

The Woman of Revelation 12/ The Last Day Church (3)

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THE TRUE, ETERNAL, EVERLASTING SION OF THE LORD. For those who are spiritually minded, things spiritual are of greatest importance. What is of greater need than to know and understand the will of the Lord pertaining to His City, the Sion of the living God. [Heb. 12:22](#) Let us consider some of the prophecies recorded in the Word in the light of the Spiritual City which is composed of the saints of the Most High. Glorious and wonderful in its content is the promise of His presence. He is the very heart, the center, the manifestation of His glorious person is in the midst of His Sion. How marvelous are the seasons of praise and worship when inspired by the Spirit of the Lord. Volumes of uninhibited exaltation arising to the Lord of glory. Lost in the Spirit, oblivious to earthly, carnal things. O, the blessedness of being enveloped in the majesty and beauty of His very closeness. Not only surrounding but where He enters into our very being and we partake of that glorious, wonderful person that can only be known by His Spirit. Isa. 12:6 What answer may be given to those who seek harm or the destruction of Zion? The LORD has established her, He alone has founded Zion. She is the true place of refuge and comfort. [Isa. 14:32](#)

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THE LORD WITHOUT PEACE AND REST. Most unusual circumstances and quite contrary to any emotions that we would relate as belonging to the Lord. Do we detect a bit of impatience here? Most certainly a desire to accomplish His goals, and bring His relationship with His church to its consummation. He said, that for Zion sake and for Jerusalem he would not hold His peace or keep silence nor settle down or rest until His objective had been attained in Jerusalem. The destiny of the City is that she be completely filled with the righteousness of the Lord which is as a bright shining glory in the midst of her. [Isa. 62:1](#) In a time of great wickedness the church of the

Lord is called upon to shine with the glory of the Lord as lights in the midst of darkness. [Phil. 2:15](#) Because she is the light of the Lord in this world she is seen as clothed with the sun. [Rev. 12:1](#) As a matter of fact we are encouraged to allow Him no quiet nor silence until He has fulfilled all of His intents and purposes in His church. And His Jerusalem reaches the apex of His desires for her. [Isa. 62:7](#) The attention of the world is focused on natural Jerusalem. The attention of the Lord is on building His Jerusalem. That which is heavenly. She is the apple of His eye. The delight and joy of His heart. His favor, His mercy and grace is constantly being poured out upon her. He is building her walls and will enclose her in His abundant mercies. [Ps. 51:18](#) The Lord has declared Himself to be a wall of fire surrounding His City and the excellent glory in the midst of her. Unseen and unheralded, stone by stone the Lord is building a glorious church in our day. It will be without spot, wrinkle, blemish or anything which would mar or corrupt it. It is not something which will be accomplished after He comes but it will be here in all purity and righteousness filled with the entirety His glory to greet Him when He comes. [Eph. 5:27](#).

Friday, July 25, 2003 (39)

THE LORD SEES THE FINISHED PROJECT FROM THE BEGINNING. Because the nature of the Lord is faith, from the laying of the foundation, He views His purposes as they will be when completed. He cannot fail, therefore every plan that He designs, will be finished precisely as He depicted. He views His Sion in the beauty of her completion. He looks upon her as the crown jewel of His plan of salvation. He has already established, set, and installed His King upon His holy hill of Zion. Note, it is His King, the King of His choice and that He, the King, is situated in my holy hill. The hill of the Lord which is His Zion. [Ps. 2:6](#)

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SURE FOUNDATION. Laid in Zion, literally the whole of the City located on it. Without this foundation there is no City. His foundation is the only certain footing for an eternal City. [Isa. 28:16](#) It stands secure, solid and as a seal is the knowledge of the Lord as to those who are His. The City is composed of those who know the Lord by His name and have departed from iniquity. Only the very best, the purest of materials will be used in the building of the heavenly Zion. [2 Tim. 2:19](#) Peter wrote, very convincingly, that the

stone, is a stone which must be believed in, or if not it becomes a stone of stumbling. While being the true stone of the Lord, it is a snare and a thing of displeasure to those who reject the stone. Unfortunately, because of their attitude and disobedience they stumbled and fell, tripping over the stone, the word of the Lord. The Lord knowing, from the beginning, their response, committed them to react as they did. A serious indictment and judgment pronounced against a disobedient people. [1 Pet. 2:8](#)

