



Q A Study in Revelation

다녀요:
routinely go"

한국어 가요: "I go"



타요:
"I go"
(transportatio

다녀와 요:
“I routinely go
and then go home”



Where we are so
far

THE *REVELATION*

The Persecuting
Dragon

Points for Home



Symbolism

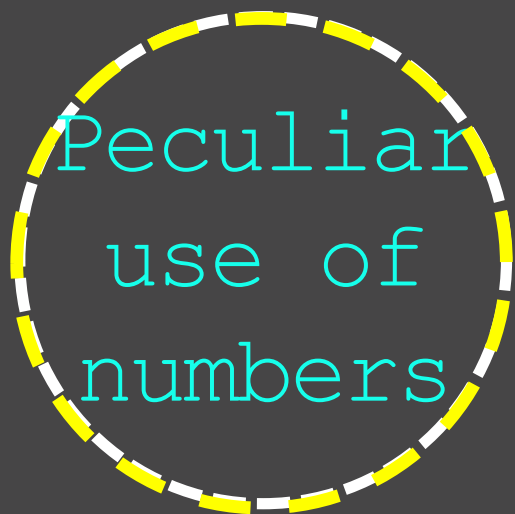
An Age to
Come

Peculiar
use of
numbers

Visions
and
Dreams

Coming
Cataclysm

Angels
and
Demons

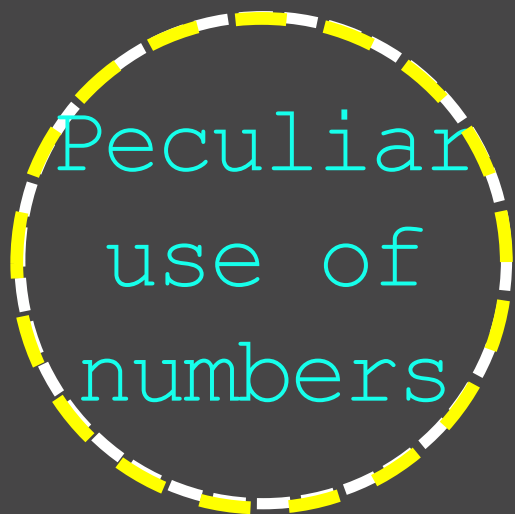


3 Associations with the spiritual or divine

Dan. 6:10 –

Daniel kneels and prays three times a day.

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Samuel is called by YHWH three times before Eli the priest perceives it is YHWH calling

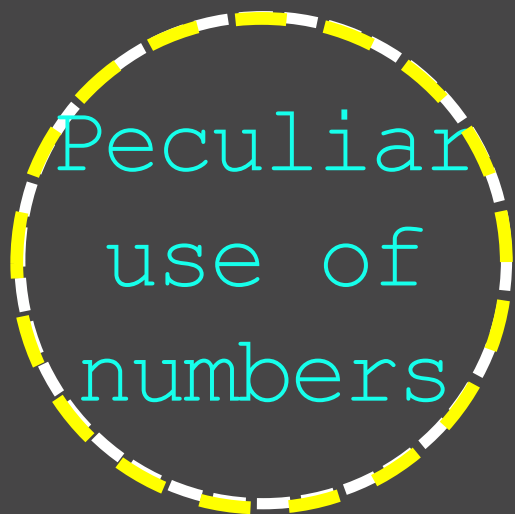


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Num. 6:24-26 -

The priestly blessing is a three-fold repetition of YHWH

- 1) YHWH bless and keep;
- 2) YHWH make his face shine and be gracious;
- 3) YHWH lift up his countenance

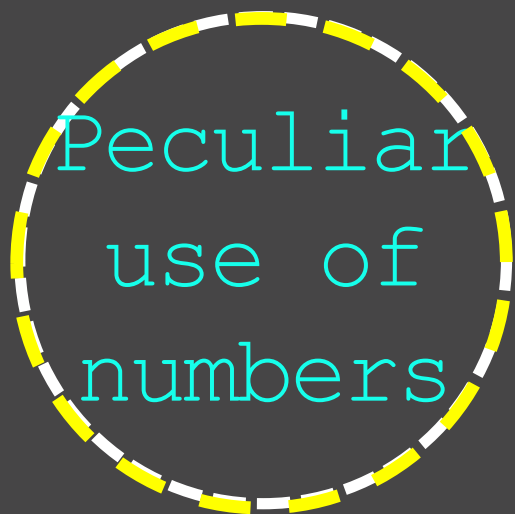


3 Associations with the spiritual or divine

Jer. 22:29 –

YHWH uses a three-fold repetition
to pronounce his word

("O land, land, land, hear the word of
YHWH!")

