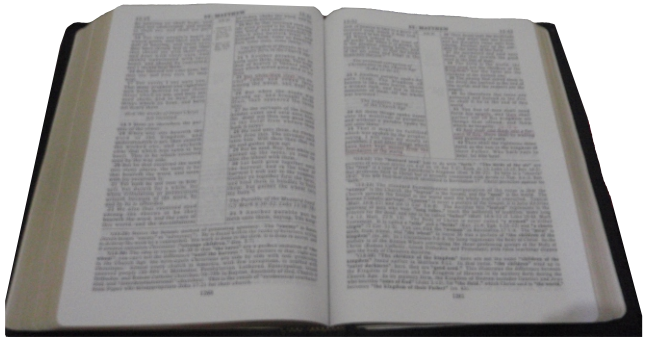
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Revelation
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Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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12:1- This has to be figuretive

- There is no woman dressed like this standing on the moon.

- Who is the woman

- 1st interpretation- Catholic church

- This is Mary

- Read the passage as if it was Mary

- 12:2- Child- supposedly Christ

- 12:5- Acts 1

- 12:6- And the woman Mary fled to the wilderness.

- Mary is not in the wilderness in Acts 1 she's in the upper room praying

- It can't be Mary

- 2nd interpretation- The Church

- Woman- Church

- 12:5- the church brought forth Christ

- That won't work Christ brought forth the Church

- Scripture with scripture the scripture will tell us who it is.

- The woman is defined in a dream Joseph had.

- Gen. 37:9

- Many times in the scripture Israel is a woman.

- A disobedient wife or rebellious

- Gen. 37:9- Joseph is talking

- Gen. 37:9-10- I = Sun

Mother = Moon

Thy brethren = 11 stars

12:1- Woman- Israel

12:1- Clothed with the sun

- Is a picture of Jacob the father, the creator.

- 12 stars = 12 tribes.

12:2- All commentators say this is a reference to the birth of Christ.

- This could be half true but there are still some things that don't line up.

12:5- This will match Christ

- Rev. 2:26-27

- Rev. 19:15

- Christ promised the over comer that he will reign and rule with him

- This is called a Rod of Iron rule

- He is going to rule with a rod of iron.

12:2- The man child could be Christ- But there's problems

12:5- Acts 4:26-27 - The Lord is referred to as a child after he died and rose from the dead.

- If this is the Son then the Church age is between verse 5-6 and the Advent in verse 6

- Which would mean there is a gap between the two verses of almost 2000 years.

12:3- Red- indicative of blood, murder

- Jh. 8:44

12:3- Great red dragon= great red dragon

- Serpent

- The Chinese red dragon is a cheap counterfeit of the real thing

12:3- Crowns- represent kings

- The devil is the god of this world.

- 2Cor. 4:4

- Lk. 4:5-7

- In **Rev. 12** he rules this world by 7 kings

- 7 kings in order as they appear in the scriptures.

1- Nimrod - Babylon

2- Pharaoh - Egypt

3- Sennacherib - Assyria

4- Nebuchadnezzar - Babylon

5- Syrus or Darius - Persia

12:16- Israel should of been drowned but they go through just like Exodus on dry ground

12:17- Notice the faith and works combination in the Tribulation

1- Keep the commandments- works

- This is an OT decalogue

- Decalogue- the 10 commandments

- This is not a NT commandment

2- Have the testimony of Jesus- Faith

- In the Tribulation it is a combination of faith and works

6- Name not given- Greece

- The kings name is not given, every king is given except this king

- In history we know it was Alexander the Great

- He died at the age of 33 and professed that Jupiter was was his father and he was virgin born.

7- Caesar- Rome

- These are the 7 heads and 7 crowns

12:4- And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven

- It has to be angels

- Real stars would destroy this earth a sun is a star it would burn up the earth.

- Its figurative but its explained in verses **7-10**

12:4- Devour her child as soon as it is born

- If your going to apply this to Christ then somebody tried to kill Christ as soon as he was born.

- Herod tried to kill all the babies under 2 yeas old but that was a almost two years later.

- Mt. 2:16-18

- Augustus Caesar try's to give Mary a miscarriage by making her go to Bethlehem on the back of a donkey or what ever she rode on.

- All the world was taxed they had to travel from Jerusalem to Bethlehem

- It looks like here that the devil is next to the woman and as soon as the child is born it is raptured and the woman (Israel) flee's to the wilderness.

