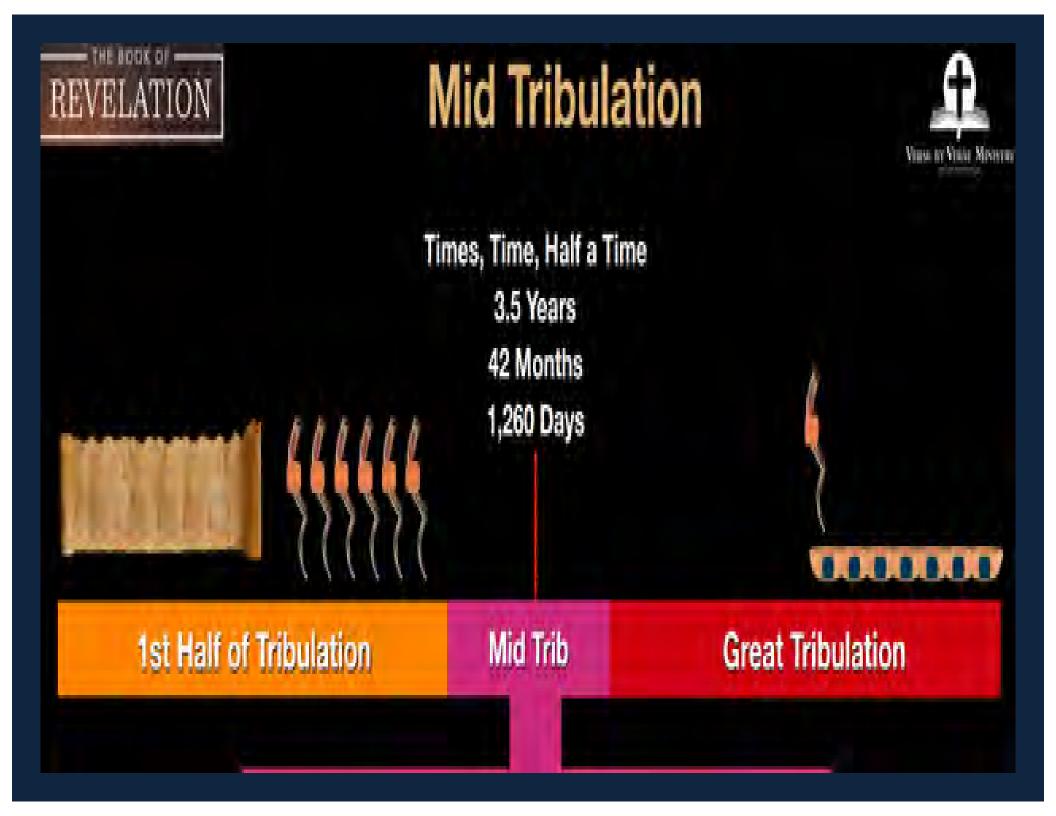
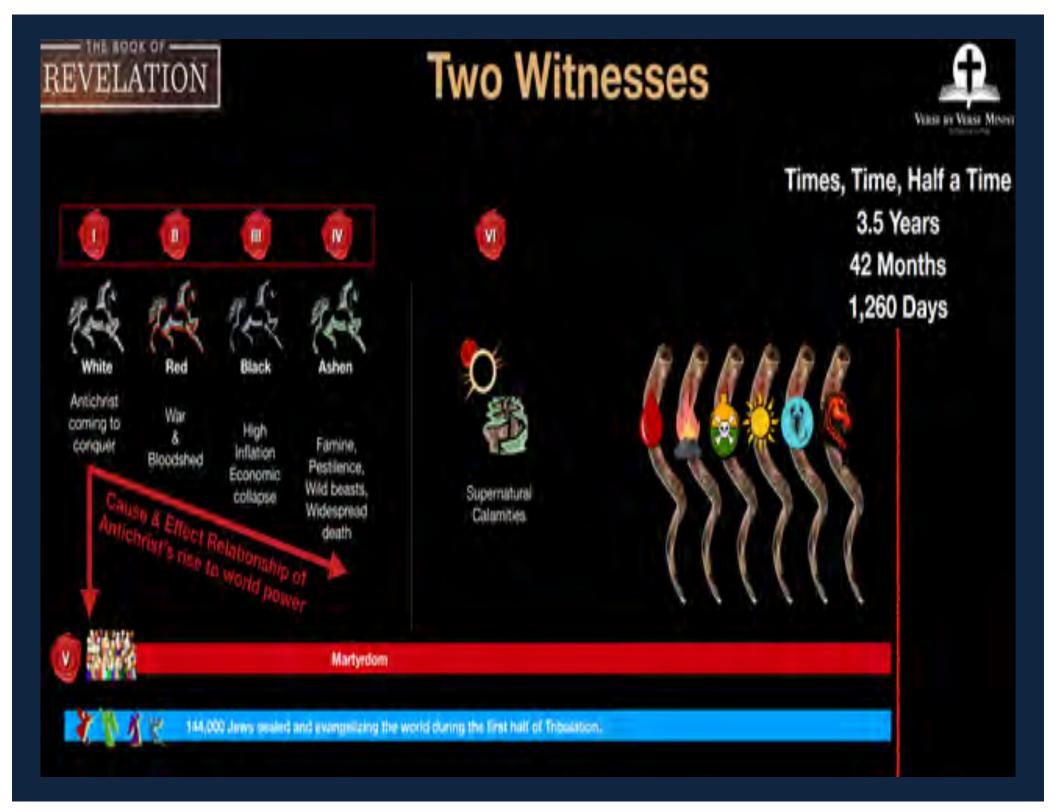
## "Great Signs in Heaven" <u>Revelation 12: 1-6</u>