THE REJECTED STONE. In refusing to accept the Lord Jesus the very key to life eternal is forsaken and lost. Any possibility of participation in the glories of the beauty and majesty of that heavenly city is forfeited and gone forever. That stone which was and even today is refused is the head of the corner. [1 Pet. 2:7](#) The most important, the most valuable stone in all the building, the Lord Jesus Christ, the chief corner stone. [Acts 4:11](#) That stone upon whom the whole of the building is dependent. The stay, the strength of the structure, is assured because of Him. The head stone of the corner. All authority, all leadership, all stability is to be found in that which man refused and cast aside. [Ps. 118:22](#) This is the LORD doing and is marvelous in our eyes. [Ps. 118:23](#) How glorious and wonderful is the mighty plan of salvation. Deity leaving the highest position in the universe and in eternity. Coming into the world, knowing and understanding the rejection which would take place. Knowing that being humbled to become a man was not enough, but that a sin offering must be made. He must give His life. His blood must be shed. What tremendous and amazing a display of love for mankind. The whole of all that is heavenly and eternal rests squarely upon Him. He is the headstone. His all, and in all.

Monday, July 28, 2003 (40)

THE COMMAND OF A FATHER TO HIS SON. Isaac called Jacob, blessed him and commanded him, to seek a wife. How much like the dealings of the Lord with us all, called (separated), blessed (anointed) and charged (given a directive). [Gen. 28:1](#) Looking back on these incidents in the Old Testament we find many types and shadows. These situations are recorded as examples ([1Cor. 10:6](#)), ensamples ([1Cor. 10:11](#)) and figures ([Heb. 9:24](#)) from which we may learn and be instructed in the way of the Lord. His instructions were, not to

marry a wife of the Cannanites (Heb. Humiliated) but to find among the Syrians and in particular in the family of Sarah, a wife. The woman of Revelation twelve, the Bride of Christ is of the family of the Lord. The heavenly family and bears the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. [Eph. 3:14-15](#) Jacob is ordered by his father to arise, to stir himself to go seek a bride. Of the three progenitors of the family of faith it is Jacob who is a type of the Holy Spirit.

OF JACOB IT MUST BE SAID. Certainly his name was prophetic. Jacob means usurper, heelcatcher, supplanter. Not a good start for a son of such importance. Indeed he reacted according to the prophecy contained in his name. He is much maligned and his actions well aired by the ministry because he reacted according to the will of the Lord in obtaining the birthright blessing. It must be said and duly noted that HE BOUGHT the birthright, he paid exactly the price for which he and his brother bartered. Do you pass up a good deal? Not this Scotsman. Note carefully the words and attitude of Esau toward the birthright. what profit shall this birthright do to me? Were you God, would you want him to have it? Esau placed no value on the birthright. He did not deserve it. [Gen. 25:31-32](#) He despise his birthright. [Gen. 25:34](#) The method of Rebekah, whereby Jacob received the blessing was needful for the blessing must go with the birthright. Once again, we see in the scripture where the Lord bypasses the first born to choose and use the second born. This is done several times by the Lord.

PANDAN-ARAM. The heights, a high plateau. The high land between two rivers (Fausset). The Bride lives with a high standard of holiness and righteousness. She is the results of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this century. The early and the latter rain are promised as a combined rain in the first month. [Joel 2:23](#) The first month was the month of Passover. The communion table of the Lord is the foundation for revival. There must be a deep, heart felt appreciation, not yet evident, for the communion in order for the final outpouring of the rain of the Lord to take place. It is the double portion that the Lord has for the last day church. Not simply twice as much but the fullness of the Spirit dwelling in and anointing the church. We will see great and mighty things taking place in the church, culminating in the Bride of Christ.