12:5- Brought froth a man child

- The rule is scripture with scripture

- The man child is first mentioned in Genesis

- Gen. 17:10- the man child is a Jew

- Abraham was a gentile until this covenant then from this point on his offspring is called Jews.

- 1Sam. 1:11- This is Samuel, he is a Nazarite.

- All thru the Bible you read "shall a nation be born at once"

- Isa. 66:8

- When you read in Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel about Zion travailing it's a reference to the 2nd Advent and Israel getting converted and coming back to Christ.

- So this woman is travailing and brought a man child in the Tribulation.

- There is a chance that this child brought forth in the Tribulation is not Jesus Christ

- So then who is it?- Don't know

- Lam. 4:17- This context the Jews are down in Selah Petra in 4:21, where Job was they are are south of the dead sea, Job was the greatest type of the Tribulation Jew in the Bible.

- You can't fly on the Sabbath in Israel

- It could be figurative

- When Israel came out of Egypt God used eagles as an illustration

- Deu. 32:11-12- We know there was no planes at this time

- Der. 32:11- As- a similitude

- Rev. 12:14- There is no similitude given

12:14- Time- 1, Times- 2, half a time- 1/2 - 3 1/2 years

12:15- This flood is prophesied in Daniel 9

- Its usually spiritualized referring to enemy troops.

- But in both places it's a flood.

- Dan. 9:26- the end shall be with a flood

12:15- And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood

- This must be a very big serpent

- Job 40:23- its hard to say how big the devil is

- Dr. Ruckman thinks its at least 10 miles long

12:15- this is an attempt to drown Israel with water

- This matches Israel coming out of the Red Sea

- The earth opened up her mouth and swallowed up the flood.

- Bring forth fruit

- 60% - Peter, james, and john

- Chosen and bring forth more fruit and have the word of their testimony

- 100%- John- called, chosen, faithful

  - saved by the blood

  - Loved not his life to the death

  - Brought forth much fruit.

12:13- Woman- Israel

- Man child

  1- Some individual who heads up the nation of Israel and then get killed in the Tribulation

  2- The Jewish remnant saved in the Tribulation and brought forth when Zion travails

  3- Christ in the past

12:14- Wings as eagle- planes, jets etc.

- It could be literal

- Mt. 24:20- Flight

- In Israel in the Tribulation the flights will all be grounded on the sabbath

- In the Tribulation they are back under the law and commandments

- This is where the lake of fire will be in the Millennium in the land of Edom.

- This is a picture of the Jew in the rock city of Selah Petra, waiting for the anti-christ to come and get him.

- All hope is gone and he is at the end of his rope.

- He says this in **4:18-20**

- Lam. 4:18-20- There is some man in the Tribulation that is called “anointed of the Lord”

- Whoever this man is it looks like he made a covenant with the anti-christ

- This is a strange verse

- Lam. 4:20- their pits

- Somebody else got him

- It looks like an enemy of Israel dug a pit and he fell into it.

- What we have so far

- It looks like this man in 4:20 was captured by Israel’s enemies

- He made some kind of covenant to help protect Israel when he was captured.

- They were trusting under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

- Lam. 4:20

- There are 3 interpretations

1- Reference to Jesus Christ

- In which case its all fulfilled in the past.

2- Its some individual that shows up in the Tribulation we cant identify.

3- It is a spiritual reference of Israel being born again and producing converts.

- Some people say the 144,000 is the man child brought forth

- Dr. Ruckman doesn't know

- It could be the woman Israel brings forth the children in the end of the Tribulation who believe on Christ.

12:6- 3 1/2 years= 42, 30 day months

- From here we are certain what is going on

12:14- In the Tribulation the Jews run from the anti-christ and go into the wilderness and God miraculously feeds Israel or they would starve.

- Just like Israel coming out of Egypt in the book of Exodus.

- The Jews will be fed with manna south of the Dead Sea

- Mt. 24:15-16- Flee into the wilderness

- All 4 gospels record the feeding of the 5000

- In Lk. 4 the Spirit leads Christ into the wilderness where he fasted 40 days and the devil tempted him and says

- Turn these rocks into bread

- God of this world

- Comes down professing he is God in the flesh

- A super human who comes in peaceably and the whole world loves him.

