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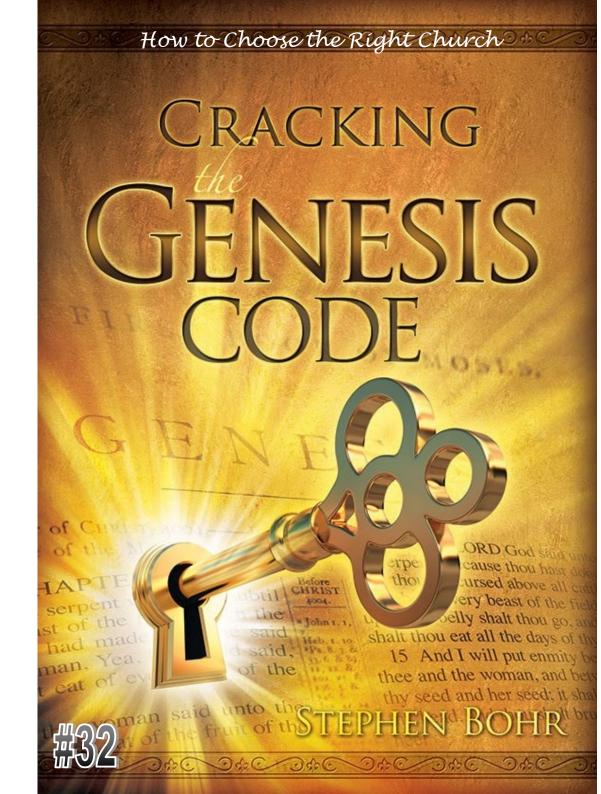
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SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: "CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE"

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Genesis 3:15	John 12:31-33	Revelation 14:6
Revelation 12:1	Revelation 12:3	Revelation 14:7
Jeremiah 6:2	Revelation 12:6, 13	Revelation 14:8
Genesis 49:28	Revelation 12:13-15	Revelation 14:9-11
Genesis 37:9	Revelation 12:16	Revelation 14:12
Matthew 10:2	Revelation 17:15	Revelation 14:14, 15,18
Acts 1:16, 26	Revelation 12:17	Revelation 18:1-4
Revelation 21:12	Matthew 19:17	Acts 2:41, 47
Revelation 21:14	Revelation 19:10	Colossians 1:18
Revelation 12:2, 5	Daniel 7:23, 24	I Corinthians 12:13
Galatians 4:4	Daniel 7:25	
Revelation 12:3	Revelation 13:2	
Revelation 12:3, 9	Revelation 13:5	
Ezekiel 29:3	Revelation 13:7	
Revelation 12:4	Revelation 13:10	
Matthew 2:16	Revelation 13:11	
Revelation 12:5	Revelation 12:17	

"How to Choose the Right Church" Lecture #32

At last count, there were over five hundred Christian churches and denominations in the United States. It seems like every year new religious groups appear. Is it really possible to find the true church in the midst of all these denominations? What should we look for as we attempt to identify the true church?

Sadly, most people apply the wrong criteria when they choose a church. Many look for the place with the most members. Others gravitate towards churches with upbeat worship services, good youth programs and an abundance of felt needs seminars. Others choose on the basis of the location and attractiveness of the physical plant and still others choose churches with a charismatic preacher or good social programs. Though all of these are important, they should not be the determining factor in choosing a church. Let's see what the Bible says about the true church.

1.	According to Genesis 3:15 how many dimensions are there in the		
	battle between good and evil?		
	"And I will put enmity between [the serpent] and the		
	, and between your and her Seed; He shall		
	bruise your head and you shall bruise heel."		
	(Genesis 3:15)		
	NOTE: The battle in Genesis 3:15 runs three ways: Between the serpent and the woman, between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed and between the woman's Seed and the serpent. This all important verse forms the backdrop to the prophecy of Revelation 12.		
	The Woman of Revelation 12		
1.	What did the apostle John see as the prophecy of Revelation 12 began?		
	"Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of		