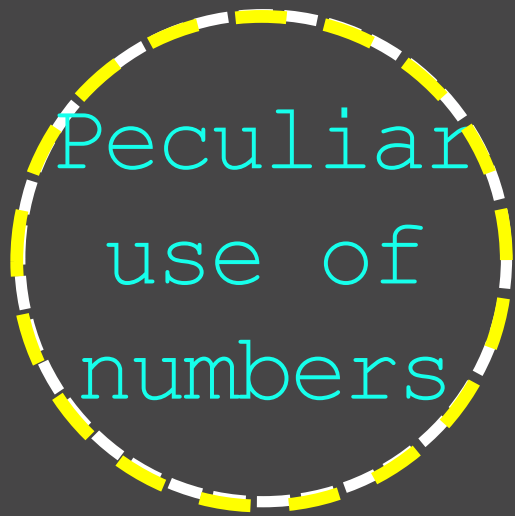


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Isa. 33:10 –

God's actions are in threes

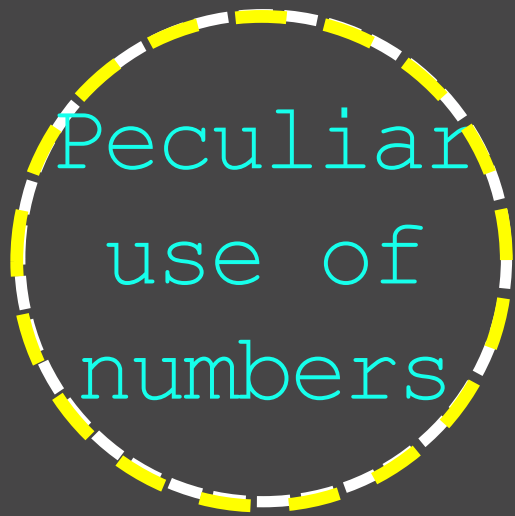
1. "Now I will arise,
2. now I will lift myself up,
3. now I will be exalted."



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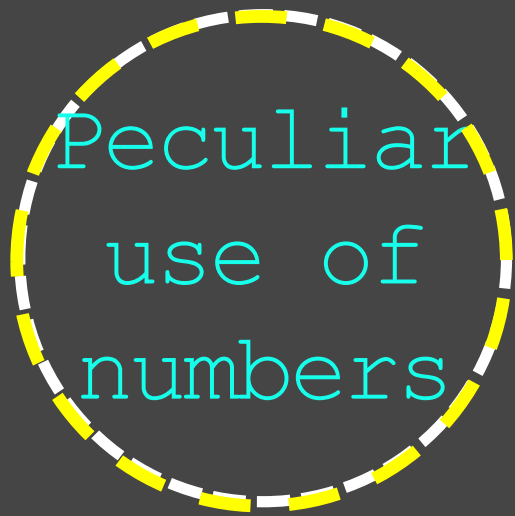
If a man broke a drinking vessel while drinking, three days of troubles would befall him



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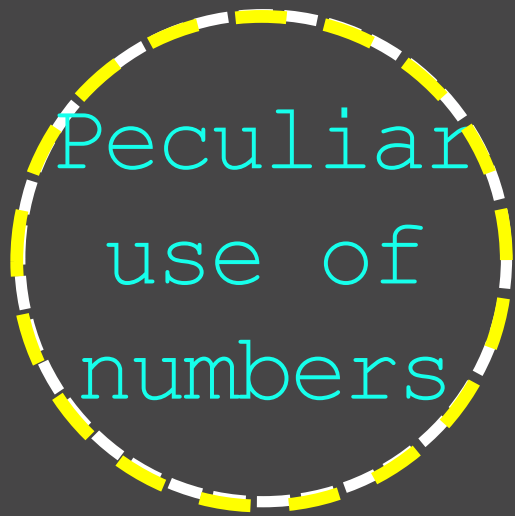
The pathway of the sun was divided into three divisions, each associated with a separate deity



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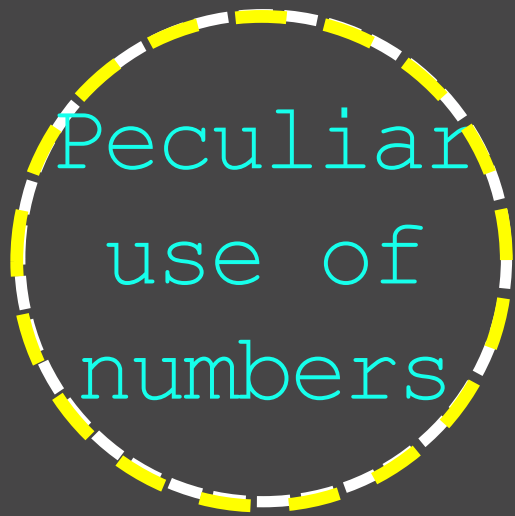
Toothaches were cured by three ingredients incanted over three times and then applied to the tooth



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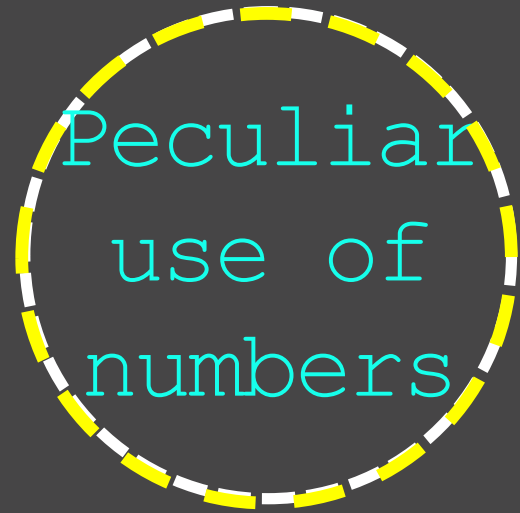


War sacrifices were performed to three gods with a three-course meal including three sheep



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4 Associations with
the physical
world



