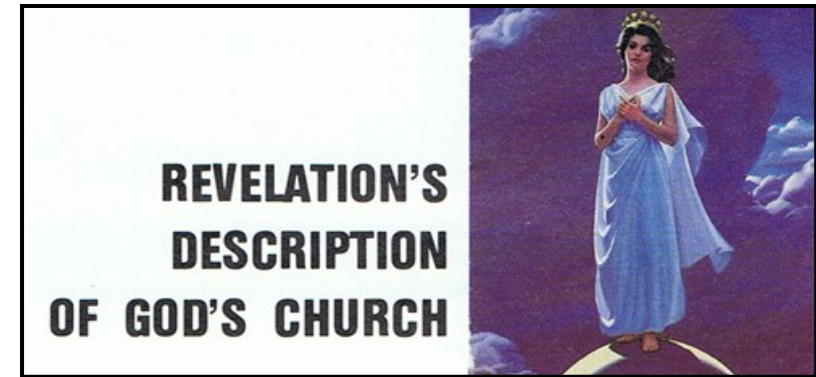


A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE **REVELATION SEMINARS**



Recently someone cried out in anguish, "I'm trying desperately to find God's church but what hope do I have? There are hundreds of church denominations and sects in the world. Most claim to be God's true church, and all are alike in certain areas, yet different in others. I could never, in my entire lifetime, examine the teachings of all these groups. I feel frustrated and traumatized. It is almost as if God were playing games with me. It all seems so futile and so pointless." Tragically, millions share such sentiments. Perhaps you, yourself, feel the same way.

Did you know that, in Revelation, God so clearly describes His church for these last days that once you know what he says you can as easily select His true church from among all the churches as you could select your country's flag from among all other flags?

This is dynamite! No wonder Satan panics when people begin studying the book of Revelation. He knows that God's church is clearly described in the book and he utilizes every imaginable tactic to prevent our getting serious over its study. If everyone understood Revelation, Satan's kingdom would be in immediate jeopardy, and God's great name and His noble church would be exalted in a most exciting manner.

Let's look at Revelation's amazing description of God's church. It is found in Chapter 12. Please read the entire chapter before beginning this lesson.

GOD'S CHURCH TODAY

1. **Jesus says in Luke 17:26, that the time just before His second coming will be like Noah's day. How many ways of escape were there in Noah's day? Genesis 7:1**

Ans: _____

2. **How many faiths or churches did Paul say Jesus has? Ephesians 4:5**

Ans: "One Lord, _____ faith, one baptism."

NOTE: As in Noah's day, God has but one boat or church that is going through to safety. Be certain that you board the right boat. Ephesians 5:25-27 points out clearly that Jesus died to bring His CHURCH into His kingdom.

3. **Obviously, there are many beautiful Christians in all churches. Since God has only one true church, which He will save, what will happen to the sincere Christians in other churches? John 10:16, 27**

Ans: "Them _____ I must _____ ... and there shall be one _____ and one _____."

NOTE: Here Jesus is pictured as the good shepherd, His people as sheep and His church as the fold. Jesus plainly says that some of HIS SHEEP are not yet in His church but that He will call them, and they will follow Him into His church, John 10:27.

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GOD'S CHURCH SYMBOLIZED

4. **How does God symbolize Zion or His church in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16**

Ans: "I have likened ... Zion to a comely ... _____."

NOTE: The Bible repeatedly symbolizes God's church as a virtuous woman. For additional references see Exhibit #1, Lesson 1.

5. **In Revelation 12:1, Jesus introduces His church under the symbolism of a virtuous woman. a. Where did John see the woman? b. What was she clothed with? c. What was she standing on? d. What was on her head?**

Ans: a. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____

NOTE:

- a. HEAVEN here refers to the sky where the birds fly. Genesis 1:20.
- b. The SUN represents Jesus and His righteousness, Psalm 84:11; Romans 13:14; Malachi 4:2; John 9:5.
- c. The MOON has no light except that reflected from the sun. It represents the Old Testament sacrificial system which had no light except that reflected from the gospel, Hebrews 10:1.

these references. Please note that repeatedly these passages refer to the angel as the Lord or God:

- a. The "angel of the Lord" who came to Gideon, Judges 6:11-22, is called the "Lord" in verse 14.
- b. Manoah said he had "seen God", Judges 13:22, when the "angel of the Lord" appeared to him, Judges 13:3-21.
- c. The angel who came to Joshua, Zechariah 3:1-10, causes sin to pass away and gives righteousness. Only God can do these things.
- d. When the angel appeared to Jacob, Hosea 12:4, he said he had "seen God face to face", Genesis 32:30.
- e. The "angel of His presence", "saved" and "redeemed", which only God can do, Isaiah 43:11; cf 44:6.
- f. "Mine angel", Exodus 23:23, could pardon transgression which only God can do, Mark 2:7.