What does this symbolic woman represent? 2. "I have likened the daughter of to a lovely and delicate woman." (Jeremiah 6:2) **NOTE:** In the Bible, Zion and Jerusalem are used interchangeably (Psalm 48:1, 2; Matthew 5:35). Frequently the word Jerusalem is used to describe, not the city of stones per se, but God's people who live in the city. In prophecy a woman represents the church. This is true in both the Old and New Testaments (Jeremiah 31:32; Ephesians 5:25). There can be no doubt that this woman represents a pure church because she is clothed with the sun, which represents the glory of God (Psalm 84:11; I Corinthians 11:7-8). 3. What did the twelve sons of Jacob become in the Old Testament? "All these are the twelve of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them: he blessed each one according to his own blessing." (Genesis 49:28) 4. How many apostles did Jesus call to form the nucleus of the New **Testament church?** "Now the names of the _____ apostles are these..." (Matthew 10:2) 5. How important was it that there should be exactly twelve apostle? "... for he [Judas Iscariot] was with us and obtained a part in this ministry... And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was with the eleven apostles." (Acts 1:16, 26) **NOTE:** Acts 1 makes it clear that it was necessary to have precisely 12 apostles because twelve is the number of Christ's church.

stars." (Revelation 12:1)

pre-eminence." (Colossians 1:18)

3. How do we join the body of Christ?

"For by one Spirit we were all ______ into one _____, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." (I Corinthians 12:13)

Is There a True Church? (Ten Identifying Characteristics)

- 1. It must be of the same stock as the church of all ages. It must be built upon the teachings of the apostles and the prophets. (Ephesians 2:20-22)
- 2. It must reappear after the fall of the beast in 1798.
- 3. It must arise in the United States where the earth helped the woman.
- **4.** It must teach that we should keep all of the commandments of God.
- 5. It must have the gift of prophecy.
- **6.** It must have the means to proclaim God's message globally.
- 7. It must preach that we must keep God's Sabbath in honour of the Creator.
- **8.** It must denounce the beast, the image of the beast and the mark of the beast.
- **9.** It must call God's true people out of the apostate political and religious systems.
- 10. It must be the foundation and pillar of truth (I Timothy 3:15).

Must I Join a Church?

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	"Also she had a great and high wall with gates, and twelve			
	angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the			
	twelve of the children of Israel Now the wall of the city			
	had foundations, and on them were the names of the			
	twelve of the Lamb." (Revelation 21:12, 14)			
	NOTE: The number twelve is symbolic of God's church in both the Old and New Testaments. The twelve sons of Jacob became the nucleus of the Old Testament Israel and the twelve apostles became the nucleus of the New Testament Israel. Revelation 12 presents only one woman who symbolizes the church of both the Old and New Testament. God does not have mutually exclusive plans for literal Israel and the New Testament church.			
7.	At what stage did the Apostle John first see God's bride?			
	"Then being with, she cried out in labour and in			
	to give birth She bore a Child who was			
	to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God			
	and to His throne." (Revelation 12:2, 5)			
	NOTE: There can be no doubt that Revelation 12 begins during the Old Testament period because when John saw her she had not yet borne the man child.			
	The Dragon and the Male Child			
	Who is this male child?			
	"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His			
	, born of a, born under the law."			
	(Galatians 4:4)			
	NOTE: This male child is the same Seed which was promised at the very beginning—Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:15). Jesus was truly born from Israel because He was a descendant of both Abraham and David (Matthew 1:1). "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22) because Jesus was brought into the world through the Jewish nation.			

W	ho was anxiously awaiting the birth of the male child?
"A	and another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red
_	having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on
his	s heads." (Revelation 12:3)
W	hat does this fiery red dragon represent?
	o the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of, called the
De	evil and, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to
the	e earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:9)
Tł	nough the dragon represents Satan, can it also represent earthly
ki	ngs who do Satan's bidding?
"S	peak, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I am against you, C
Ph	araoh king of Egypt, O great [dragon] who lies in the
mi	dst of his, who has said, 'My River is my own; I have
ma	ade it for myself.'" (Ezekiel 29:3)
W	hat evil intentions did the dragon have toward the child?
"H	is tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.
Ar	nd the dragon before the woman who was ready to give
	th, to her Child as soon as it was born."
	evelation 12:4)
W	hom did Satan employ in his attempt to destroy the male Child?
	Then, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men
	as exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to all th
	children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts,
fro	om two years old and under" (Matthew 2:16)
se Sa	OTE: Though the dragon in its primary sense represents Satan, in a condary sense it represents the political powers of the world which tan employs to accomplish his purposes. This is the reason why varaoh was called the great dragon and Herod is spoken of as the one