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# God's view of these kingdoms - **BEASTS!!**



#### **Understand the Symbols:**

- 1) <u>The woman</u> = represents Israel
- 2) <u>The dragon</u> = represents Satan
- 3) <u>The Man-Child</u> = represents Jesus Messiah
- 4) <u>Michael and his angels</u> = protectors of God's throne, Israel, and you
- 5) <u>Israel</u> = the remnant seed of the woman

#### **Understand the Symbols:**

- 6) <u>The beast out of the sea</u> = the world dictator, antichrist
- 7) The beast of the earth = the false prophet

## <u>Verse 1</u> A Great Sign in Heaven

#### What is a sign?

A symbol pointing to something else

### The First Sign:

A woman who births Messiah - only Messiah is great!!

The woman who birthed Messiah is *Israel*  Replacement theologians believe the *"woman"* is the Church

- that the Church has replaced Israel
- that Israel is no longer part of God's Plan



# God's covenant with Israel is unconditional:

<u>Genesis 12: 1-3</u> <u>Genesis 15: 1-21</u> <u>Genesis 17: 1-21</u> With symbolism, allow Scripture to interpret the symbols -Genesis 37: 1-10

- The woman is the nation of Israel
- 2) The sun is Jacob, Joseph's father
- 3) The moon is Rachel, Joseph's mother
- 4) The 12 stars are the 12 tribes of Israel

## Verse 2 Who is in Labor?

## Some say Mary, some say the Church, and some say Israel

- The people group that birthed Messiah is Israel:
  - Paul said that Messiah would come out of Israel - <u>Romans 9: 5</u>
  - 2) Isaiah said that Israel would have labor pains and bring forth a male Child - <u>Isaiah 66: 7-8</u>
  - 3) Antichrist persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child Revelation 12: 13

## <u>Verse 3 - 5</u> Another Sign - *The Dragon*

### Who is the fiery dragon? Satan - verse 9

#### What about the 7 heads and 10 horns?

1) The 7 heads refer to Satan ruling the 7 kingdoms of the world (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, 10 nation confederation)

2) The 10 horns are 10 ruling kings who have charge on the earth -Daniel 7: 7-8 and 19-20 While antichrist comes to power on earth, Satan instigates war in heaven (more next week)

Verse 4 - We see Satan mobilize all his fallen angel cohorts in an attempt to kill Messiah - *he fails!* 

Satan wants to *"devour her Child as soon as it was born"* 

Satan is a miserable failure in his attempt to outwit God!

Satan is a deceiver extraordinaire!