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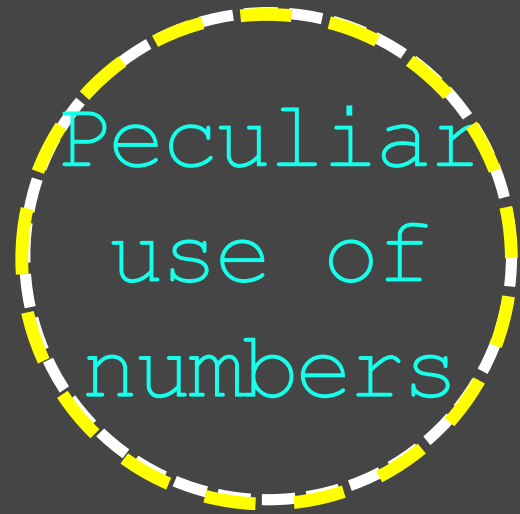
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Gen. 2:10 – The river from Eden
divided into four to encompass
the land

Isa. 11:12 – God will gather

Israel from “the four corners of
the earth.”

divine

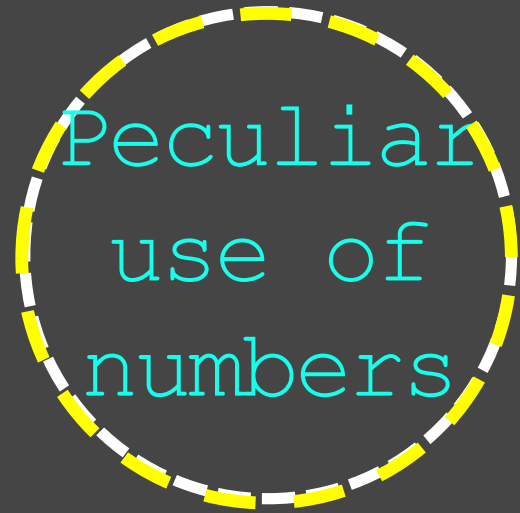


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Associations with
the physical
world

Acts 10:11, 11:5 – Peter sees a
sheet descending by its four
corners announcing God's approval
for eating non-kosher meats
Ezek. 7:29 – YHWH announces the end
has come to the four corners of

divine

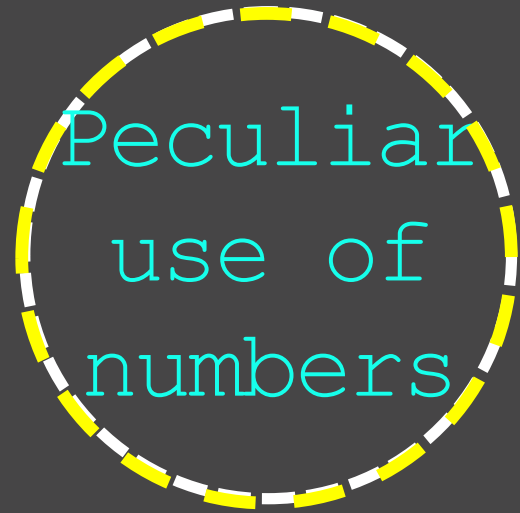


4 Associations with the physical world



The god Anu forms and
produces the four winds of
earth

divine

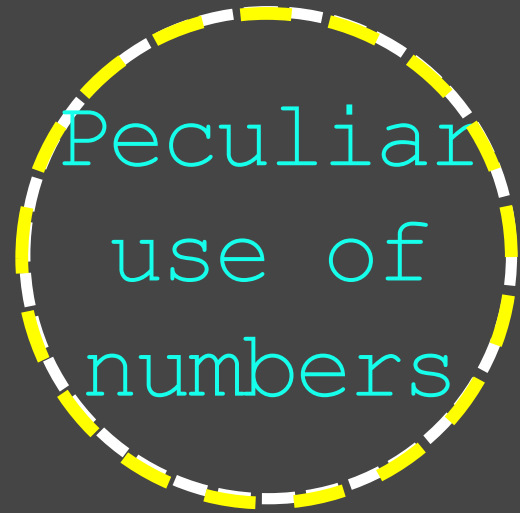


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Marduk is the greatest god
over the earth with his
“fourfold vision” and
“fourfold hearing”

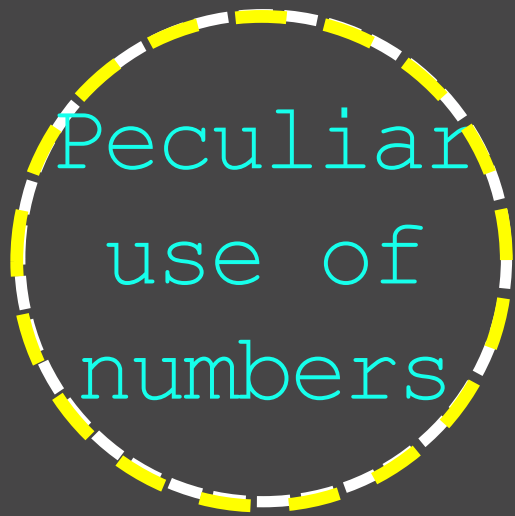
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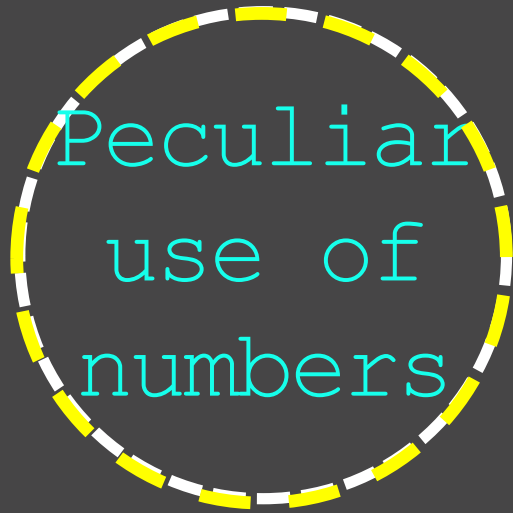
Marduk hitches his storm to
fall on earth to a four-
steed team



