



Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
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Lesson 26:

"God's True Church in Prophecy"



The Bible foretells of two churches in the very last days that will exist upon the earth. These two churches are depicted as two women in Revelation. One church will be lead by Jesus, while the other will be lead by Satan. In the previous lesson, you learned about Satan's church -- Babylon the Harlot. In this lesson, you will learn about God's true church of prophecy. There are numerous characteristics given of this pure woman and they only fit one global church! Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn about who is God's true church of prophecy!

1) Even though there are so many denominations of Christianity and the church is divided on many issues, how many true faiths are there according to the Bible? - Ephesians 4:5.

1 - "One L__d, o__e fa__th, one ba__tism."



Many are confused about which religion is the True Faith today.

*Note: The Bible says that "there is one Lord", therefore, it would make sense that there would also be only "ONE FAITH" too.



2) The false church is depicted as a harlot in Revelation. How is God's true church described? - Revelation 12:1.

1 - God's church is depicted as "a w__m__n cl__thed with the s__n."

2 - The "m__n" is "und__r her f__t."

3 - She has a "cr__n of tw__l__e st__r__."

1 - The "Sun" is symbolic of Jesus and His righteousness. The New Testament church is clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

2 - The "Moon" is symbolic of the prophets who were a "faithful witness". (See Psalms 89:36, 37.) Jesus and the New Testament Church did NOT come to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill it by living it and teaching it.

3 - The "twelve stars" are symbolic of God's saints. God told Abraham that He would multiply His offspring "as the stars of the heaven." (See Genesis 22:17) The New Testament church was started by twelve leaders, called apostles.

3) What enemy of the church is introduced in Revelation 12:3, 4? What does he seek to do?

1 - "A great r_d dr_g_n, having se_ven h_ads and t_n ho_ns, and s_ven cr_wns upon his heads."

2 - "The dr_g_n stood before the w_man which was ready to be delivered, for to d_vo_r her ch_ld as soon as it was b__n."



*Note: The enemy of the church is the Dragon, the Devil. As soon as Jesus was born, Satan eagerly sought to have him put to death through the wicked Herod. Notice that the tail of the dragon knocked out a "third" of the stars of heaven. Satan deceived one third of God's holy angels to follow him and they were kicked out to the earth.

4) What decree did Herod make? -Matthew 2:16.

1 - Herod "sent forth, and sl_w all the ch_ldr_n that were in B_thleh_m, and in all the coasts thereof, from t_o y_ars old and un_er."

5) Where did Jesus, the man-child, eventually go? -Revelation 12:5.

1 - "Her ch_ld was c_u_ght u__ unto G_d, and to his thr__ne."

6) Where did the woman (church) have to flee to and for how long? -Revelation 12:6.

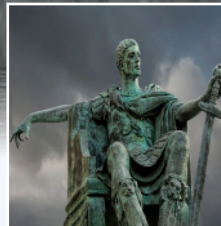
1 - "The w_m_n fled into the w_ld__rness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should f__d her there a tho_sa_d two h_ndred and thr_esc_re [60] days."

*Note: After Christ's death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, the early apostolic church was persecuted by the Jews and especially by Rome. Though, these persecutions were bad, what made the church have to "flee" into hiding in the wilderness for 1,260 prophetic days was the persecution of the Dark Ages. The Dark Ages were known as "Dark" because the light of the Bible was taken from the general population and PAGAN TRADITIONS crept it's way into the church!



*Note: These compromises especially began to take place in the early 4th century AD when Roman Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and joined the church. Constantine and his army claimed to have seen a cross in the sky which convinced him that Christianity was the only true faith. Not only did he join the church, but he was especially generous and kind to the bishops and leaders of the Christian faith. He invited them into his royal estate, offered them high position in his kingdom and gave them large monetary donations. All these acts were done because he believed that God would bless his kingdom and give him victories in military conquest.

*Note: Though, Constantine appeared to be a true convert to Christianity and did some wonderful things, his fruits prove that he was a DANGEROUS WOLF in Sheep's clothing! He brought graven images into the church that lead to the worship of Mary and the Apostles. He also brought the pagan tradition of Sunday Worship into the church, which replaced the 7th day Sabbath. The office of the Pope, which gave the church political and religious authority over the world, was later adopted as well.



*Note: In the year 538 AD, the Catholic Church officially began to reign over the kingdoms of Europe and zealously sought to spread the Catholic religion to surrounding nations prosecuting Muslims, Jews and Pagans. The Catholic Church also began to persecute Christians who did NOT accept the Roman Catholic Faith. Some of the Christians who were persecuted during the Dark Ages were the Cathars, the Albigenians, the Waldensians and, later, the Protestants. Pope Innocent III stated, "Anyone who attempts to construe a personal view of God which conflicts with church dogma must be burned without pity." In reference to heretics, he also stated, "Kill them all, for God knows His own." Many were tortured during the Inquisition and over 50 million people were slain during the Dark Ages!