- 7. A careful comparison will show that: the "prince of princes", Daniel 8:25; the "prince of the host", Daniel 8:11; "Michael, your prince", Daniel 10:21; Michael, "the great prince", Daniel 12:1; and "Messiah, the prince", Daniel 9:25, all refer to the same being, the Lord Jesus Christ. See also Acts 3:15; 5:31; Revelation 1:5.
- 8. The being who appeared to Daniel, Daniel 10:5, 6, is obviously Christ because the description of Him is the same as that of Christ in Revelation 1:13-15. This being is also called Michael in Daniel 10:13.

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MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

- Michael, the archangel, is Christ. Note the following evidence:
 - Jude 9 calls Michael, the archangel.
 - 1Thessalonians 4:16 says that it is the voice of the archangel that will raise the dead.
 - John 5:27-29 says that it is Jesus' voice that will raise the dead, so, Jesus is the archangel.
- Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is the second person of the Godhead. The Bible clearly refers to Him as God, John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Titus 1:3, 4; Colossians 2:9; John 5:20; 1Timothy 3:16.
- Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is not a created being but rather existed from eternity with His father, John 1:1-3, 10, 14; John 6:38; John 17:5, 24; Colossians 1:15-17; Micah 5:2; John 8:58
- Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is apparently the supreme commander or leader of the angelic host (and is thus called the archangel), but serving in this capacity does not detract from His deity or make Him, in any way, a created being. When this "captain of the host of the Lord" appeared to Joshua, THAT JOSHUA WORSHIPPED HIM IS PROOF that this captain of the host was the Lord and not a created angel, Joshua 5:14, 15.
- We know that Christ is not a created angel because angels, as created beings, are not to be worshipped, Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; Revelation 22:8, 9. But angels, themselves, worship Christ, Hebrews 1:6.
- Jesus is called the "angel of the Lord", Exodus 3:2; the "angel of God", Exodus 14:19; the "angel of His presence", Isaiah 63:9; the "messenger of the covenant", Malachi 3:1; and "angel", Exodus 23:20; "mine angel", Exodus 23:23; and "His angel", Daniel 3:28. Let's look further at a few of

- The CROWN of 12 stars represents the work of the 12 disciples which crowned the early years of the church, Matthew 10:1-4.

SUMMARY: Since the sun and the moon make a complete whole, this symbolism represents the sum total of the church in history: the church before the cross and the church after the cross.

- What next takes place In this great prophecy of God's church? Revelation 12:2, 5

Ans: a. A _____ is born into the church.

b. The child is later caught up to God's _____.

- Who Is this baby who is destined to rule all nations and who ascended up to heaven? Psalm 2:7-9; Revelation 19:13-16; Acts 1:911

Ans: _____

THE GREAT RED DRAGON

- A great red dragon is next pictured. a. Who is this dragon? h. Where did he come from? Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 12:3, 4

Ans: a. _____ b. He was cast out of _____.



- When the devil left heaven, a. Whom did he bring with him? b. What did he try to do to the child? Revelation 12:3, 4; 12:7-9

Ans: a. "The _____ part of the _____ of heaven".

NOTE: Stars are angels, Revelation 1:20. Satan deceived one-third of the angels and "his angels were cast out with him".

Ans: b. "To _____ her child as soon as it was born".

NOTE: Satan, through Herod, tried to kill Jesus at his birth by destroying all the babies of Bethlehem, Matthew 2:1-18. Joseph and Mary were forewarned by an angel and fled to Egypt. These two events were predicted by Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1. Though the dragon represents Satan, it also has a secondary application to Pagan Rome. Herod was a Roman ruler, whom Satan used to try to kill Jesus at birth. A beast normally represents a kingdom or political power, Daniel 7:23.

10. What outstanding and extremely crucial facts are mentioned in Revelation 12:10-12?

- Ans:** a. The accuser ... is cast _____.
- b. They overcame by the _____ of the Lamb.
- c. The devil is angry because time is _____.