Tuesday, July 29, 2003 (41)

THE HOUSE OF BETHEUL. Bethel, means a dweller in God. Where else would one seek out a bride who would have the same desires and motives, but in the house of the Lord. Choose out a bride from the house of your mother's father. From the family of Laban (white), white is a sign of purity, which is what the Lord seeks in the heart of all who believe in Him. [Gen. 28:2](#) As Isaac was particular in the finding of one through whom the Godly line would be maintained, so the Lord Jesus is meticulous in the choice of a bride for Himself. It cannot be over emphasized that the Bride of Christ must meet the high standards of Christ and be capable of being one with Him. She is to be a member of His body. Of the same quality, the same caliber and substance, equal to Him in all holiness and sanctification. [Eph. 5:30](#) As Adam was incomplete without Eve, so the last Adam, Christ reaches the completion of His intent and purpose with the finalization of His Bride. [Eph 1:23](#) The many member body of Christ, the Bride, must be in absolute unity and synchronization, no dysfunction, no corruption, nothing causing separation or division. In the strongest sense, in the highest and depths of the meaning of the word unity, she must be one, for she is the body of Christ. [1 Cor. 12:12](#) How can anyone who is upset, angry, perturbed or in disagreement with another Christian possibly fit into a body with such unblemished harmony? This is a body without a schism of any sort, not even the most minor fault. [1 Cor. 12:25](#) It is time to measure up to the patterns of the Word. A house is built according to its blue print. How much more so the house of the Lord.

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM PRONOUNCED UPON HIM. This contained the promise of the Covenant which the Lord made with Abraham. [Gen. 17:1-2](#) It contained the promise of a progeny that would be numberless. So extensive that the Lord used elements which are numberless to express the multitudes involved. Just yesterday there was an article in the paper where scientists are saying that the stars number seventy sextillion, which is seven followed by twenty-two zeros. To further emphasize the number, the Lord said that they would be as numberless as the dust and then the sand. [Gen. 22:17](#), [Gen. 28:14](#) The Covenant also included the bringing forth of nations. A multitude of people, (assembly, congregation, multitude. Strong). The Hebrew word corresponds to the Greek, ekklesia, or ecclesia, the called out ones, the church. [Heb. 12:23](#) The nations of the world to be blest by the descendants of Jacob, namely Christ, the Messiah, the

Savior. [Gen. 28:14](#) The blessed assurance of a safe trip was also conveyed to Jacob, by the Lord. The Lord would not leave him and would bring him back safely into the land which had been promised him. Likewise, contained in the promise of the Lord was the fact that the land would become the possession of Jacob and his descendants. [Gen. 28:13](#) The Lord is not slack concerning His promises. Every promise made was fulfilled. The Lord never fails.

Wednesday, July 30, 2003 (42)

JACOB MET JEHOVAH AT BETHEL. The house of God. Surely he traveled by the leading and direction of the Lord. Stopping in that particular place and choosing a particular stone for a pillow. This time the affirmation of the Covenant promises is given, personally to him by the LORD. He was not to depend on the promise given to his father and conveyed to him, but in a very personal encounter with the LORD. He had believed and accepted the promise bestowed by his father but now the revelation of it was his very own. Someone may prophecy over us concerning the call of the Lord, but there is no greater confidence builder than to have the Lord Himself reveal to us His will for our lives. There are times when the call will be tested. At such a moment nothing is more assuring than to know that we are right where He has designated us to be. Spoken by the voice of experience. [Gen. 28:10-15](#) What precious, precious promises in verse fifteen. I AM, the great I AM, with you. The perfect companion. I will watch over you. Who could possibly fear knowing that the Lord sees and knows even our down sitting and our up rising, and our very thoughts. Ps. 139:2 What strength and courage this would build into Jacob. I will bring you back. Assurance of a prosperous and successful trip, and return. I will not leave you. Regardless of the circumstances, the trials and difficulties, the Lord never forsakes His own. Until I have done. Guarantee of and an accomplished and triumphant achievement. When the Lord declares that He will do it, it IS DONE. I have promised you. Never failing promises. He is not a man that He should lie. We may have to wait for the Lords time, but He always fulfills His promises. He may not answer our every request in a positive manner by saying, yes. May we deny Him the right to say, no? We have the attitude that whatever we ask, He should do it. Not so, there are times when we ask amiss, and for our own good the answer is, no.