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temple, crying with a lou	ad voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in
Your sickle and reap, for	r the time has come for You to reap, for the
harvest of the earth is	." And another angel came out from
	over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him
who had the sharp sickle	e, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather
the clusters of the	of the earth, for her grapes are
ripe.'" ((Revelation 14:14-15, 18)
prepares them to be reap	sage ripens the whole world into two groups and ped by Jesus. The harvest of the earth represents is of the earth symbolize the wicked.
What life and death cal	ll does God make to his people before the close
of probation?	
"After these things I saw	another angel coming down from heaven, having
great authority, and the _	was illuminated with his glory.
And he cried mightily w	ith a loud voice, saying, 'Babylon the great is
fallen, is fallen, and has	become a place of, a prison for
•	age for every unclean and hated bird! For all the
nations have drunk of the	e of the wrath of her fornication,
the kings of the earth hav	ve committed fornication with her, and the
merchants of the earth ha	ave become rich through the abundance of her
luxury.' And I heard and	other voice from heaven saying, 'Come
of her, my j	people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you
receive of her	''' (Revelation 18:1-4)
Babylon. The Seventh-do monopoly on salvation. I in the Seventh-day Adver	rue people are found in the three divisions of ty Adventist Church does not lay claim to a In fact we believe that most of those who are now ntist Church will leave and be lost while from Babylon and be saved.

who wished to slay the male Child.
7. Was the dragon successful in overcoming the male Child?
"She bore a male Child who was to all nations with a rod
of iron. And her Child was up to God and to His throne." (Revelation 12:5)
8. What great event in the life of Jesus led to the overthrow of Satan? "Now is the judgment of this world; now the of this world will be out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will
draw all peoples to myself. 'This He said, signifying by what
He would die." (John 12:31-33)
The Ten Horn Stage
How many horns did the dragon sprout after he attempted to kill the male child? "And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and horns, and seven diadems on his heads." (Revelation 12:3)
NOTE: On the surface it might appear that the dragon already had the ten horns on his head at the very moment he stood next to the woman to devour the male Child. But a comparison of Revelation 12:3 with Daniel 7:23-24 clearly indicates that the dragon beast had three successive stages of dominion: First it ruled without any horns, then it sprouted ten horns and finally it sprouted a little horn among the ten.
The Dragon's Onslaught Against the Woman
1. What did the dragon do after the male child was caught up to God's throne? "Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he

	the woman who gave birth to the male Child."
	(Revelation 12:13)
	NOTE: It is vital to realize that the dragon was enraged with the woman because her male Child had overthrown him as the ruler of this world. It cannot be emphasized enough that this woman is the same one who bore the male child. Thus it is crystal clear that the woman represents God's church in both the Old and New Testament periods.
2.	Where did the woman seek refuge from the dragon and for how long
	"But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly
	into the to her place, where she is nourished for a
	and times and half a time, from the presence of the
	serpent. So the serpent spewed out of his mouth like a
	flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the
	flood." (Revelation 12:13-15)
	NOTE: In prophecy a day is equal to a year. Three and a half years multiplied by 360 days per year equals 1260 days or years. Notably, Revelation 12:6 refers to this period as 1260 days.
	The Earth to the Rescue
1.	Who come to the woman's rescue as she was in danger of annihilation?
	"But the helped the woman, and the earth opened its
	and swallowed up the which the dragon
	had spewed out of his mouth." (Revelation 12:13-16)
2.	What do waters represent in Bible prophecy?
	"And he saith unto me, 'The which thou sawest, where the
	whore sitteth, are peoples, and, and nations, and
	''' (Revelation 17:15)

7.	What two characteristics identify the final remnant of the woman?
	"And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war
	with the rest of her offspring [remnant of his Seed], who keep the
	of God and have the of Jesus Christ."
	(Revelation 12:17)
	NOTE: The remnant of the woman's Seed will restore the very two things which the little horn attempted to change during its 1260 years of dominion. The little horn thought it could change the law of God and God's prophetic calendar. In contrast, the remnant of the woman's Seed will keep the law of God and will have a prophetic voice which teaches the correct meaning, place and timing of end time events.
	The Final Remnant's Message
1.	How far and wide will the final remnant take God's message?
	"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the
	everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to
	nation, and kindred, and, and people"
	(Revelation 14:6)
	NOTE: The final remnant will preach God's end-time message on a global scale and therefore it must have to be a worldwide organization.
2.	What three imperatives will this final remnant preach?
	"Saying with a loud voice, God, and give
	to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and him that
	made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."
	(Revelation 14:7)
	NOTE: The final remnant will preach that we are to fear God, give glory to God and worship Him because we are now in the hour of the judgment. Revelation 14:7 makes a very clear allusion to the fourth commandment; thus the remnant will call the world to keep the Sabbath. We worship God because we are creatures and the sign of the Creator is the Sabbath.