12:11- 1- 12 Apostles- class one

2- the inner circle- peter, James, and John- class 2

3- John- class 3- John drew close and had fellowship with the Lord leaning on his breast

- These are the 3 types of Christians

- Jh. 15:1-5- Fruit, more fruit, much fruit

- 3 types of servants

1- Slaves- they serve because they are afraid of him

2- Hirelings- They serve to get rewards or wages

3- sons- they serve out of love they love Jesus

- Rev. 17:14- Called, Chosen, Faithful

- Rom. 8:29-30- Every Christian is called

- Not everyone who is called is chosen

- Not everyone who is chosen is faithful

- 12 disciples- 30%

- Who had faith and were called and who overcame the devil by the blood of the lamb

3- Loved not their lives unto death

- You have to be willing to die for the Lord

C- Paul said

- 1Cor. 15:31- I die daily

- Gal. 2:20- I am crucified with Christ...

- In the Tribulation they love their God Jesus Christ more than their life.

12:11- the death

- In the Tribulation there is a certain kind of Death

- A man will be told take the mark or get your head cut off.

- Rev. 11-13- all deal with the anti-christ

- Rev. 11- Anti-christ cuts off the heads of Elijah and Moses

- Rev. 12- Anti-christ persecuting Israel

- Rev. 13- Anti-christ ruling the world

- The main material in the Bible about the anti-chirst is these chapters **11-13**

- Rev. 11- main subject- Moses & Elijah

- Rev. 12- main subject- Dragon

- Rev. 13- main subject- Beast

12:12- short time- 3 1/2 years

- 33 year old male angel of light

- The Jews will go back into the wilderness like they were after Egypt

- The book of Exodus will take place again

- The OT is history written in the future

- Micah 7:14

- Ps. 74

- This is advanced revelation

- Ps. 74:13- heads of the dragon

- Ps. 74:14- Leviathan has more than one head.

- The New Scofield bible says it's a crocodile

- Isa. 27:1

- Ps. 74:14- Gavest him to be meat

- Mic. 7:14

- This manna is like snow, it has 6 points, it comes from the north, it melts and its white like snow.

- Mic. 7:14- Rod

- This is the Rod of God in Isaiah

- The Jews have rejected the NT and the NT Christian scholar of today has rejected the OT

- There is only one book in the NT that deals with future that's the book of Revelation.

- If you want to learn about the future its in the OT.

- Hos. 2:14-15- Israel in the Tribulation

- Hos. 2:18-23- Millennium

- Job 38:22-23

- If manna comes from the devil Israel was fed for 40 years and then again in the wilderness

- It looks like God reserved some for the Tribulation?

- If the devil's blood is like snow flakes then he would of had to be wounded before Exodus

- We know he is wounded in the Tribulation but how does he get wounded before that— Don't know

- Isa. 55:10- Snow as bread

- Somehow snow, hail, and rain are connected with bread.

- If a man was really smart and a scientist he could figure how to make bread out of snow

- How is all this connected together

- When the Jews in the Tribulation run from the devil they go south of the Dead Sea

- We know that because they go to UZ in Edom and Selah Petra where Job was.

- Christ told them to go to the wilderness and the wilderness is defined.

- Lam. 5:21-22,16,9

- There out there trying to get bread and their getting killed

- Their being hunted by the anti-christ troops.

- His job is to accuse you to God and God to you.

- Satan came to God about Job

  - Does Job fear God for naught

  - Job is good because you have taken care of him

- Satan is lying to God about Job

- He comes right back down to Job and says god is against you.

- Do you think all this would happen if God was for you.

- The devils job is to misrepresent us to God and God to us.

- He plays both ends against the middle.

12:11- How did they overcome?

1- By the blood of the Lamb

- There is no way to overcome the devil but by the blood of Christ.

2- By the word of their testimony

- The context is talking about Tribulation saints

- Doctrinally its salvation in the Tribulation and has nothing to do with a Christian.

A- Practically you can say your only saved by the blood

B- And the word of your testimony is telling people about Christ death, burial, and resurrection

- The 1/3 of the angels could of been the ones who have rebelled with satan in Gen. 1:1 and have followed him through this whole ordeal.

12:9- Deceiveth the whole world

- There is almost 8 billion people right now he is so powerful and so smart he deceives the whole world.

- The smartest man who ever lived is no match for satan

12:10- now is come salvation

- Salvation is used in many ways

- 1Tim. 2:15- ...she shall be saved n childbearing

- Saved from being deceived

- 1Tim. 4:16- ...thou shalt both save thyself and those that hear thee

- Paul is talking about saving their ministry and their lives

- Salvation isn't always about getting out of hell

12:10- now is come

- its not immediate

- Rev. 11:15- The kingdoms are turned over to Christ at the end of the Tribulation

- Rev. 12:10- is in the middle of the Tribulation

12:10- One of the main occupations of the devil is prosecuting attorney.