NOTE: See Exhibit #1, Point 1.

GOD'S CHURCH PERSECUTED

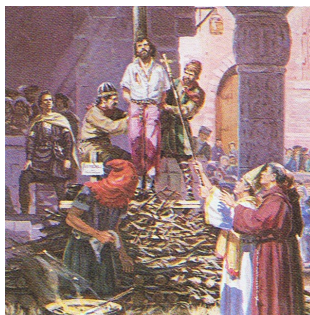
11. After Satan failed in destroying Jesus when he was here on earth, what did he do to the woman or church? Revelation 12:13

Ans: He _____ the _____.

12. Using the prophetic rule of ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, how long was this persecution to last? Revelation 12.-6, 14

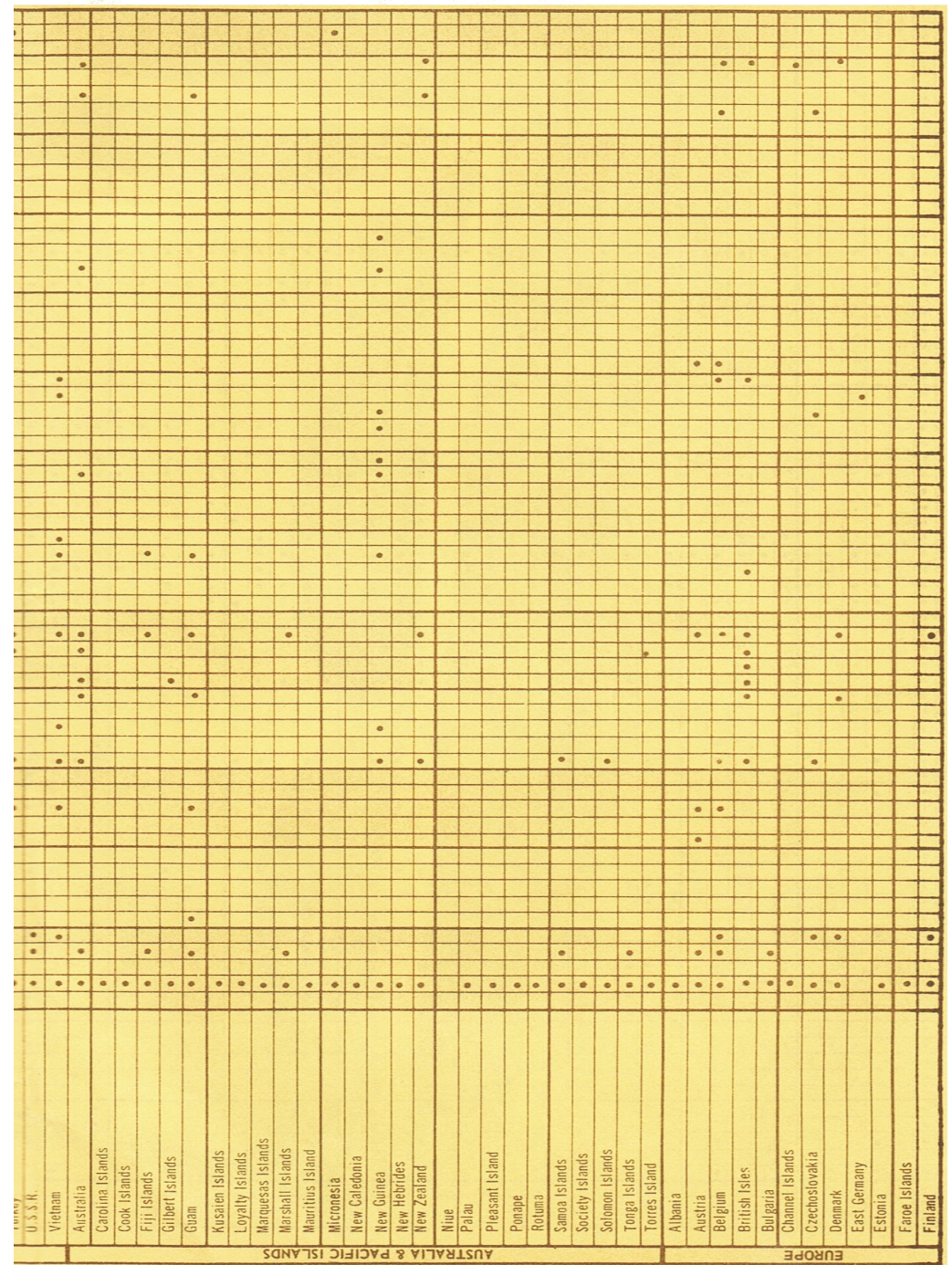
Ans: _____

NOTE: See Exhibit # 1, Point 2.