NOTE: It is clear that the earth helped the church by swallowing up the waters of persecution which the dragon spewed out of his mouth. The

woman of Revelation 12:6, 13-15 is the same as the persecuted saints of Revelation 13:7.

What happened to the beast after its 1260 years of rule? "He who leads into captivity shall go into ; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the _____ ." (Revelation 13:10) NOTE: The Roman Catholic Papacy did receive a deadly wound on February 10, 1798 when the pope was taken prisoner by France and died in exile. 5. From where did the second beast of Revelation 13 arise? I saw another beast coming up out of the ..." (Revelation 13:11) 6. Like whom did this earth beast speak? "... and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a ." (Revelation 13:11) **NOTE:** It is patently clear that Revelation 13 follows the same chronological sequence as Revelation 12. Both begin in the Old Testament and culminate with the final war against God's people at the end. In Revelation 12 the earth helps the woman and then the dragon is enraged with her. In Revelation 13 a beast rises from the earth and ends up speaking like a **dragon**. **Summary of Revelation 13** \$ Lion, Bear, Leopard: Old Testament period Spragon: Roman Empire Ten Horns: **Rome Divided ♦** Beast: **Papacy rules** for 1260 Years Beast from the **Earth Dragon** Enraged

waters represent the multitudes, nations, tongues and people over which the beast had dominion during the 1260 years (Revelation 13:7)

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Summary of Revelation 12

Woman in Travail: Old Testament Period
 (Israel longing for the Messiah)
 Dragon: Roman Empire (Birth, Death and Ascension of Jesus)
 Ten Horns: Ten Divisions of the Roman Empire
 (Western Europe divided)
 Little Horn: Papal Rome persecutes the church for 1260 Years
 (538-1798 A.D.)
 Earth Helps the Woman: The United States territory provides refuge
 Dragon Enraged Against the Remnant: Final war against the church

Rome's Three Stages

1.

How many stages of existence does the fourth beast of Daniel 7 have?

	"The fourth beast shall be a fourth on earth, which shall		
	be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall		
	arise this kingdom. And another shall rise		
	them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings." (Daniel 7:23-24) NOTE: It is clear that the fourth beast has three stages. The first is the dragon by itself. The second is the dragon beast with the ten horns and the third is the dragon beast with the little horn. Thus we are to expect Rome to have three successive stages.		
2.	What two things did the little horn attempt to change?		
	"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the		
	saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change and		
	Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and		

times and half a time." (Daniel 7:25)

The Perspective of Revelation 13

1.	What composite beast did John see coming out of the waters?		
	"Now the beast which I saw was like a	, his feet were like	
	the feet of a, and his mouth like	the month of a	
	And the gave him	his power, his throne, and	
	great authority." (Revelation 13:2)		
	NOTE: The relationship between Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 is evident. In Daniel 7 we have a lion, a bear, a leopard and a dragon. In Revelation 13 we have the same beasts but they are in reverse order. The reason for this is that Daniel is looking forward into future history while John is looking at past history.		
	It is extremely important to realize that the ten horned dragon gave his power, throne and great authority to the beast. In other words, the beast did not have to fight the dragon in order to gain its power—it was given to him. Revelation 13 takes us to the moment when the ten horned dragon of Daniel 7 gave his power to the little horn.		
2.	For how long did the beast rule after it receiv	red its power from the	
	ten horned dragon?		
	"And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he		
	was given authority to continue for months."		
	(Revelation 13:5)		
	NOTE: The 42 months are the very same period as the three and a half times of Daniel 7:25. Forty-two months multiplied by thirty days per month results in 1260 years—the precise time the little horn ruled.		
3.	What did the beast do with the saints during	the 42 months?	
	"And it was granted to him to make	with the	
	and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe,		
	tongue, and nation." (Revelation 13:7)		
	NOTE: A comparison of Revelation 12 and 13 i	reveals that the persecuted	