

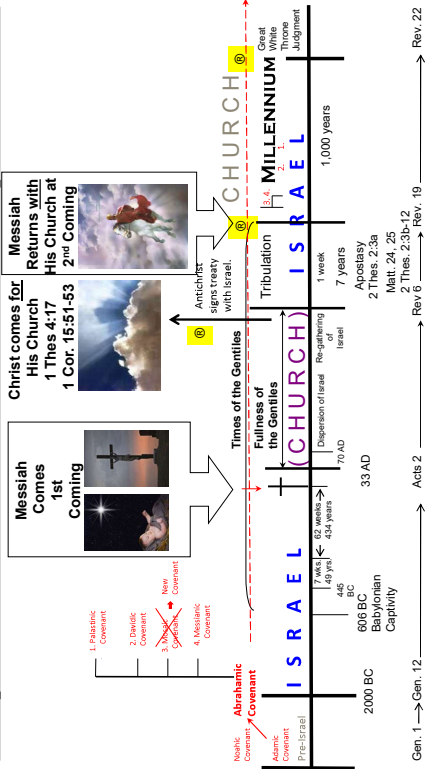


**“Spiritual Warfare”  
Part 1**

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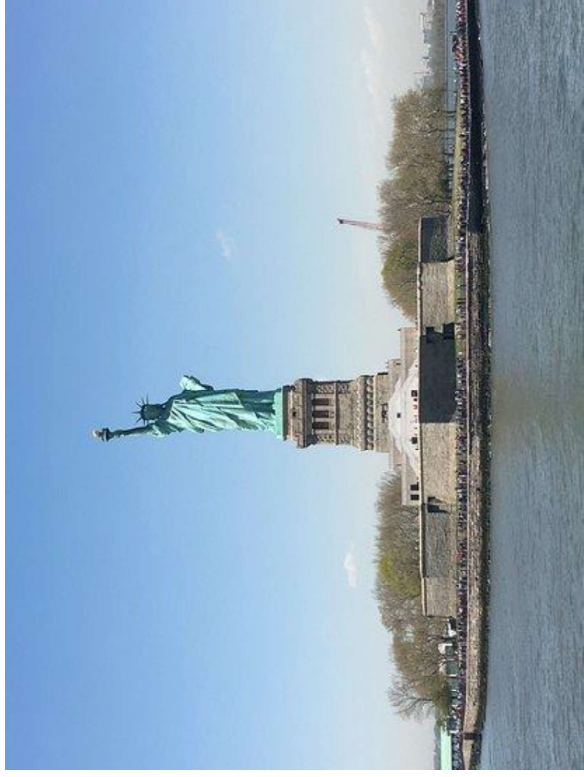
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**Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events**

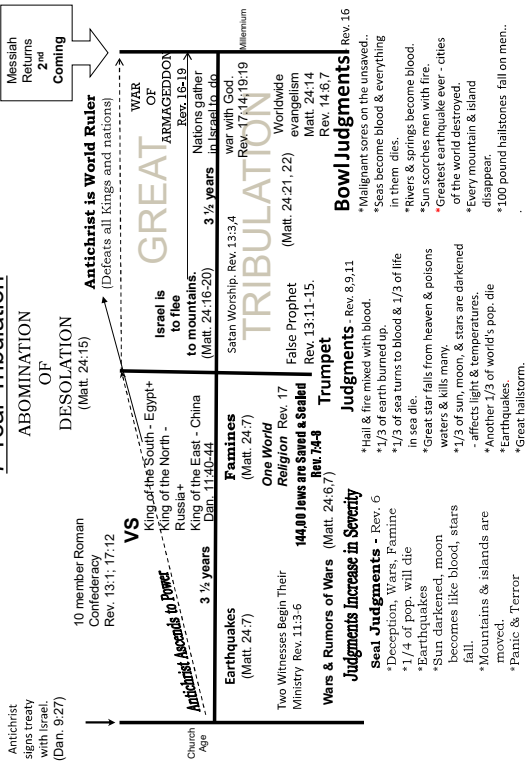


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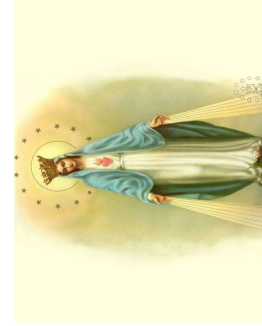


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#### Gen 37:9-10

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."

