# THE MYSTERY OF ANTI-SEMITISM By Andrew Marshall Woods, ThM, JD, PhD

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#### MODERN TRENDS IN ANTISEMITISM

Revelation 12







#### Christian Anti-Semitism

"First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans..."

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"Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let the earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system...Therefore away with them... To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews."

Martin Luther, Concerning the Jews and Their Lies, cited in Michael Brown's Our Hands Are Stained with Blood, pp. 14-15.

New York Post columnist
Cindy Adams asserts that
former Secretary of State
Henry Kissinger predicted the
end of the state of Israel within
10 years.

'In 10 years, there will be no more Israel.'

"I repeat: 'In 10 years, there will be no more Israel."



#### WHAT MOTIVATES ANTI-SEMITISM?



# Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron 21:1
- Dan 10:12-13, 20
- Matt 16:21-23
- Eph 6:12



### Satan's Two Strategies

Rev 12:1-5 - Past failed strategy

Rev 12:6-17 - Present and future strategy



#### Revelation 12:1-5

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; <sup>2</sup>and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. <sup>3</sup>And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. <sup>4</sup>And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. <sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

American Standard Version. 1995.

# CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON (v.5)

2. DRAGON (v. 3)

3. WOMAN (v.1)



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# CAST OF CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

SON = MESSIAH

Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9

DRAGON = SATAN

Rev. 12:9

WOMAN = ISRAEL

Gen. 37:9-10



### Rev 1:19

• Seen (1)

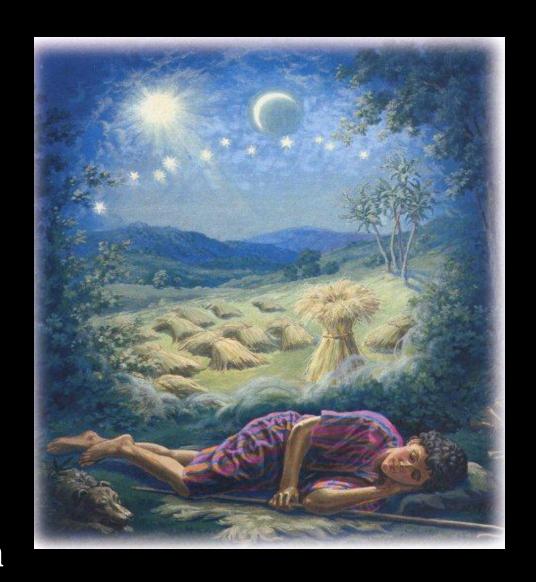
• Are (2–3)



After these things (4–22)

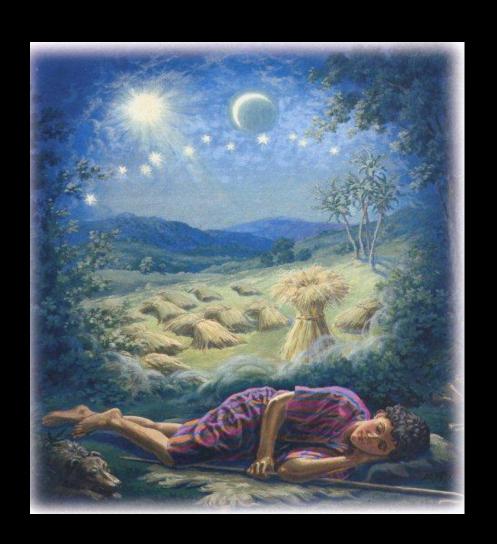
#### **Genesis 37:9**

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



#### **Genesis 37:10**

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"



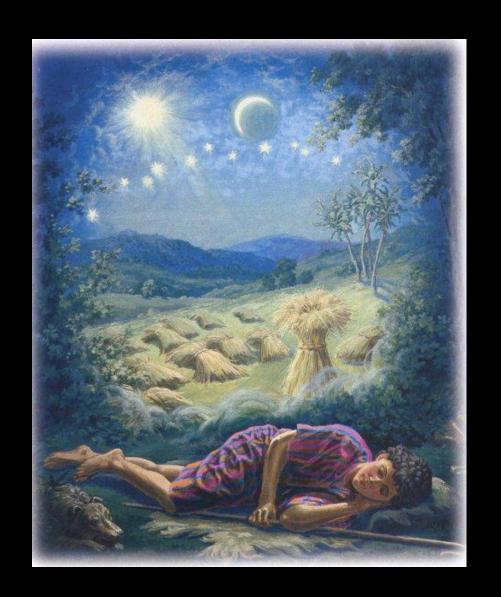
Sun = Jacob

Moon = Leah

11 Stars=Joseph's brothers

 $12^{th} \overline{Star = Joseph}$ 

12 Stars=Israel's twelve tribes



# Different Perspectives of the Same Event

Matt 2 - Physical World



Rev 12:1-5 - Spiritual World

#### Genesis 3:15

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." (NASB)

#### Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah

- Herod; Mt.2
- Cain; Gen. 4, 1
   Jn. 3:12
- Pharaoh; Ex. 1
- Athaliah; 2 Chron.22
- Haman; Esther
- Matt 4:5-7



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# Israel's Three Blessings to the World (Gen 12:3b)

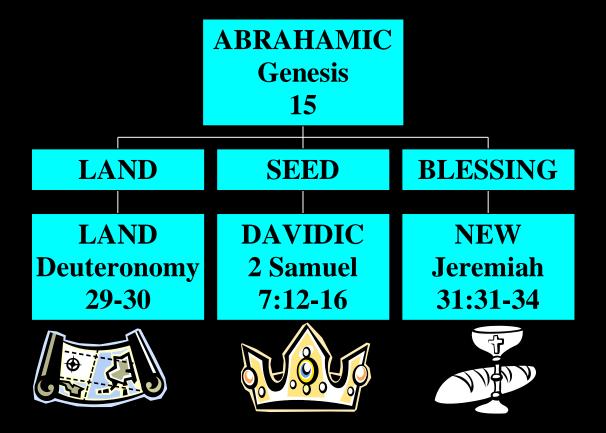
1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)

2) Savior (John 4:22)

3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



#### **Abrahamic Covenant**



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



Thomas L. Constable, Notes on Numbers, p.99

#### Satan as Ruler of this World

- Job 1:7; 2:2
- Luke 4:5-7
- John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Ephesians 2:2
- 1 John 4:4; 5:19



### Ultimate Exodus (Rev 11:15)

- Sores: 6<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1<sup>st</sup> bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- Rivers to blood: 1<sup>st</sup> plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- <u>Darkness</u>: 9<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- Hail: 7<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

# CONNECTING REV 12 & ANTI-SEMITISM

DANIEL'S 70th WEEK (7 years of tribulation)

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X Israel flees

3 ½ years

1260 days

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• Rev 12:6-17 - Spiritual World



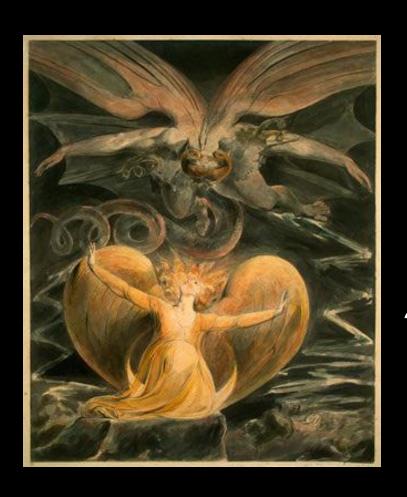
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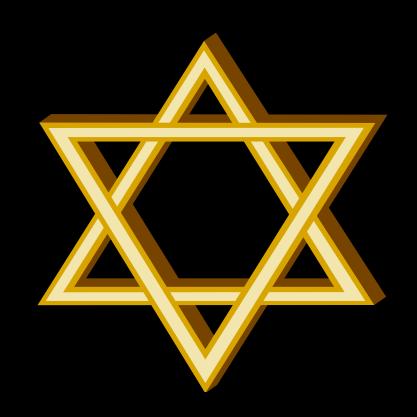
### Descriptions of Satanic Hatred

Wrath 12:12

Persecution 12:13

Sweep away 12:15

Enraged 12:17



War 12:17

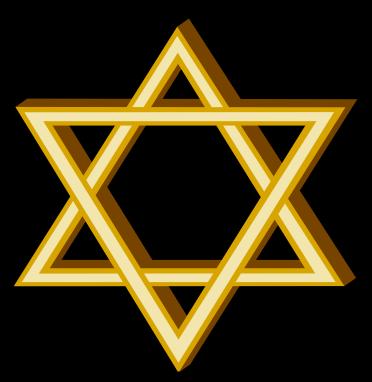
# How Israel Has Blessed the World (Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

- Patriarchs
- Law
- Prophets
- Messiah (John 4:22; Rom 9:5)
- Apostles
- Biblical writers
- Early church
- Early Christian martyrs
- Paul



#### CONCLUSION

- Recognize Anti-Semitism and its source
- Do not be surprised
- Do not take part
- Expose it (Eph 5:11)





"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel."

Benjamin Netanyahu

