



## THE PERSECUTING CHURCH

- ✓ In Bible prophecy, God refers to His people (church) as a \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 6:2 732; Isaiah 51:6 708)
- ✓ When unfaithful to Him, God refers to His people as a \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 3:6 728; Hosea 1:1, 2 872)

**Revelation 17:1-6** So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. 1185



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- ✓ The woman of Revelation 12 represents God's people who are \_\_\_\_\_ for being \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 12:1, 2** Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 1182

- ✓ Genesis 37:1-11 36
- ✓ Isaiah 9:6 662

**Revelation 12:3, 4** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 1182

- ✓ Revelation 12:9 1182
- ✓ Matthew 2:16 936

**Revelation 12:5, 6** She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 1182

- ✓ Acts 2:36 1053
- ✓ Daniel 7:25 865

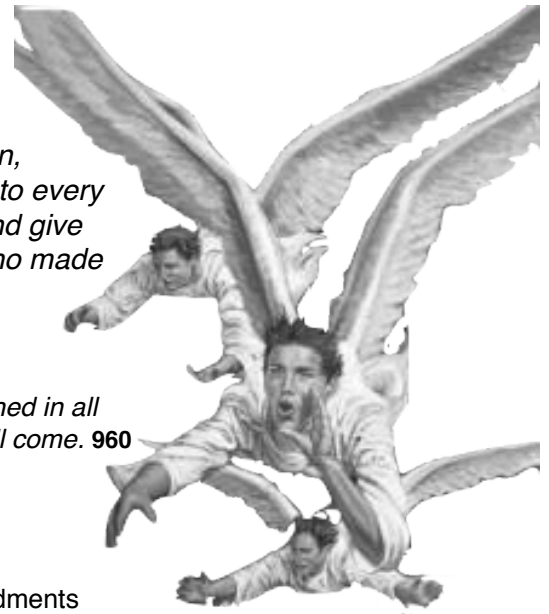


**Revelation 13:11, 12** Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 1183

### THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

**Revelation 14:6, 7** Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." **1183**

- ✓ The gospel is given to the entire world.
  - No new gospel, but the *everlasting* gospel
  - **Matthew 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **960**
- ✓ The gospel is preached during the time of the judgment.
  - All the rest of Scripture speaks of the judgment in the future
  - At this point, however, the judgment has begun.
- ✓ The evidence of genuine conversion is obedience to God's commandments
  - The seal of God is true worship outlined in the 10 Commandments
  - Revelation 14:7 is Revelation's longest quotation from the Old Testament... from Exodus 20.



### THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

**Revelation 14:8** And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." **1184**

- ✓ With her political influence "wounded" for the time being and the announcement of the judgment underway, the true light from God's word is proclaimed boldly to those within the antichrist system and those within her "harlot" daughter churches.
- ✓ **Revelation 18:1-4** And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. **1186**

### THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

**Revelation 14:9-11** Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. **1184**

- ✓ The message is simple and to the point... "Don't worship the beast!"
- ✓ At this point everyone on the earth will demonstrate their allegiance either to Christ or to Satan.
- ✓ **Revelation 22:11, 12** He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." **1190**
- ✓ **Revelation 14:14, 15** Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." **1184** (see **Matthew 13:30** 948)

#### **God's remnant people, His true church on the earth in the last days...**

- ✓ Preach the everlasting gospel in the context of the judgment which began in 1844
- ✓ Keep God's Commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath as a demonstration of loyalty
- ✓ Call people out of Babylon's intoxicating errors with the truth about death, hell, the heavenly sanctuary, etc.
- ✓ Are constituted in only one body of believers in the world today: the Seventh-day Adventist Church.