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** = Rachel

**Eleven stars** = Joseph's eleven brothers. When you include Joseph as an additional star, you have the sun, moon, and twelve stars.

12 brothers = the 12 patriarchs of Israel = the 12 tribes of Israel.

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#### **Here is a picture of a pregnant woman struggling to give birth.**

1. Israel is seen as a mother in the OT.
  - Is. 26,54,66, Hosea 13, Micah 4, 5.
2. The struggle for Israel to bring forth a Savior began with the curse in the Garden of Eden.  
**Gen 3:14-15**  
14 The Lord God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you will go,  
And dust you will eat  
All the days of your life;  
15 And I will put enmity (**hostility, hatred**)  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
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So from this time forward Israel over the centuries has suffered in agony, been persecuted, has been in travail, she has been languishing in pain, struggling, waiting for the Messiah to be born who will deliver Israel from sin and Satan and death and bring the promised kingdom. They have suffered severely because of Satan's furious, relentless, efforts to destroy the Messiah and Israel so that the kingdom could not come.

#### **"the great red dragon"**

- Note: This is not a serpent. This is a mega "Jurassic Park" kind of creature.
  - Its color is red, showing perhaps its thirst for blood.
- Who is this blood-thirsty dragon?**
- Rev 12:9**
- 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;
  - Satan is called a dragon thirteen times in the book of Revelation.
  - Commenting on this blood-thirsty creature -  
"There has never been a murder, but he caused it. There has never been a sanguinary (causing much bloodshed) war, but he instituted it. There has never been a death scene, but it is traceable to him. Every blight of human happiness, every failure of human peace, every sorrow of human life, has come from him. All the fiery passions that rankle in men, and break forth in deeds of violence and blood, are his inspirations."

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"The seven heads represent seven consecutive evil world empires controlled by Satan and leading up to the revival of the Roman Empire. The ten horns represent the ten-nation confederacy that comes out of the seventh head, which is the revived Roman Empire controlled by Satan during the Great Tribulation. The seven crowns upon his heads indicate the fullness of Satan's authority and rule over nations, which he will give to the beast (the Antichrist) during the Great Tribulation (13:2)."

- David Levy



## Seven Heads

- Head 1 = Egypt
- Head 2 = Assyria
- Head 3 = Babylon
- Head 4 = Medo-Persia
- Head 5 = Greece
- Head 6 = Rome
- Head 7 = Revived Rome (10 horns/kingdoms)

## Ten Horns

According to Daniel 7:24 the **ten horns** are located on the seventh head (Revived Roman Empire).

## Dan 7:24

24 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

## Seven Crowns

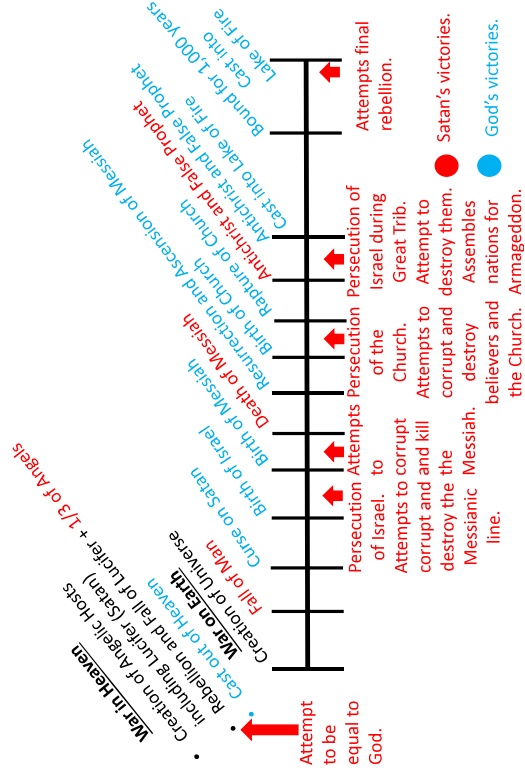
The crowns represent the kings who rule the 7 kingdoms.

Summary: The **seven heads with seven crowns** are seven successive kingdoms. The first six kingdoms are historic. The seventh kingdom is still future. The **ten horns** are ten kings who will rule simultaneously during the seventh kingdom.

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## SPIRITUAL WARFARE



## **Ex. 28:12-18**

- 12 . . . 'Thus says the Lord God,  
"You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.  
13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God: Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.  
14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.  
15 "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.  
16 "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.  
17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor: I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.  
18 "By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries.