“He went to make war against . . . Her seed”.

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Ans: "And the woman _____ into the _____."

MANY WONDERFUL CHRISTIANS are members of churches which **WERE ORGANIZED** and **OPENLY FUNCTIONING** between 538 and 1798 AD. However, **NONE** of these churches **CAN BE GOD'S REMNANT CHURCH**, into which **HE IS CALLING ALL HIS PEOPLE TODAY** because God makes it clear that His last church **WOULD NOT EXIST OPENLY** as a formal organization **DURING THIS PERIOD**.

Look at the symbols of Revelation 12:17:

- Now, let's put the verse in todays language:
AND THE DEVIL WAS INFURIATED WITH THE TRUE CHURCH
AND WENT TO FIGHT AGAINST GOD'S CHURCH IN THE VERY
LAST DAYS WHICH KEEPS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND HAS
THE GIFT OF PROPHECY".

Ans: the commandments. have the of prophecy.

THERE ARE MANY TRUE CHRISTIANS in churches which do not keep the Sabbath or have the gift of prophecy.



GOD'S CHURCH IDENTIFIED

According to Revelation, chapters 12 and 14, the following seven great points identify God's church for today into which He is calling all His people.

God's church:

1. Will appear after the wilderness — Dark Ages experience — that is, after 1798.
 2. Will hold same truths as apostles (teachings will square with the Bible).
 3. Will keep the Ten Commandments, including the fourth (seventh-day Sabbath).
 4. Will have the gift of prophecy.
 5. Will preach the final, end-time, three-point message of Revelation 14:6-12.
 6. Will be a world-wide missionary church (to every nation, tongue & people).
 7. Will teach salvation through Jesus Christ (the everlasting gospel).
17. **Jesus hands you these seven specifications and says, "go find my church". What does He promise when we seek? Luke 11:9**
- Ans:** "Seek and ye shall _____."
18. **How many church organizations in the world fit these seven points? Ephesians 4:5**

NOTE: a. The church which is bringing you this Revelation Seminar fits all

seven points. Let's review quickly how it fits each point.

b. Let's review also the "Partners" folder.

19. **Once one recognizes God's true church, is it necessary to become a member? Acts 2:47**

Ans: And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily
_____ as _____ be _____".

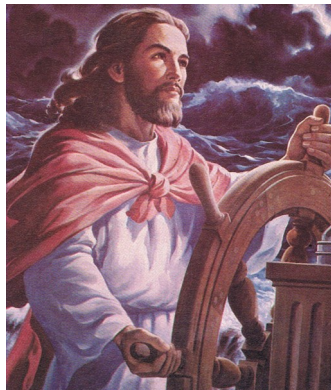
NOTE: Notice the following:

- a. We are all called into one body — Colossians 3:15
- b. That body is the church — Colossians 1:18
- c. We enter the church by baptism — 1 Corinthians 12:13