OF A CERTAINTY THE LORD IS PRESENT. Where ever we meet with the Lord is the sanctuary of His presence. He does not dwell in the ornate buildings of men but in the humble Spirit nature of those who worship Him. He has promised that where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is there. That place became awesome, a place of reverence to Jacob as he became aware of the presence of the Lord. THIS is the house of the Lord. Not the building, but HIS presence is what determines the house, the sanctuary of the Lord. This is the gate of heaven. All this because the Lord had caused him to pick up a certain stone which was to become symbolic of the Lord Jesus Christ. [Gen. 28:17](#) The Lord had revealed Himself as the LORD of hosts. [Isa. 8:13-15](#) Jehovah over the spiritual hosts of heaven, whether they be the redeemed or created angels. Jehovah over the hosts of the earth, saved or unsaved. He most certainly is in authority and is victorious over all the powers of satan. He is LORD of ALL. promises. Every promise made was fulfilled. The Lord never fails.

Thursday, July 31, 2003 (43)

THE HEADREST MADE INTO A PILLAR. The stone was a stone of revelation of the greatest dimension. Not only did Jacob see the stair case and the angels, but he met the Lord. He had a very personal encounter with the Lord and was the recipient of precious promises which are still in effect. What a gracious leading of the Lord that is his journey he should arrive at that particular spot and choose that particular stone. The name of the city had been Luz (the almond tree). [Gen. 28:19](#) That in itself was most significant. The Biblical use and references to the almond associate it very strongly to the anointing of the Spirit. The golden lampstand of both the Tabernacle and the Temple had oil receptacles in the shape of almond flowers. Thus combining them together as the anointing and producers of light. [Ex. 25:11](#) The burning oil producing the only light of the Holy Place. The oil, the anointing unfolds the truths and secrets of the Word, the light. Note of interest, there were three of these cups in each branch of the candlestick, three is the number of the Triunity. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are always involved in all spiritual exercises.

THE ROD OF AARON. The election method of the Lord is to the point and beyond question. Twelve dry rods assembled and placed in the Tabernacle, with the names of twelve written on them, one for each of

the tribes of Israel. The amazing rod that springs into life is the rod of the man chosen by the Lord. [Num. 17:8](#) Overnight, the rod of Aaron performed miraculously for it budded, blossomed and bore fully ripe almonds. [Num. 17:8](#) Could there be any question as to the type of the anointing of the Holy Spirit so beautifully portrayed here. That which is dead, well dried, springing to life and coming to fruitfulness in a brief period of time. Prophetically, the branch of the almond tree, is a message that the Lord has said that He is, ready to perform My word. [Jer. 1:11-12](#) How encouraging, when we know that the Lord has scheduled a great last day revival before He begins to manifest His judgments in the earth. The Lord always visits with mercy before judgment. Jacob, the ingenious one used the almond rod, among others. in order to receive his proper wages from his father-in-law [Gen. 30:37](#) NIV. Jacob, Israel saw to it that among the other fruits which His sons carried into Egypt as a gift to Joseph was included almonds, which were not grown in Egypt and therefore would be a special gift and treat. [Gen. 43:11](#). The Lord has a very special way of blending all these Old Testament situations together and using them as types and symbols which are consummated in the New Testament experience. It is vital to our growth as Christians that which is represented by Luz, the almond tree be fulfilled in our lives in it fullest. For it is through the anointing that we enter into to Bethel, (the house of God). Most unfortunately, the builders of the city of Luz saw some defect in the stone which was the foundation of the Spiritual experience of Jacob, and therefore rejected it. They missed its blessing but Jacob found it.