## **Satan's attempt to thwart the Messianic promise of Gen. 3:15**

- Cain's murder of Abel (Gen. 4:8).
- The corrupting of the offspring of men by the "sons of God" with the "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:2-4).
- Pharaoh's attempt to kill all male Hebrews (Ex. 1:16, 22; Acts 7:19).
- Haman's attempt to wipe out the Jews (Est. 3:6).
- Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, attempts to wipe out all the royal seed of Judah (2Chr. 22:10).
- Through Herod, Satan ordered the slaughter of all male children in Bethlehem and its districts who were two years old and under (Mat. 2:16).
- Satan's temptation to get Christ to throw Himself off of the Temple (Matt. 4).
- Jews drove Jesus out to a cliff to push Him off (Luke 4:28,29).
- The most direct attempt was through the Romans and the Jews to crucify and put to death Jesus Christ (Acts 2:22-24).

• After Christ ascends safely into Heaven, Satan goes back to attempting to destroy Israel.

• So the woman (Israel) is still being attacked, still suffering, even after the child is born.

• In Germany, in the Middle Ages, Jews were blamed for the Black Plague that killed thousands in Europe, and therefore they were tortuously treated.

• The year that Columbus discovered America, 1492, Spain drove every Jew out of the nation.

• The Roman Catholic Inquisition slaughtered Jews in the name of Jesus Christ and the numbers of them are beyond counting, they were massacred in the name of Christ.

• In 1882 the Russians committed atrocities in the massacre of Jews.

• In 1894 was the infamous Dreyfus Affair, an effort to blame Jews for every national problem in France and to get them out of the ranking places of the military and elsewhere.

• Hitler - six million Jews were exterminated.

• 60 years ago Fortune magazine ran an article on anti-Semitism and listed 50 organizations that were anti-Semitic.

• Today it's the Arabs who are driven by Satan to wipe the Jews from the face of the earth.

## **Isa 14:12-15**

- 12 "How you have fallen from heaven,  
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!  
You have been cut down to the earth,  
You who have weakened the nations!  
13 "But you said in your heart,  
'I will ascend to heaven;  
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,  
And I will sit on the mount of assembly  
In the recesses of the north.  
14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.'  
15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,  
To the recesses of the pit.

## **Heb 2:14**

- 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

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## 1 Peter 5:8-9

- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith,

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“Through the same vessel by which mankind fell, would the redeemer of mankind come forth! The woman was first to eat of the forbidden fruit, but she would have the ultimate honor of producing the Fruit which would crush the head of the serpent!”

- Tony Garland

## 1 Tim 2:13-15

- 13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.
- 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.
- 15 But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

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  - ποιμαίνω – to shepherd. Ruling, but in the sense of leading, guiding, protecting, as a shepherd.
  - “with a rod of iron” – firmly, strictly, forcefully. During the Millennium.
3. His being caught up to God.
  - ἀρπάζω – “caught up” same as used with Phillip, Paul, and the Church.

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William E. Booth-Clibborn  
(1893-1969)

William E. Booth-Clibborn was born on August 4, 1893 in Switzerland. William Booth-Clibborn was the grandson of General William Booth, British founder of the Salvation Army. He was the son of Arthur and Catherine Booth-Clibborn, and became the best known of the Booth-Clibborn children, having a worldwide ministry of evangelism and writing. Meetings he conducted in Australia during the early 1930's helped found several churches. At one of his evangelistic meetings, the words of this song came to him. It is a song that dramatically proclaims the incarnation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The forces of Hell, sin, or darkness could not prevent His entrance into this world to die for the sins of mankind. The hymn that he wrote . . .

### DOWN FROM HIS GLORY

1. Down from His glory,  
Ever living story,  
My God and Savior came,  
And Jesus was His name.  
Born in a manger,  
To His own a stranger,  
A man of sorrows, tears and agony.

#### *Refrain*

*O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all.  
The great Creator became my Savior,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.*

2. What condescension,

Bringing us redemption;  
That in the dead of night,  
Not one faint hope in sight,  
God, gracious, tender,  
Laid aside His splendor,  
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul.  
*Refrain*

3. Without reluctance,

Flesh and blood His substance,  
He took the form of man,  
Revealed the hidden plan,  
O glorious mystery  
Sacrifice of Calv'ry,  
And now I know Thou art the great I  
Am.

#### *Refrain*