

Finishing the Work

Revelation 12 describes how the Gentile church helps bring Israel into God's fullness too. Entering into a full understanding of God's love will cast out all doubt of His love for you.

The Pattern

We see a pattern developing at this point.

1. Coming to a knowledge of the truth (Ascension):

Gentile believer - Revelation 4:1 - Message given by ascending angel in Revelation 7

Jewish believer - Revelation 11:12 - Message given by the Two Witnesses

Coming to a knowledge of the truth means you realize God is love, He does not keep a record of sin, therefore, Christ did not die to pay your sin debt.

1 Timothy 2

*4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to **come unto the knowledge of the truth.***

2 Timothy 3

*5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.***

*7 Ever learning, and **never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

2. Enter the fullness:

Gentile believer - Revelation 10 - Aided by Christ through the church

Jewish believer - Revelation 12 - Aided by Christ through the perfected church

3. Stand for what you believe, works perfecting your faith (James 2:22):

Gentile believer - Revelation 11 - As the Two Witnesses

Jewish believer - Revelation 15 - As the seven angels who have the seven vials, pouring out the plagues

There is much more detail concerning the Gentile church coming to a knowledge of the truth (the ascension). The seven churches, in chapters two and three, explain how they come out of the great apostasy. It is during this time they receive the truth of *the Son of God, the conscience, and the sin nature*. Having ascended they begin to learn what it means to sit at the right of God with Christ through the opening of the sealed book. This time for the Gentile is his experience of the marriage supper.

The Gentile church also begins to trumpet the message of God's love to other gentiles, allowing them (the church) to see the weaknesses they carry and encouraging them for their last work of going to literal Israel. This is where we are today!

Three Heavenly Signs

1. Revelation 12:1 - A great **wonder (G4592)** - The woman clothed with the sun pictures the Gentile church brought to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).
2. Revelation 12:3 - Another **wonder (G4592)** - The dragon waiting to devour the child is a common sign indicative of us all.
3. Revelation 15:1 - **Great and marvelous sign (G4592)** - The seven angels ready to pour out the vials

are those of literal Israel who received the truth in Revelation 11 and were brought to the fullness in Revelation 12. To God this is great and marvelous.

In Revelation 10 the Gentile church reaches the fullness by drying the sea and cleansing the earth. In Revelation 12 the Jewish believers come to the fullness by casting down the dragon. The whisperer equals what we have conjured up ourselves along with the things we have been taught by others.

Romans 6 (the blood of the lamb)

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of (the) sin (nature) might be destroyed (or rendered inactive), that henceforth we should not serve (the) sin (nature).

Revelation 12

*10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:** for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

*11 And they overcame him by **the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they*

Travailing in Birth

Revelation 12

*2 And she being with child cried, **travailing in birth**, and pained to be delivered.*

Galatians 4

*19 My little children, of whom **I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,***

Isaiah 66

*5 Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out **for my name's sake**, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that renders recompense to his enemies.

*7 **Before she travailed**, she brought forth (the man child within herself); before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.*

*8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for **as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children** (as seen in Revelation 12).*

Revelation 12

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

*5 And she brought forth a man child, **who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron**: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

This is Christ in the believer. Allowing the believer to rule over the inward nations of pride.

Revelation 2

*26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations**:*

*27 And **he shall rule them with a rod of iron**; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father (Psalms 2:8-9).*

NATIONS = Pride: Nations (H1471) is rooted in H1342, the same word as pride (H1343)

Revelation 12

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God (the bible), that they should feed (nourish) her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

WILDERNESS = A land not sown with light - Jer 2:2 & Ps 97:11; A place to receive water from the Rock; a place to die to self. A mind not cultivated with God's word (a land [mind] not sown with concepts); Habitation of dragons - Jer 2:2 [4057]; Ezek 19:13 dry, thirsty land (carnal mind); Isa 35:4 _7; Land of darkness - Jer 2:31; Salt land, not inhabited - Jer 17:6 [4057]

1260 days = 3x10x7x6 = a complete understanding of the fullness of man

This time period allows the Jewish believers to come to a complete understanding of the fullness of man which is fulfilled in the pouring out of the vials in Revelation chapter 16. The Gentile believers reached this point in Revelation chapter 11:3.

Michael

Revelation 12

7 And there **was (G1096-came to be)** war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Daniel 12

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Jude 1

9 Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

John 5

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead (dead spiritually) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is ~~the~~ Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves **shall hear his voice**,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

1 Thessalonians 4

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (lead away) with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede (precede) them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, **with the voice of the archangel**, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first**:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to

meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Revelation 1

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, **and the prince** of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

The God of Israel

John 1

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 **No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

1 Timothy

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord **Jesus Christ:**

15 **Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

16 **Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**

Colossians 1

15 Who is the image of **the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

Exodus 24

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

10 And **they saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also **they saw God**, and did eat and drink.

The God of Israel is Christ.

Hebrews 5

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**

9 And **being made perfect**, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Hebrews 2

18 For in that he himself hath **suffered being tempted**, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

Only the Father has experiential knowledge without having had the experience.

Eagle's Wings and Persecution

Heavens, Earth and Sea

1 Revelation 12

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

In past studies we have defined the heavens, earth, and sea as levels of understanding, but now we want to put a magnifying glass on them and get further definition of them.

The heavens, earth, and sea are actually symbols of where we derive our information about God.

We are either learning from God, self, or others. If we equate God to the bible alone then we are still on the earth and sea. In other words, to read the bible without having a conscience toward God then we are left to interpret the book for ourselves or to trust another person to interpret it for us.

Entering into the doctrine of "hearing God through the conscience" (message given to Sardis) moves us onto a different level of communication with God. His terminology for this move is called the priesthood. We are now capable of entering into the sanctuary to eat from the table of shewbread. There is still a veil separating us from the holy of holies but we are now learning to develop a hearing ear and God is able to bring us deeper truths. When we learn to see God as love and abide in His spirit we are on an even higher level of communication with Him and have moved beyond the veil becoming high priests.

Interesting is the fact that when we saw the bible as God we were still listening to others but entering into the hearing truth doesn't change that. God still expects us to learn from others in the body of Christ (Romans 10 bears this out). The people He sends to teach us are symbolized as angels, or heavenly messengers (Malachi 2:7).

Time, Times, and Half a Time

Daniel 12

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

:11 The truth of the bible is taken away and their rebellion is given bringing

1000 = 10x10x10 or a completion or perfection of God's word - negative (Revelation 17:17)

200 = 2x10x10 or a division between Father and Son (Son pleads with His Father not to destroy us)

90 = 9x10 or God's judgment - negative

:12 Blessed is he that waits...

1000 = 10x10x10 or a completion of God's word - positive

300 = 3x10x10 or a completion of Father and Son

35 = 7x5 or a fullness of grace

Revelation 12

14 And to the woman were given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

WINGS = The spiritual heart, good or bad. It is the wings that open and receive the wind, the spirit of God that lifts you up into the heavens (spiritual understanding) - Christ: Mal 4:2; Mt 3:16; Luke 3:22; humanity: Rev 12:14; Isa 40:31; Negative: Zech 5:9

Isaiah 40

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; **they shall mount up with wings as eagles**; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Job 33

22 Yea, his soul draws near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger (H4397 - angel) with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: **he shall return to the days of his youth:**

God's people are strengthened to walk in love through the tremendous persecution of the last days.

Daniel 12

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be **to the end of these wonders?**

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that lives for ever that it shall be for a **time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Revelation 12

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.