



Revelation 72

Satan:

Fiery Red

Dragon

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Revelation 12:3-4

Duality of Signs: Contrasting Purposes of Night Signs

Great Sign: White Lady

- *White Lady* clothed with the Sun {Son} (Ro 13:11-14)
- Crowned with Twelve Stars: Israel's Tribes (Ge 37:9-11)
- *White Lady* stands on, is, Moon-Israel {לבנה} (Is 24:21-23; 30:26)
 - Moon's Continual Cycle: New-Wax-Full-Wane
- Reflected in Festivals
 - New: Month; Year; Trumpets {Darkness}
 - Full: Passover {Salvation}; Succoth {Light}

Sign: Great Red Dragon

- *Great Red Dragon* in the Sky is Satan (Ep 2:1-3; Re 12:9)
- Seven Heads – Crowns with Ten Horns
- Πυρρός {Red} {Fire} Judgment – Death (Re 20:11-15)
 - Second Horse: Societal degradation and Death (Mt 5:21-26, 38-42; Jn 8:44; Re 6:3-4)
- Darkness is *Great Red Dragon's* Sign (Mt 6:22-23)
 - Present at Creation, challenged by Light (Ge 1:3-5)
 - Wars against but cannot defeat Light (Jn 1:1-5, 9)

Ultimate Proxy War: Why Mankind?

- Trinity is Creator and cannot be tempted by Satan's/Sin's weapons; i.e., Satan cannot **Be God** (Ja 1:13)
 - Father is Spirit and must be worshipped in Truth and Spirit only (Jn 4:23-24)
 - Jesus in the Flesh resisted Satan's temptations via the Spirit; Light overcame Darkness (Mt 3:16-4:11)
- Angels are *spirit creations* of Christ to serve Father's development of *New Creation* people (Col 1:15-20; 2Co 5:17; He 1:14)
 - Angels not equal with Trinity and Man's destiny in Christ as adopted sons (He 1:5-7; 1Co 6:3; Ga 3:23-29; He 2:5-9)
 - Satan *enticed* 1/3 angels probably with Hermetic Dialectic: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity {Rebellion} (Ec 1:9-11)
- Man, made in the Flesh, object of Satan's Proxy War to attack the Father-Christ-Spirit to advert his judgment (Job 1:8-12; 2:4-6; 1Co 15:42-49)
 - Flesh easily beset, beguiled embracing self as god to sin (Ge 3:1-7; Ro 7:7-24; 1Co 1:28-29; He 12:1; Ja 4:1-4; 1Jo 2:15-16)

Israel the Ultimate Proxy War: Birthing Messiah to Defeat Satan-Sin

- Israel also a proxy war as *she* was chosen to *birth* the Anointed One {Messiah-Christ}
- Bethlehem chosen birthplace: House of Bread {Manna} (Mic 5:2-4; Jn 6:31-51)
- Messiah born of virgin; flesh provided by woman without father's inherent sin nature (Is 7:14; Mt 1:18-25; 2Co 5:21)
- First Advent: Suffering Slave indicating God to die for Man rather than Man die for God (Is 53; Ro 8:3-4)
- Flesh **hates** humbling before anyone/thing (Ro 1:18-32; 8:5-8; Ga 5:19-21)
- Struggle between *True*, guided by Christ , and *False*, driven by Satan , Jews {Jacob and Elijah} (Ge 32:242-30; 1Ki 19:9-13)
- *False* Jews gained Kosmos Control(ish) via priesthood choosing Jesus as Passover Lamb (Mal 1:6-10; Mt 26:62-66)
- Their *choice* fulfilled Father's Plan bringing Salvation for all who believe (Ro 8:28-30; 1Co 2:6-10; Ep 1:3-14)

Duality of Signs: Light over Darkness

Great Sign: Moon

- White Lady-Moon. Product of creation
- Relationship of Sun-Earth-Moon fixed by Christ
- Moon has no intrinsic power; sun's/earth's gravity
- Moon-Man dependent on Sun's energies
- Moon-Man wax-wane in light; Son-sun is constant
- New Creation has **no** darkness (Re 21:22-25)

Sign: Great Darkness

- Dragon product of creation; hence, finite
- Dragon's existence does not fluctuate
- Dragon *appears as* Light, Dark Light (Mt 6:22-23; 2Co 11:14)
- Physical Darkness *seems* to overwhelm the night
- Spiritual Darkness *seems* greater than light (Jn 1:1-5)
- Darkness deludes Lost with Rebellion's Lie (2Th 2:3-12)

Final Thought on Dragon: Why the Heads?

- Understanding the Dragon requires understanding meaning of the word {δράκων, drakōn}
 - Derived from derkomai, look at, animal with bewitching, crippling look; thus, Eve mesmerized by the voice
 - *Fire* metaphor may have sprung from his use of words to mesmerize resulting in sin and death; not actual fire
- Evolution of Dragon's appearance
 - Originally depicted with one head with no mention of crown or horn: No governments (Ge 3:1; Re 12:9)
 - Government *begins* with Cain and reappears with Nimrod post Noah's Cataclysm (Ge 4:17; 10:8-10; 11:1-9)
 - Revelations' pertinent governments revealed by Christ via Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel (Da 2; 7)
 - Heads, Horns and Crowns have biblical significance we will study in our next lesson to understand metaphor