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7 Associations with
completeness

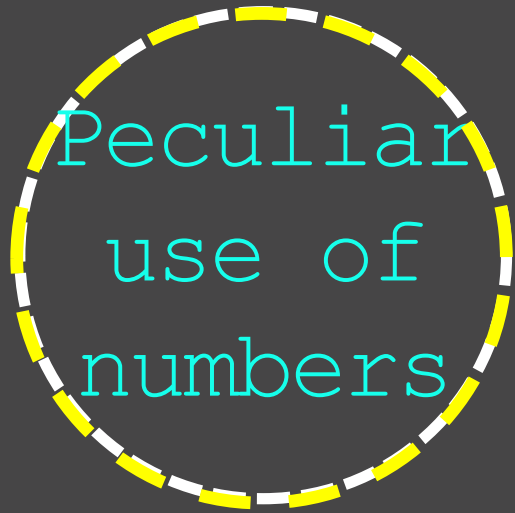


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Gen. 29 – Jacob serves Laban
seven years for Rachel and seven
years for Leah

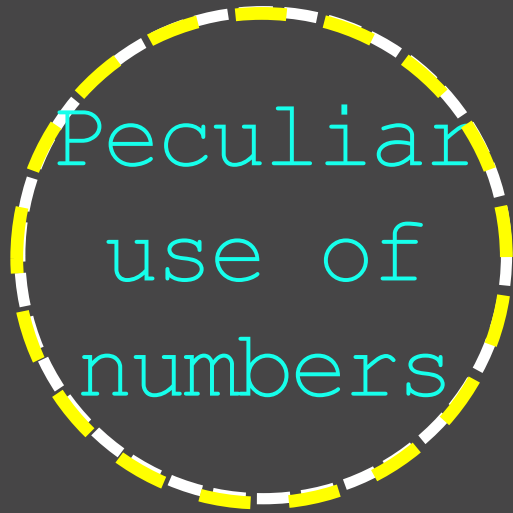
Gen. 33:3 – Jacob bows to the
ground before Esau seven times,
seeking his forgiveness



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Ex 25ff – The priests' rituals
before YHWH repeatedly are built
around sevens: seven lampstands,
seven days of priestly garb,
seven days of consecration, etc.

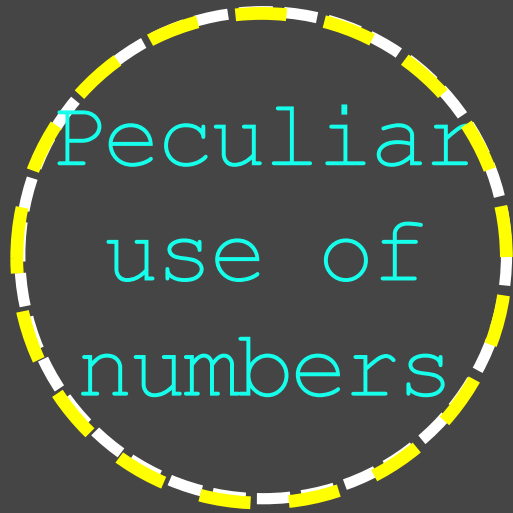


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Prov. 24:16 – The righteous fall seven times but get up again.

Mt. 18:21 – “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

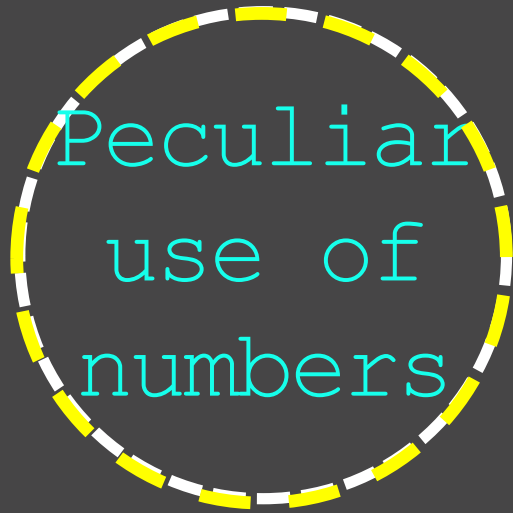


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The penitent offered the prayer, "My god, my sins are seven times seven, pardon my sins. My goddess, my sins are seven times seven, pardon



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The descent into the
underworld involved going
through seven doors to enter
and seven to exit

