**These Perilous Times**

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**Introduction to Revelation**

**Part XIV**

**Revelation’s Two Women**

 Throughout the Scripture the Bible speaks of two (seeds Gen. 3:15) women, (churches) one: God’s Church, the Bride of Christ and two: the apostate church, the harlot of Revelation. It’s a thrilling discovery to find that there is an entire chapter of the Bible devoted to God’s Church-the Woman, God’s Bride (Gr. “The called-out ones”). The specific chapter I’m referring to is Revelation, chapter 12. “However, the first few verses provide a summary of the cosmic conflict of God’s church’s origin to the time of the ***remnant***. John saw the dragon that would ally itself with the beast from the sea and the beast from the earth to try to exterminate the ***remnant*** in the final conflict (See Rev. Chap. 13)” [[1]](#footnote-1) Let’s take a close-up view and see the distinct characteristics that plainly identify both (seeds) women:

A. God’s Church:

1. A Chaste Virgin… II Cor. 11:2

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you a chaste ((Faithful, pure, innocent, spotless) virgin to Christ.”

 II Cor.11:2 KJV

B. The Attire of God’s Church:

1. A woman clothed with the Sun and the moon under her feet… Rev. 12:1

“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.” Rev. 12:1 KJV

“Revelation 12 begins a new line of prophecy, which continues to the end of the book. This section of prophecy sets forth the church of God in conflict with the powers of evil, and the church’s triumph over them.” *Clothed with the sun*, this may be thought of as representing

glory of God especially as revealed in the gospel, by contrast the woman representing the false church is arrayed in gaudy garments and is carrying a cup filled with

abominations…

*The moon under her feet* many commentators believe that the moon may represent the system and types of OT times that were eclipsed by the greater revelation that came through Christ. The ceremonial law being fulfilled in the life and death of Christ, could well be represented by the moon which gets light reflected from the sun…. *The crown represents a victor’s crown… Twelve stars* commentators agree that they could represent the twelve patriarchs or the twelve apostles or both…” [[2]](#footnote-2)

C. The Counterfeit Church-The Harlot:

1. The Harlot… Rev. 17:1-6

“…Come, I will show you the judgment of the *great harlot* who sits on many waters with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication…” Rev.17:1-6 NKJV

 **What Does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

God’s people know very well that for every Bible truth, Satan has a counterfeit. So, it shouldn’t be a surprise that Satan also has a counterfeit church! God’s Church is known a as faithful woman- a “chaste virgin,” This is why Satan despises her. The wine of the harlot (spiritual Babylon) is the false doctrine she uses to keep those who follow her spiritually drunk!

2. Satan is wroth with the woman (God’s Church, His seed) and wars against those who obey God… Rev. 12:17

“And the dragon (Satan) was wroth (angry, enraged) with the woman (church) and went to make war with the ***remnant*** of her seed, (those that remain faithful to God to the end) which keep *the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*.”

 Revelation 12:17 KJV

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethern, that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10

 In summary, there is only one of two possible choices when it comes to following Christ’s teachings! You can choose to be part of the chaste virgin of Revelation 12 who is loyal to God in every way, or become spiritually drunk by following Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot and her daughters of Revelation 17.

**“Choose ye this day whom you will serve,” Joshua 24:15.**

1. Anderws Bible Commentary (The New Testament) Berrien Springs MI, Andrews University Press, 2022, p. 1971. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 7, pp. 806-815. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)