- He is the accuser of the brethren

- Where is this place?

- Lam. 4:21- Edom that dwellest in the land of UZ

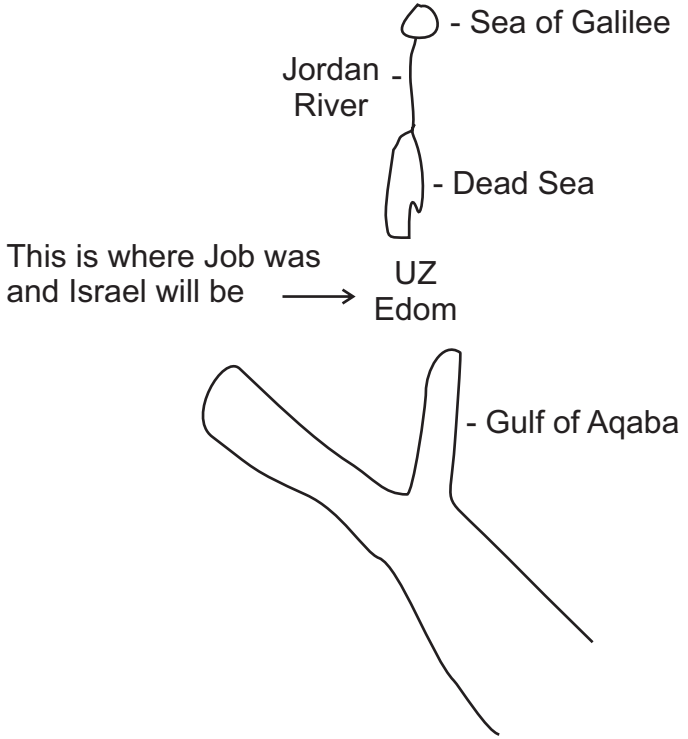
- Job is one of the greatest books of the Bible on the 2nd Advent

- Job is where the Jews will be in the Tribulation.

- Job is on the ground 7 days and nights so the Jews are persecuted for 7 years

- Job has his family resurrected at the end of the Book so Israel will be resurrected at the end of the Tribulation

- Job was persecuted by the devil so Israel will be persecuted by the devil.



12:6- Israel is fed in the wilderness for 3 1/2 years

12:14- Israel has to make a fast escape into the wilderness where she is fed miraculously with manna

- This is why Christ feeding the 5000 occur in all 4 gospels

- This is one of the few events that is listed in all 4 gospels

- The death, burial and resurrection is in all 4 gospels

- The virgin birth is not listed in all four gospels its not in Mark

- Satan tells Jesus in Lk. 4, Mt. 4 in the wilderness if thou be the son of man turn these rocks into bread

- All three of the temptations that satan tempted Christ with are 2nd Advent temptations.

- The devil is very subtle all 3 temptations are temptations that Christ had to do but at the wrong time.

- 1st feed yourself in the wilderness

- 2nd come down out of the air and land at the temple

- 3rd take over the kingdom of this world.

- All these will take place at the 2nd Advent

- The devil will get you to do the right thing at the wrong time.

- The rock city of Selah Petra is one of the view places that bombs from air planes can't harm,

- Israel will be shut up in it for 3 1/2 years being fed by God

- When you see the word Selah especially in the Psalms there will be a reference to the 2nd Advent within 5 verses.

- So this is how we take these verses

- A man in the Tribulation his works or a part of his salvation with faith.

- A man in the Tribulation and Millennium after the White Throne Judgment will have the right to the tree of Life.

- Leave the verse as it stands.

12:7- What you have to do is admit you don't know and leave it as it is.

Recap so far

12:6- ...that they shall fed her

- who is the "they"

- It's the ones connected with cutting the dragons head

- It must be whoever does that feeds her the manna.

12:9- The devil and his angels were cast out to the earth

- When he comes down he takes 1/3 of the angels with him.

- Rev. 12:4- How many?

- The greatest rebellion against God is still in the future a third of the angels leave.

- How do you explain this– Can't, don't know

- Why would 1/3 of the angels follow him?

- Some of you have lived in sin and you new the truth and you did it anyway.

- This guy made it then lost it.

- Mt. 25- These people have to buy their oil to get in.

- There is no grace there.

- When you hear all the major religions say you can loose your salvation there has to be some basis for it.

- These groups were never taught how to rightly divide the scriptures.