Easily divides into
7 parts

1. Christ in the Lampstands (1-3)
(w/7 letters)

2. Heaven and the 7 Seals (4-7)

3. The 7 Trumpets (8-11)

4. The Persecuting Dragon (12-14)

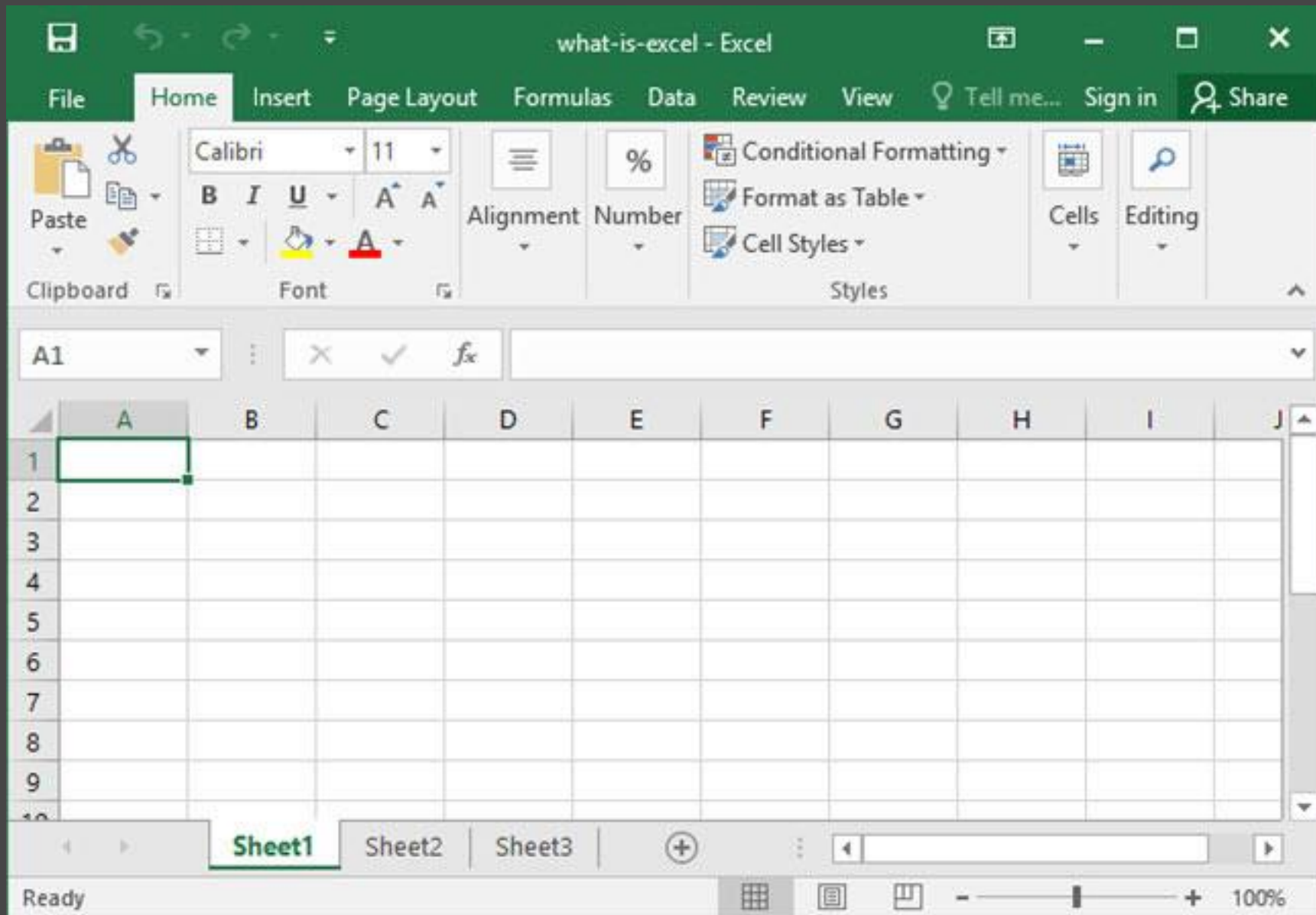
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These visions covering the
same
time periods from different



Revelation
4-7

Age of the church

2nd Coming
Interlud



Revelation
8-11



Where we are so
far

THE
REVELATION

The Persecuting Dragon

1 The Re gave un things which sent and signifi John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

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13 And in the midst of the seven candlestick
one like unto the Son of man, clothed with
garment down to the feet, and girt with
sash with a golden girdle.

14. His head and his hair were white like
20 years or older, and his eyes were

[illegible]

even churches
Jesus, and unto
and unto Thyatira,
Philadelphia, and
the voice that
I saw so

7 And thou hast hated
 8 And thou hast hated
 9 I know thy works, and
 10 Fear behold, the de
 11 He that hath a
 12 And to the an
 13 I know thy w
 14 But I ha
 15 And I ha
 16 And I ha