Know your enemy's tactics and keep your armor on - *all of it!!* 

The Helmet of Salvation protects your mind, your soul, your thinking

The battle is for control of your thinking - <u>2 Corinthians 10: 3-5</u>

Jesus accomplished phase one of His mission - He came to do the Father's will - John 6: 38

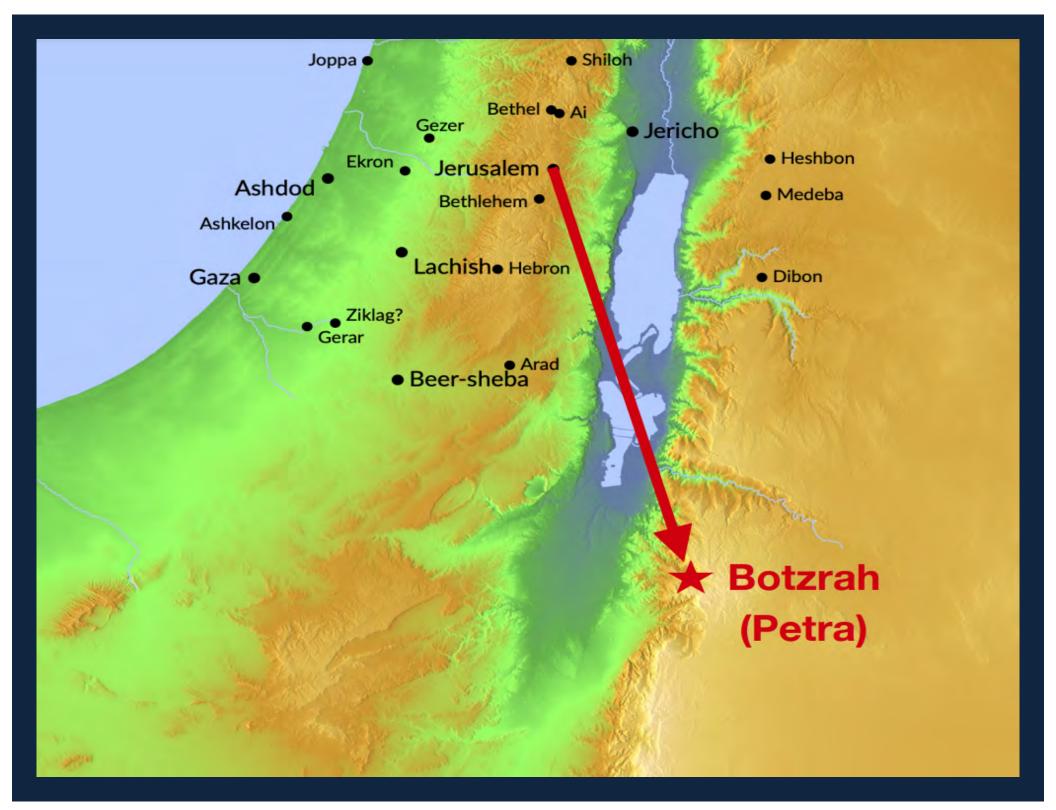
Jesus will accomplish phase two of His mission - to return, to judge evil, and to reign 1000 years!

## Verse 6 Future Great Escape

A leap forward in time when Satan is cast to the earth

What will Satan do? Persecute the woman - verse 12:13

What will the woman do? *Flee to the wilderness - verse 12: 14* Many believe the place of escape is Bozrah - <u>Micah 2: 12</u>



How long will they be protected? 1260 days

God will provide for and protect us until the appointed time of our departure

REST IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!! Enjoy peace in the chaos of life knowing this fact!! You can choose peace - it is up to you!!

#### **<u>CLOSING</u>**: Great Signs in Heaven

Jesus expects us to know the signs of His return

Do not ignore the signs!

Why the signs? Not to make us fearful, but hopeful!

Jesus really is coming back to make all things right!

There is a future remnant of Jews who will flee to their prepared place

You are a remnant today - flee to your prepared place!

Where is that place you ask? Close to your Shepherd

Listen for the calm, reassuring voice of your Shepherd - John 10:27



#### **REMEMBER**:

God has given you a gift during your pilgrimage here - *the COMFORTER!* John 14: 16

While we wait - <u>OCCUPY</u> - and keep looking up!

No moping around with your chin on the ground - Luke 21: 28

THE GREAT SIGN IS ALMOST HERE - MESSIAH! You can almost hear His footsteps!!