Friday, August 01, 2003 (44)

A SINGLE STONE, THE HOUSE OF GOD. Jacob vowed a vow. The LORD had already promised him that the presence of the LORD would go with him. Jacob committed himself to the will and the purpose of the LORD. Jehovah (LORD) was to be his God (Elohim), when he returned successfully to his own land in peace and safety. Jacob knew and recognized the LORD by His name. To know Him by name is important. There are a multiplicity of gods who are worshipped around the world. The one whom we worship must be distinguished from them all. We do so, by not just calling Him GOD, but by calling and acknowledging Him by His name as revealed in the scriptures. He has said, I am the LORD (Jehovah), that is my name. [Isa. 42:8](#) He has also

warned us about embracing other gods by saying, You shall have no other gods before me. [Ex. 20:3](#) There is only one true God and His name is the LORD.

TITHING. What a blessing it is to tithe. His vow before the LORD included the giving of the tenth OF ALL THAT THOU SHALT GIVE ME. He admitted that the sum total of what ever he received was from the hand of the LORD. [Gen. 28:22](#) He, his father and grandfather were the foundation of the faithful. Abraham, the father of us all was he who walked by faith. [Rom. 4:16](#) The father of faith, tithed, therefore sealing the truth of the paying of the tithe as an act of faith. Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. [Heb. 7:4](#) Tithing preceded the Law, and was incorporated into the Law. Even as it was to be continued under grace. Jesus placed His seal of approval on tithing by stating, not to leave the other undone, when speaking to the Pharisees of tithing and acts of righteousness. [Mt. 23:23](#), [Luke 11:42](#) This subject would not be complete without recognizing the seriousness of not bringing the tithe to the Lord. Strong language is used in relationship to a failure in this area. The individual, not paying tithes is called a robber. [Mal. 3:8](#) The blessings and judgments are recorded in Malachi [3:9-11](#) Serious consequences indeed.

THE REJECTED STONE. An act toward Jacob's pillar by the men of Luz. Peter is to compare it to Christ who was to be both accepted gladly and joyously by the believer, but totally discarded by the disobedient. He will also compare the stone to the WORD. The stone, the WORD, the Lord Jesus, the WORD made flesh is a stumbling block and a stone of offense to those who will not believe in Him. [1 Pet. 2:7-8](#) The woman of Revelation twelve is the very apex of the chosen generation, the royal priesthood the true holy nation. The people who are completely dedicated to Christ. Formed and shaped from a motley bunch, an amalgamation of a people who are without pedigree, not a people but now in Christ made to be the choice ones of His heart. The joy and delight of His life. A people who are completely and fully His and never will be anything else but His. His beautiful Bride. [1 Pet. 2:9-10](#).

Monday, August 04, 2003 (45)

JACOB CONTINUED HIS JOURNEY. Having met the Lord in a very real manner and having had the promises of the Covenant revealed and certified as belonging to him, he went his way with a spring in his step. That is, according to the Hebrew idiom that is used here. The mention of the direction of his journey, coming into the land of the people of the east or the sunrising, is significant. [Gen. 29:1](#) The Tabernacle and the Temple faced the east. The camp of Moses and Aaron was before the tabernacle on the east. [Num. 3:38](#) The Lord Jesus is coming from the east. [Mt. 24:27](#) The glory of the LORD which filled the house of the LORD entered into the house from the way of the east and through the eastern gate. [Eze. 43:4-5](#) Generally speaking, the east speaks of worship and the presence of the Lord.

