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GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

PART 2: THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

A SAVED TO SERVE STUDY GUIDE

The Pure Woman of Revelation 12

We let the Bible interpret itself, testing every claim by “the law and to the testimony” (Isaiah 8:20). The study runs in one continuous sequence — from Point 1 through Point 18. Read each reference in your Bible and write your answers on the lines provided.

1.

PURPOSE In this series of doctrinal lessons we study the second angel’s message and identify which church and movement is God’s true end-time church movement.
2.

NOTE As we previously discovered, Revelation 17 brings to view Babylon — an impure church represented as a whorish woman. In contrast, Revelation 12:1 shows us a pure woman, or pure church (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23; Jeremiah 6:2). Here we will find the characteristics of God’s true church. (This is not an exhaustive study on Revelation 12.)

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.” — Revelation 12:1 (KJV)

In This Study

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◆ BEFORE YOU BEGIN

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (KJV)

As you trace the pure woman of Revelation 12 through history, keep your Bible open and let each text speak for itself. Answer honestly, compare Scripture with Scripture, and ask the Spirit to lead you into all truth — from Point 1 to Point 18.

3. **Read Revelation 12:1. Since we already know a woman represents a church in prophecy, what does it mean that she is clothed with the sun?**— *Read: Malachi 4:2 with 1 John 2:1; Psalm 84:11*

ANSWER This church is clothed with the character of Jesus and experiences His kingdoms of grace and glory.

4. **NOTE** Jesus taught that there are two kingdoms we must experience: the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of glory. The kingdom of grace points to the fact that because of Jesus' sacrifice for us, sinful humans can be made right with God, be born again, and experience victory over sin (Hebrews 4:16; Luke 17:20-21; John 3:3-13; Titus 2:11-14). The Bible teaches that once we experience the kingdom of grace here on earth, we can then be fitted to enter into God's kingdom of glory: heaven (Matthew 25:31-34).

5. **What does the moon under the woman's feet represent?**— *Read: Revelation 12:1*

- a) — *Read: Psalm 81:3; Jeremiah 31:35*

ANSWER The sanctuary services and the feasts connected to it.

- b) — *Read: Genesis 1:16; 2 Peter 1:19*

ANSWER Prophecy.

6. **What do the twelve stars represent that were upon the woman's crown?**— *Read: Matthew 10:1-8; Acts 1:17, 26; Genesis 37:9-11; Acts 7:8*

7. **NOTE** To recap, this pure church is clothed with the character of Jesus, preaches about the kingdom of grace and glory, has its teachings based on the sanctuary services, preaches Bible prophecy, and was started by Jesus and the apostles.

8. **Read Revelation 12:2-5. This woman was pregnant with a child.**

- a) **Who is the child?**— *Read: Revelation 12:5; Revelation 19:15-16; Revelation 2:26-27*

- b) **Who is the dragon primarily?**— *Read: Revelation 12:9*

- c) **What man and what entity did the dragon work through to try and kill the child?**— *Read: Matthew 2:3, 7, 13*

9. Where did the woman flee, and how long was she persecuted?— *Read: Revelation 12:14; Revelation 12:6*

10. Using the day-for-a-year principle in prophecy, how many years was the woman in the wilderness (obscurity/hiding) and being persecuted?— *Read: Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34; Revelation 12:6*

11. **NOTE** Just as Jesus was persecuted by Pagan Rome at His birth, God's people were persecuted by Papal Rome (the Papacy) during this 1260-year time period. In 538 A.D., Emperor Justinian gave supreme authority to the church to root out "heretics" of the Catholic faith. The Papacy retained this power over people, rulers, and nations until the year 1798, when French General Louis-Alexandre Berthier (under Napoleon Bonaparte's command) took the Pope (Pope Pius VI) captive, thus ending this Papal supremacy.

12. Read Revelation 12:15, 16. It says, "the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman." What does the "water as a flood" represent, and what helped the woman from being swallowed up by the flood?— *Read: Revelation 17:15; Revelation 12:16*

13. **NOTE** Since waters represent many people and nations, the earth would represent the opposite: a place that is sparsely populated. The woman/church fled to a place that was largely uninhabited, and there she found rest from the persecution of the Papacy. Based on the Bible, the true church could not be revealed until AFTER 1798. History records that the pilgrims/puritans came from the Old World (Europe) to the New World (America) seeking civil and religious liberty in the year 1620. Just a few years before 1798, the United States of America was officially declared a nation in the year 1776. Based on Revelation 12:16, God's true church would arise out of the United States of America and after the year 1798.

14. **NOTE** Let us now look at a few identifying markers of God's true church. Read Revelation 12:17. The Bible says the dragon went to make war with the "remnant" of the woman's seed. Remnant means "the last of something, or that which remains." This means that those who are part of this church will be those who still maintain the pure faith of Jesus and the apostles. These faithful people will be seen until the very end of time.

15. Besides being the remnant of the apostolic faith, what is another characteristic of the true church?— *Read: Revelation 12:17; Revelation 14:12; James 2:24, 26*

16. What is said of the remnant church in addition to keeping the commandments of God?— *Read: Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10*

17. What messages does this church teach, and how many people will hear it?— *Read: Revelation 14:6-11*

◆ AFTER YOUR STUDY

Take Your Stand With the Remnant

You have followed the pure woman of Revelation 12 from the days of the apostles to God's faithful remnant of the last days. Now let the truth take root: prayerfully ask the Lord to make you one of those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast the testimony of Jesus.

REFLECT

"Am I willing to follow the evidence of Scripture, whatever the cost, and stand with God's true church?"

LIVE IT

Keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12), and share this message of hope with someone this week.



"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

REVELATION 14:12 (KJV)

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God's True Church Revealed

Based on this study from the Bible, God's true church is none other than the Seventh-day Adventist movement (officially founded in 1863). Only this movement fits these characteristics, and God will have a people who withstand every test and overcome Satan, the dragon. Yet simply bearing the name Seventh-day Adventist does not automatically merit salvation. Each of us must have a personal, saving relationship with Jesus, so that He can say, "I know you" (Matthew 7:20-23; Revelation 14:12; Genesis 18:19; 2 Timothy 2:19).

REVELATION 12:17 (KJV)

"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."

Will you take your stand with God's faithful remnant — keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?

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"Christ was a Seventh-day Adventist, to all intents and purposes... In awful grandeur Christ made known the law of Jehovah, giving, among other charges, this charge: 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'"

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