The Persecuting

Dragon
The Vision

Span

Age of the church

2nd Coming

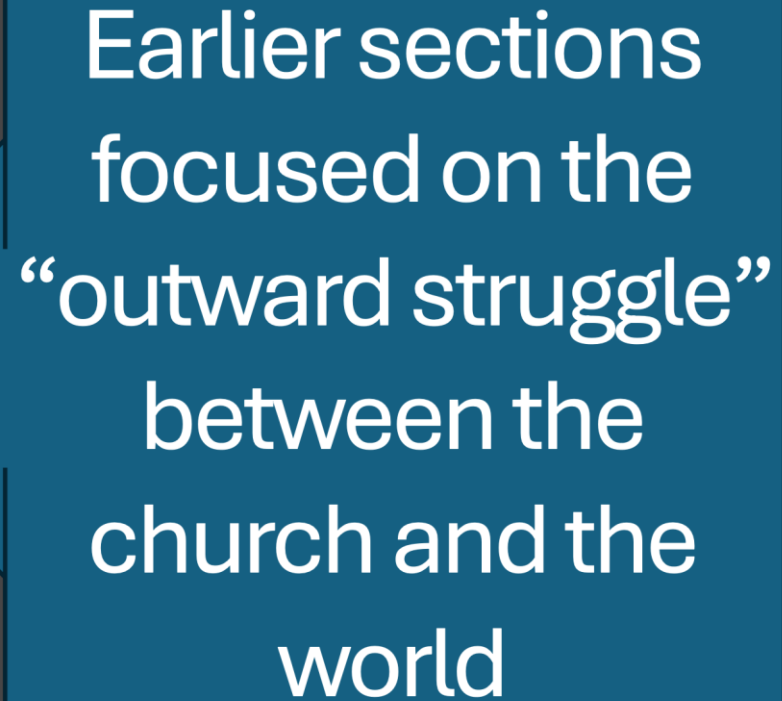
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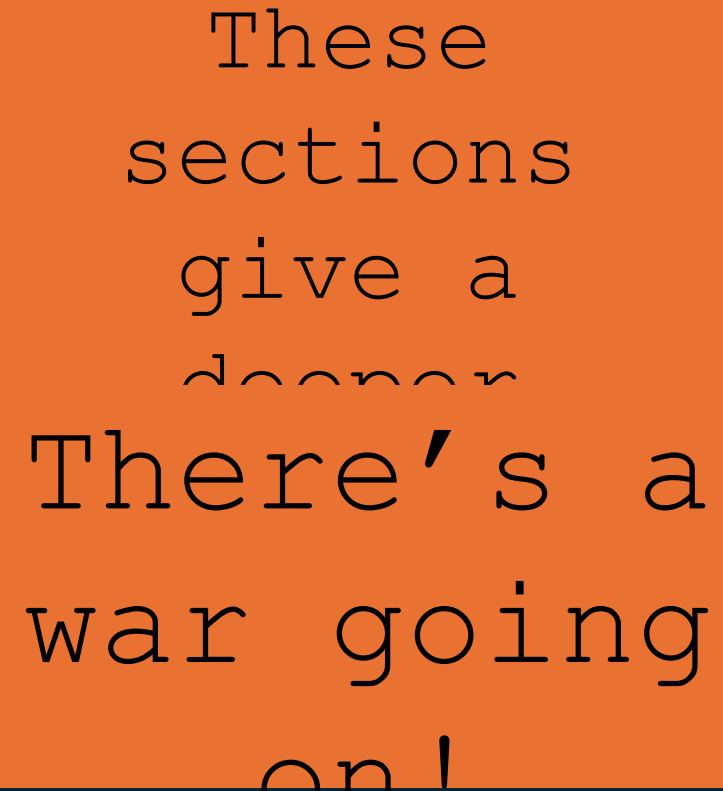
The theme continues: The victory
of Christ and his church over the
dragon and his minions

A focus shift:

The Persecuting A focus shift:



Earlier sections
focused on the
“outward struggle”
between the
church and the
world



These
sections
give a
deeper
There's a
war going
on!

There's a
war going

on!

Age of the church

The Persecuting
Dragon

2nd Coming

The Dragon tries
destroying Christ



The dragon
tries
destroying
the Christ
(Rev. 12:1-
12)

Rev. 12:1

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

The woman is
the “church”

Rev. 12:1

Καὶ σημεῖον μέγα ὤφθη ἐν
τῷ οὐρανῷ, **γυνή**
περιβεβλημένη τὸν ἥλιον,
καὶ ἡ σελήνη ὑποκάτω
τῶν ποδῶν αὐτῆς καὶ ἐπὶ
τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῆς
στέφανος ἀστέρων
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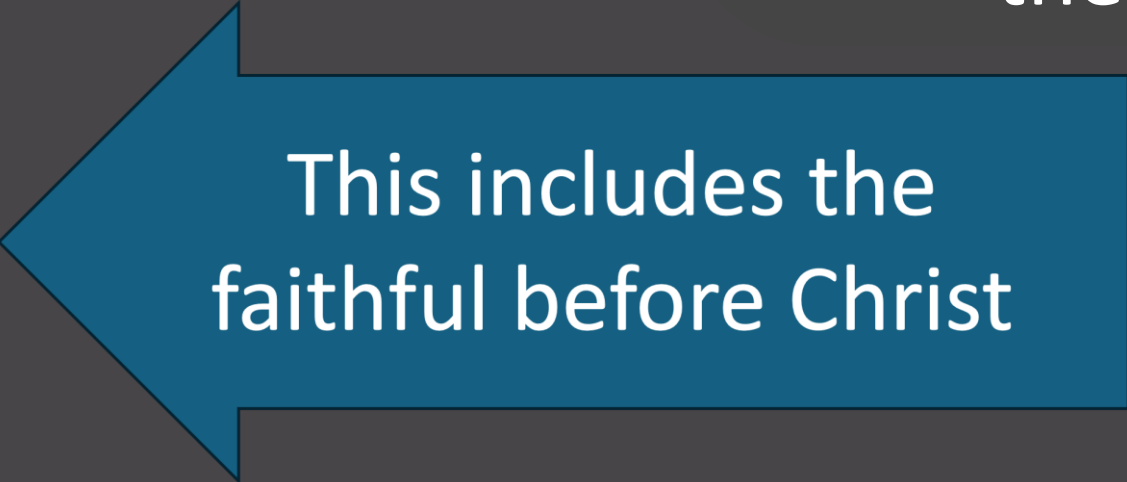
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Rev. 3:5, 18

Rev. 4:4

Rev. 7:9, 13, 14

The woman is
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This includes the
faithful before Christ