7) What does the Bible say the dragon (Satan) will do to the woman and where does the Bible say the woman will flee? -Revelation 12:13, 14.

1 - Satan "pers__cut__d the w__ma__.....and to the w__man were given two w__ngs of a gre__t eagle, that she might fly into the w__ldern__ss, into her place, where she is nourished for a t__me, and ti__s, and h__lf a time, from the f__ce of the s__pent."

*Note: For the second time in Revelation 12, the writer repeatedly tells us that the woman will flee into the wilderness (a place of desolation) for "a time, and times, and half a time" from the serpent (Satan). This is the same time period mentioned before in Revelation 12:6 when John spoke of 1,260 days. A "Time" = 1 year (360 days). A "Times" = 2 years (720 days). A "half a Times" = half a year (180 days). Added up together it equals 1,260 days. We must count these days as years because the Bible says that prophetic days must be counted as years in Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34. In fulfillment, the persecution of the Dark Ages lasted for 1,260 years from 538 AD to 1798, which was when the Pope was imprisoned for the first time in history during the French Revolution.

8) What did the dragon cast out of his mouth after the woman? Who helped the woman? -Revelation 12:15, 16.

1 - "The s__rp__nt cast out of his m__th w__ter as a fl__d after the woman."

2 - "The e__th h__lped the w__m__n, and the e__rth opened her mouth, and sw__ll__wed up the fl__d which the dragon cast out of his m__uth."

*Note: "Water" in the Bible represents "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" -Revelation 17:15. The "water" cast out of the dragon's mouth represents the religious armies and spies sent out by the Catholic Church to spread Catholicism and persecute God's church. During the 10th century, the Roman Papacy sent out Crusaders to spread Catholicism to non-Catholic countries. In the 16th century, the Papacy established the Inquisition to spy on the population in search of religious heretics. The Papacy

....considered anyone who believed or taught differently from the Catholic faith to be heretics. Inquisitors used torture, bribery, & painful executions to both find and destroy heretics. As water represents peoples, the "earth" is symbolic of desolation. America was that place of desolation where Protestants fled to escape religious persecution.

9) After the Protestant government of the United States of America was established, what did the dragon continue to do against the woman (church)? What 2 characteristics does the Remnant Church have? -Revelation 12:17.

1 - Satan "was w_r_t_h with the w_m_n, and went to make w_r with the remnant."

2 - They must "k__p the c__mm__ndme__ts of G__."

3 - They must have the "t__st__m__ny of Je__s Ch__t."

*Note: The Bible warns that the dragon, Satan, (See Rev. 12:9) is wroth with the church and will continue to make war with her. Shortly after the rise of Protestant America in 1776, the Bible speaks of a Remnant Church being formed. The word "remnant" means a piece of the original. The Remnant Church is the church that teaches the original doctrines of Jesus Christ. God's Remnant church CANNOT be the Roman Catholic Church, as they teach many doctrines that originated from paganism, such as Sunday sacredness, the adoration of Mary and persecuted God's people during the Dark Ages. God's Remnant Church must arise sometime after 1798, which was the official end of the Dark Ages. It must also be within the Protestant movement, but must also have 2 characteristics:

1 - Keep all of God's Commandments. 2 - Have the "testimony of Jesus Christ."

10) What is the "testimony of Jesus"? -Revelation 19:10

1 - The "t_e__t__m__ny of J__us is the s__ir__t of p__op__ecy."

*Note: The Testimony of Jesus is the "Spirit of Prophecy." God's true church must have the gift of prophetic vision to guide the church in the last days. In the mid 1800's, God raised up a young messenger named Ellen Harmon, later married and known as Ellen G. White. She was born in 1827 and after a head injury at age 9, she dropped out of school only having a third grade education. Shortly after, she gave her life to Christ and when she was 17, God gave her her first vision. She had over 2000 visions in her life span of 87 years and wrote over 100,000 pages of manuscript writings. She wrote on end time Bible prophecy, the second coming of Jesus, family life, health, parenting, the life of Christ, various Bible stories and many other practical topics.

11) What important message must God's pure church also give to prepare the world for Jesus' coming? -Revelation 14:6-12, 14.

A) Prosperity B) Jesus' Death C) Three Angel's Messages

*Note: Notice that the "everlasting gospel" of the 3 Angel's Messages must be preached to every nation before Jesus appears on a white cloud with a sharp sickle. Therefore, God's Remnant Church must teach and explain the 3 Angel's Messages.

*Question: Which Protestant Church fits all these characteristics?

- 1) Organized after 1776, which was when America became an independent nation. It must also rise after 1798, which was when the Dark Ages officially ended and the Pope was imprisoned.
- 2) Keep all ten of God's commandments, including the 7th day Sabbath.
- 3) Have the gift of prophetic vision to guide the church.
- 4) Teach the 3 Angel's Messages.

*Answer: The Seventh-day Adventist Church! Visit us online: www.adventist.org

Appeal) Will you join God's Remnant Church of prophecy by baptism? ____.

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