- Rev. 14:12- 1- keep- works

2- And- faith

- These verses are so confusing to some of the brethren they pretend their not there.

- When the Baptist get to Rev. 22:14 they change it like its the ASV.

- They leave the verse out because their afraid it teaches salvation by works.

- Rev. 22:14- ASV, NIV, NASB

- Blessed are those who wash their robes

- Even if you change it to wash their robes it doesn't change anything

- The ones who wash their robes are in the great Tribulation not the Church age.

- Every heresy in this age is the truth misplaced

- The ones who washed their robes didn't need the tree of life.

12:7- Michael and his angels fight against the dragon

12:9- The dragon is cast out

12:12- For the devil is come down.

- Milton's Paradise Lost has taken this verse and put it in the past.

- You always see the devil getting kicked out of heaven and it's always before Adam and Eve.

- That's wrong- in the Bible he is not kicked out till later.

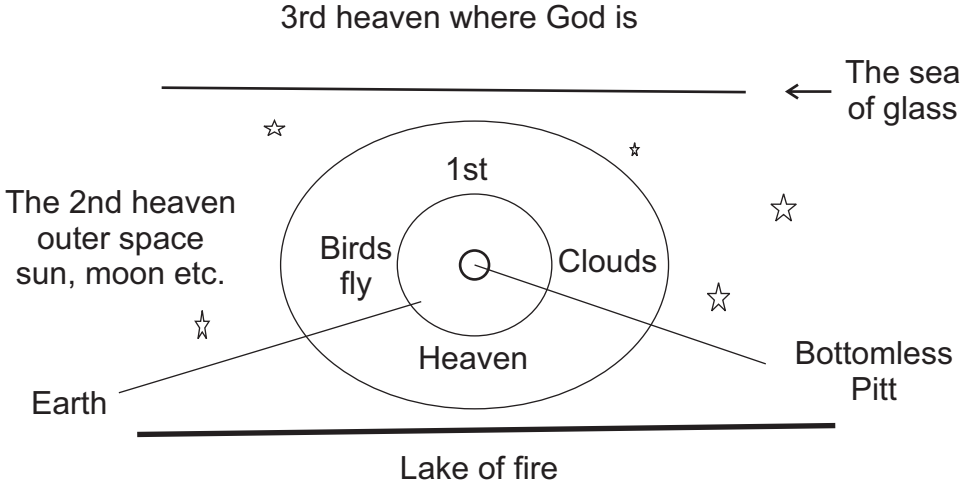
- In Dante's Inferno they have the devil in hell.

- The devil is not in hell he is still moving around

- There will be war in heaven

- The power of the devil diminishes by stages.

- There are 5 stages to satan's fall.



- Isa. 14:12- He was the 5th Cherub that covereth.

1st- - Lucifer's 1st fall

- The 3rd heaven to the 2nd heaven

2nd- **Lk. 10:18-** Satan as lightning fall from heaven

- 2nd fall- 2nd heaven to the 1st heaven

3rd- **Rev. 12:12-** 1st heaven to the earth

4th- The end of the Tribulation he is cast into the Bottomless Pit.

5th- End of Millennium he will be cast into the Lake of fire.

- Satan falls five times he is the 5th Cherub and 5 is the number of death, not grace, and his name is spelt with 5 letters

- The ruler of this earth in the Tribulation is the devil

- Pr. 16:18- Pride goeth before .....

12:7- Michael

- Dan. 12:1- Michael is the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people.

- This is a Jewish context

12:7- We know the woman in **12:1** is Israel because Michael is the prince of the Jews.

- Now knowing this there is something very important.

12:17- Woman- Israel

Seed- Israel

- Rev. 12:17- which keep the commandments of God

- That's works

- Rev. 12:17- And have the testimony of Jesus Christ

- That's Faith

- In the Tribulation salvation is by faith and works

- People take these verses that deal with the Tribulation and try and apply them to the Church age.

- Every heresy in this age is a Tribulation truth or a Millennium truth misplaced.

- 7 Day Adventist go to church on the sabbath

- Your supposed to but not in this age.

- One man said if I want the Holy Spirit get baptized for the remission of sins.

- True but not for this age.

- Another said you have to keep the law to stay saved if you sin you loose your salvation.

- True but in the Church age we are under grace.

- Now Baptist are stubborn about these things

- Once they found eternal security they tried to make the whole bible teach eternal security

- Mt. 22:1-13

- One man comes to the wedding and gets inside the wedding and then gets kicked out.