As well as the
faithful after Christ

Romans 11:15-24

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Dominion

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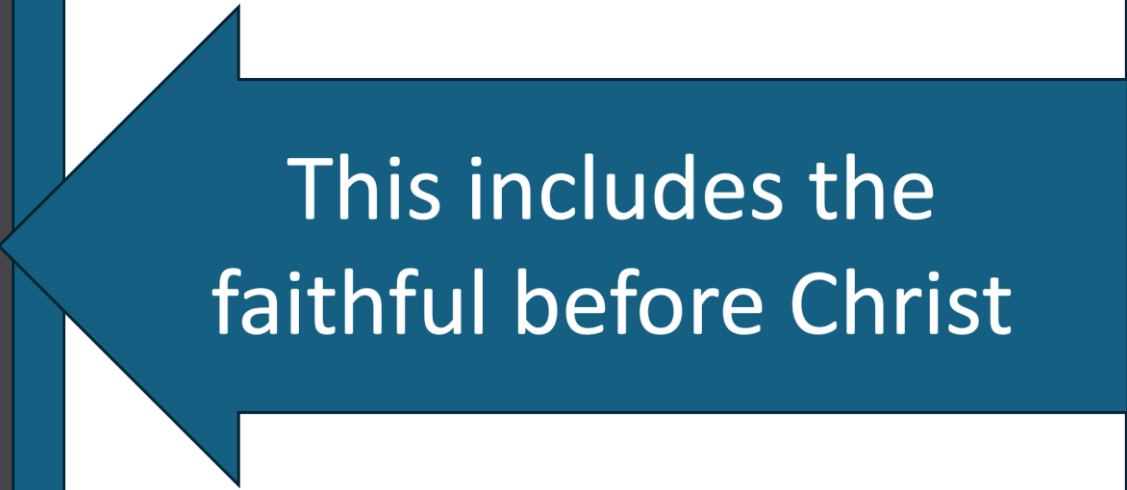
Victorious

Rev. 12:1

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τῷ οὐρανῷ, γυνή
περιβεβλημένη τὸν ἥλιον,
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τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῆς
στεφανὸς ἀστέρων
δώδεκα,

Rev. 12:2

She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.



This includes the faithful before Christ

Rev. 12:2

καὶ ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα, καὶ κρᾶζει ὠδίνουσα καὶ βασανιζομένη τεκεῖν.



As well as the faithful after Christ

Rev. 12:5

She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

Rev. 12:5

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Ps. 2:9

Rev. 2:27

Rev. 12:3

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World dominion

Rev. 12:3

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Eph 2:2; 6:12



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“The crowns are
wreaths of
victory, but
merely crowns of
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Destructive power

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Rev. 12:4

His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

Rev. 12:4

καὶ ἡ οὐρὰ αὐτοῦ σύρει τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀστέρων τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν γῆν. Καὶ ὁ δράκων ἔστηκεν ἐνώπιον τῆς γυναικὸς τῆς μελλούσης τεκεῖν, ἵνα ὅταν τέκη τὸ τέκνον αὐτῆς καταφάγη.

Job 38:7

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As well as the
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Cain and Abel
Seth



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Noah and
the Flood



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Abram and
Sarah

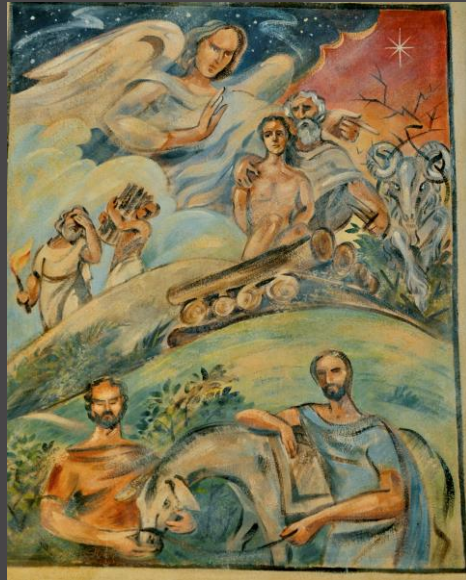


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Isaac and
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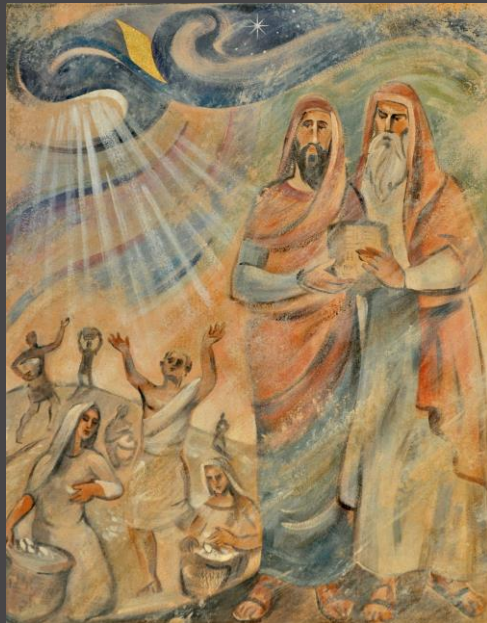
Jacob and Esau

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Moses
intercedes



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Saul’s
efforts to
kill David



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Athaliah
destroys all?
(2 Ki. 11)



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Herod's
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Rev. 12:6

and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

The gospel age

Rev. 12:6

καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἔφυγεν εἰς τὴν ἔρημον, ὅπου ἔχει ἐκεῖ τόπον ἡτοιμασμένον ἀπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, ἵνα ἐκεῖ τρέφωσιν αὐτὴν ἡμέρας χιλίας διακοσίας ἐξήκοντα

James 5:17
1 Kings 17



The church
is
afflicted
but not
destroyed!



