye therefore...” So if you are going therefore on the basis of that authority, you are seated in the heavenly realms because you are in Christ Jesus. You are on the throne of the Father with the Lord Jesus Christ.

And for you, the accuser of the brethren has been cast down, and his wrath now shifts to the woman.

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent (Revelation 12:13-14).

What I want to show you now, in the next set of teachings, is how this woman progressively loses her place of divine authority, divine presence, divine protection, and how she becomes the harlot.

¹⁰ See Ephesians 2:4-6: “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus(.)”

¹¹ 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.”

Because, when the Child comes out of the woman, there is a separation; and what is left of the woman... Because we are talking about the Body of Christ, and we are talking about that out of which the Body of Christ has come. It varies over time in history. At one time the Body of Christ was firmly in the Jewish people, but it was separated out at the time of Christ. The early church was Jewish, but then it became the Gentile church, and the Jews went into Roman captivity, and so on. We want to follow that when we come back and look at what eventually happens to the woman.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will continue then. Thank you. Bye-bye.