A WELL IN THE FIELD. Wells were of importance both to the local people and also to those who had traveled a distance and were thirsty. They were meeting places where the latest news would be heard. In the case of Abraham's relatives they were of great importance. It was at a well that the Lord met with Hagar and Ishmael and promised that Ishmael would have a large progeny. [Gen. 21:17-19](#) The servant of Abraham found a wife for Isaac at a well. [Gen. 24:11-15](#) Now Jacob is to meet his future wife at a well. [Gen. 29:2](#) Moses was to find his wife by an encounter at a well. [Ex. 2:15-21](#) Jesus met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and offered her living waters. She is certainly a type of the forgiven who will be in the Bride of Christ, which includes us all. [John 4:4](#) For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. [Rom. 3:23](#) Jacob removed the stone and watered the sheep of Laban, which were led by Rachel. [Gen. 29:10](#) Jesus made living waters available to the Samaritan woman. Waters which generate eternal life. [John 4:10, 14](#).

JACOB'S WAGES. He was willing to work seven years for beautiful Rachel (ewe) because of his love for her. However, Laban deceived him and gave him Leah (weary, from a root word meaning weak) to be his bride. Leah is a type of Israel which was much weariness to the Lord with its many backslidings and much disobedience. Rachel is a type of the church, the joy and delight of the Lord Jesus. His love for her was so great that he was willing to work another seven years for her. [Gen. 29:27-29](#) Following the pattern of the barren woman Rachel is barren. [Gen. 29:31](#) As was the unnamed wife of Manoah. [Judges 13:2](#) Hannah, the wife of the double portion, is another of these who are barren. [1](#)

[Sam. 1:5](#) The prophecy of a change and great fruitfulness. Elisabeth was barren and like Sarah pass the age of childbearing. These are all types of the woman of Revelation twelve. The Lord altered the situation of each of them and they all were to bear sons who were to be used of the Lord. The Lord has a way of bypassing the natural and revealing His supernatural powers to bring forth that which is His will. He gives the barren woman a reason to be joyful. [Ps. 113:9](#).

Tuesday, August 05, 2003 (46)

THE FOUNDATION OF A DYNASTY. As we have already noted childlessness is a problem in the building of this household, until the Lord makes manifest His power and ability. The Lord is not limited to natural or human limits. He is the Lord of the supernatural and we see a series of miracles where the barren become fruitful and produce very special offspring. It was time for Abraham to seek a wife for his son Isaac. [Gen. 24:1](#) Isaac is now forty years old, [Gen. 25:20](#) His father is one hundred forty. [Gen. 21:5](#) It is worthwhile to regard the statement of the Word, the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. [Gen. 24:1](#) That would include every phase of his life, spiritually, materially and in the beginning of a lineage which would bless the world. Are you of faith? Then you too are blessed with the blessings of Abraham. All the blessings of the Lord were not just heaped on Abraham overnight, but over a span of time the Lord made certain His promises. Be patient, the Lord is doing a daily work in His people. There are experiences that must come our way, which may not be pleasant. There are lessons that need to be learned. In the end, He doeth all things well.

UNNAMED, YET DESIGNATED TO SEEK A WIFE FOR ISAAC. That creates just a hint of mystery. A trusted, yet inconspicuous servant delegated a great responsibility. It was a very serious task that he was about to fulfill. This person had been in the service of Abraham for a long time. No doubt felt, and was received as one of the family. He held a position of great trust as the eldest servant. That certainly speaks of one who was a teacher and guide of the younger servants. The hint as to his identify is found in [Gen. 15:2](#) where he is named to be Eliezer, (God of help). He was the only heir at that time, showing the respect and confidence Abraham had in Him. His position, authority, and trust were unquestionable, for he ruled over all that Abraham possessed. He was Abraham's right hand for sure. Abraham

and the servant enter into a covenant concerning the obtaining of a wife for Isaac. We know that Isaac is a type of Christ. Would it not be fitting to see in the servant a type of the Holy Spirit whose responsibility it is to seek out and prepare a people to be the Bride of Christ. The Holy Spirit is our contact at the present time with our coming Bridegroom. It is He who reveals the Word to us. He is the one thorough whom we are born into the family of the Lord. He fills us with the presence o