The
expulsion
of the
dragon

Rev. 12:7

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels
fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his
angels fought back,

Rev. 12:7

Καὶ ἐγένετο πόλεμος ἐν
τῷ οὐρανῷ, ὁ **Μιχαήλ** καὶ
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Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1

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Rev. 12:8

but he was defeated, and
there was no longer any
place for them in heaven.

Rev. 12:8

καὶ οὐκ ἰσχυσεν οὐδὲ
τόπος εὐρέθη αὐτῶν ἔτι ἐν
τῷ οὐρανῷ.



Satan
defeated by
the blood

— of the —
Rom 8:33 – “Who shall
Lamb! bring any charge
against God’s elect?

It is God who
Rom 8:1 – “There is
justifies.”
therefore now no
condemnation for those
who are in Christ

Rev. 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev. 12:9

καὶ ἐβλήθη ὁ δράκων ὁ μέγας, ὁ ὄφης ὁ ἀρχαῖος, ὁ καλούμενος Διάβολος καὶ ὁ Σατανᾶς, ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὅλην, ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἐβλήθησαν.

Rev. 12:10

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Rev. 12:10

καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν μεγάλην ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ λέγουσαν· ἄρτι ἐγένετο ἡ σωτηρία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ ἡ ἐξουσία τοῦ χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐβλήθη ὁ κατήγωρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, ὁ κατηγορῶν αὐτοὺς ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτός.



God's power
and rule in
our hearts is
vindicated!

Lk 10:17-20 "The seventy-two
returned with joy, saying,
"Lord, even the demons are
subject to us in your name!"
And he said to them, "I saw
Satan fall like lightning
from heaven. Behold, I have
given you authority to tread
on serpents and scorpions,

Rev. 12:11

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rev. 12:11

καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐνίκησαν αὐτὸν
διὰ τὸ αἷμα τοῦ ἀρνίου
καὶ διὰ τὸν λόγον τῆς
μαρτυρίας αὐτῶν
καὶ οὐκ ἠγάπησαν τὴν
ψυχὴν αὐτῶν ἄχρι
θανάτου.

Rev. 12:12

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to you, O earth and
sea, for the devil has come
down to you in great wrath,
because he knows that his
time is short!”

Rev. 12:12

διὰ τοῦτο εὐφραίνεσθε,
[οἱ] οὐρανοὶ καὶ οἱ ἐν
αὐτοῖς σκηνοῦντες.
οὐαὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὴν
θάλασσαν, ὅτι κατέβη ὁ
διάβολος πρὸς ὑμᾶς
ἔχων θυμὸν μέγαν,
εἰδὼς ὅτι ὀλίγον καιρὸν
ἔχει.



Misery loves
company...

Rev. 12:13

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Rev. 12:13

Καὶ ὅτε εἶδεν ὁ δράκων
ὅτι ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν,
ἐδίωξεν τὴν γυναῖκα ἣτις
ἔτεκεν τὸν ἄρσενά.

Rev. 12:14

But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Rev. 12:14

καὶ ἐδόθησαν τῇ γυναικὶ
ᾠαὶ δύο πτέρυγες τοῦ
ἀετοῦ τοῦ μεγάλου, ἵνα
πέτηται εἰς τὴν ἔρημον εἰς
τὸν τόπον αὐτῆς, ὅπου
τρέφεται ἐκεῖ **καιρὸν καὶ**
καιροὺς καὶ ἥμισυ καιροῦ
ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ ὄφεως.

James 5:17
1 Kings 17

Rev. 12:15

The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.

Rev. 12:15

καὶ ἔβαλεν ὁ ὄφεις ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ ὀπίσω τῆς γυναικὸς ὕδωρ ὡς ποταμόν, ἵνα αὐτὴν ποταμοφόρητον ποιήσῃ.

Rev. 12:16

But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.

Rev. 12:16

καὶ ἐβοήθησεν ἡ γῆ τῇ
γυναικὶ καὶ ἥνοιξεν ἡ γῆ
τὸ στόμα αὐτῆς καὶ
κατέπιεν τὸν ποταμὸν ὃν
ἔβαλεν ὁ δράκων ἐκ τοῦ
στόματος αὐτοῦ.

Rev. 12:17

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Rev. 12:17

καὶ ὠργίσθη ὁ δράκων ἐπὶ
τῇ γυναικὶ καὶ ἀπῆλθεν
ποιῆσαι πόλεμον μετὰ τῶν
λοιπῶν τοῦ σπέρματος
αὐτῆς τῶν τηρούντων τὰς
ἐντολὰς τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ
ἐχόντων τὴν μαρτυρίαν
Ἰησοῦ.



Satan's wiles
and assault
against the
church
continues...

Where we are so
far

THE *REVELATION*

The Persecuting
Dragon

Points for Home

We're not
helpless paupers!

“a woman clothed with the
sun, with the moon under
her feet, and on her head a
crown of twelve stars”
(Rev. 12:1)



The accuser is
defeated!

“the accuser of our
brothers has been
thrown down”
(Rev. 12:10)



We've been made
more than
conquerors!

**“they have conquered him by
the blood of the Lamb”
(Rev. 12:11)**





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