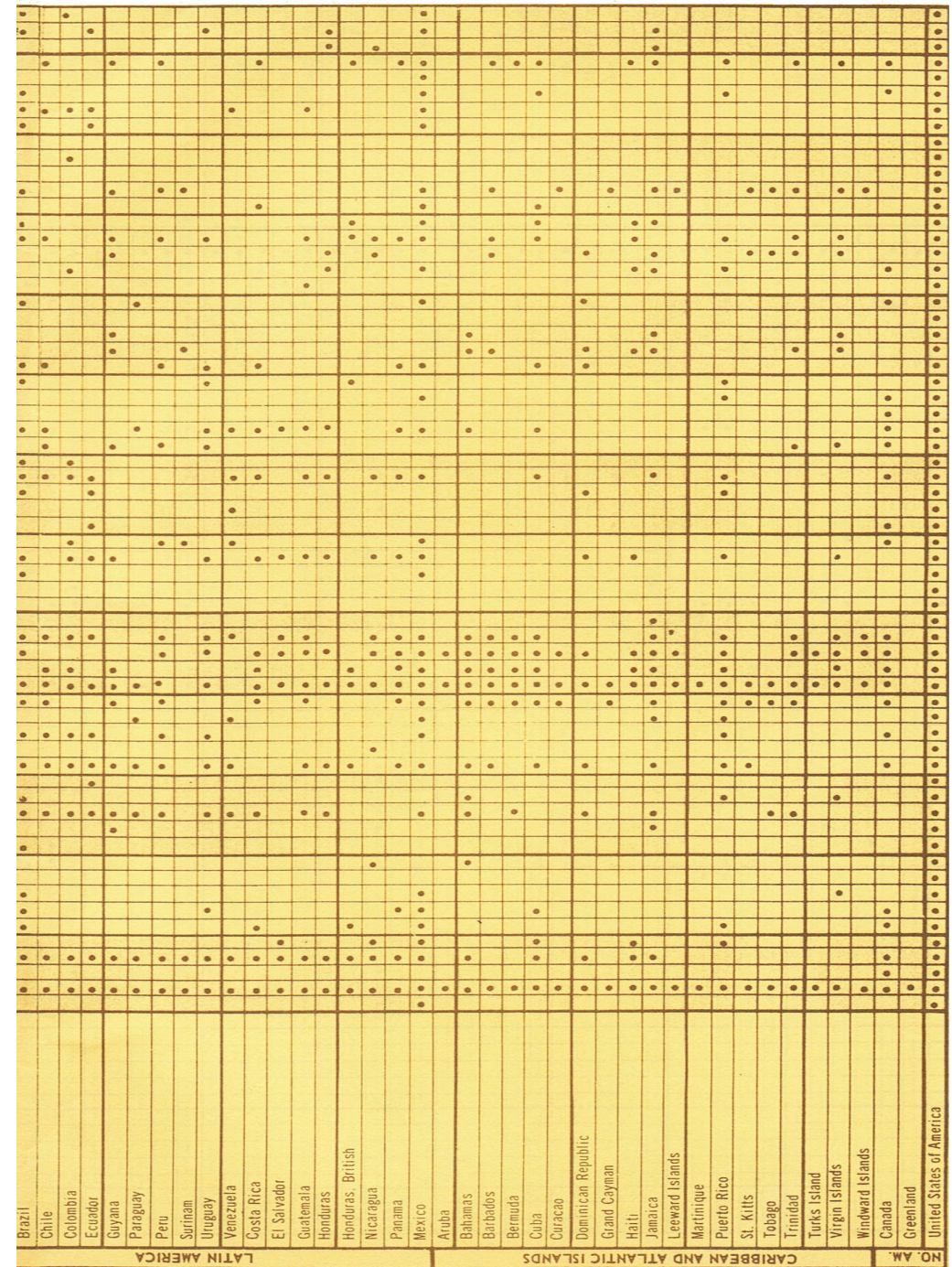
IT IS JUST AS IMPERATIVE TO ENTER GOD'S ARK OR CHURCH TODAY, AS IT WAS TO ENTER THE ARK IN NOAH'S DAY. REMEMBER THAT JESUS INTENDS TO SAVE THE CHURCH, Ephesians 5:25-27.

20. **Revelation 1:12, 13, 20 pictures Jesus walking among His churches. He still walks among the churches today calling His people, Hebrews 13:8. As He speaks to you and calls you into His blessed ark of safety for these last days will you respond to His loving call? You are precious to Him.**

Ans: _____



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1260 YEARS PERSECUTION

Finally, he will suffer the defeat of being blotted from the face of the earth in the lake of fire, and, most wonderful of all, Jesus promises that he will be defeated in his bitter, grudge fight to destroy you and me.

What a tremendous message of hope from Jesus!

1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

This period of tribulation is repeatedly mentioned in the Bible because it is the worst ever to face God's people, Matthew 24:21. It is referred to as 1260 days, 42 months, and 3½ times, or years, Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5; Daniel 7:25. All add up to the same — 1260 prophetic years. The two **wings** represent speed, Deuteronomy 28:49. This tribulation is called, in Revelation 12:15, a **flood** of persecution. See Isaiah 59:19.

History is clear that the Papacy was the power which persecuted for 1260 years. The period began in 538 A.D. when Papal power became supreme in Christendom due to the letter of Roman emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the Bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became a part of Justinian's Code, the fundamental law of the empire. The period ended in 1798 when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive. At least 50 million Christians died for their faith during this period of persecution.

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