

Revelation 71 Israel: The White Lady

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Revelation 12:1-2



Great Sign: White Lady

- The *Great* Sign in Heaven
 - Sign can be physical ongoing reminder or a unique miracle (Ge 9:12-15; He 11:3)
 - Great can mean large and/or significant; *pregnant* with meaning
- Sign of a Lady *seems* arbitrary but is a Hebrew word {לְבָנָה , leḇānâ} meaning, *White Lady*, but translated as Moon {Used only 3 Times}
 - Israel's *False* Jews and their *light* defeated by Christ in Tribulation (Is 5:20; 24:21-23)
 - Israel's *True* Jews blessed by Light of Christ in Millennial Kingdom (Is 30:19-26)
 - Both are also applicable to Gentiles: Lost and Saved

Other Signs of Israel: Twelve Stars and Pregnancy

- Joseph's dream of Eleven Stars bowing to him associates stars with Israel's tribes {Joseph or one of his sons is the Twelfth} (Ge 37:9-11)
- Christ envisions Millennial Kingdom Israel, bright as or clothed with the sun, His righteousness: His Priests (Ps 104:1-2; SS 6:9-10; Is 61:6; Mic 4:1-3)
- Israel fulfills *promise* of birthing Messiah as given to Woman (Ge 3:15-16; Is 7:14)
 - Rebekah *struggled* to birth twin sons: Esau {*False*} and Jacob {*True*} (Ge 25:19-26)
 - Micah prophesizes Messiah to come from Bethlehem after Israel *labors* to bring Him forth in birth (Mic 5:1-3)
 - Israel's *struggles* mirrored in sign of the Moon and in name: Israel (Ge 32:22-28)

Sign of the Moon: Waxing and Waning; New and Full

- Fulfills prophecy that the Moon given to rule over the night (Ge 1:16-19)
 - Sun provides consistent, constant light
 - Moon light cycles based on relationship to the Sun and Earth: New, Wax, Full, Wane
- Israel's history in the world followed this cycle even into Tribulation
 - Reflected specifically in Judges but continued throughout Old Testament
 - Ezekiel identifies Israel as Woman set apart for God but playing the harlot with the Earth {Komos} (Ez 16)
 - She was to be a light to the Gentiles preparing for *great Light* (Is 9:2; Mt 4:12-17; Ep 5:8)
 - Israel rebelled and sent into Diaspora where they remain today
(De 4:25-31; Ja 1:1; 1Pe 1:1)

Moon as Eschatological Sign: Festivals and Times

- Hence, *White Lady standing* on the Moon identifies her with the moon, but she is not the moon; it's a repeating metaphor – Sign
- New to Wax to Full to Wane Moon perpetual sign that continues today
 - Each month – year begins with New Moon: Darkness
 - Passover was a Full Moon festival; blessed by His light: Salvation (Jn 9:4-5)
 - Festival of Trumpets – New Moon: Repent; He is coming (Le 23:23; Nu 29:1-6)
 - Yom Kippur – Near end of waxing cycle: Armageddon (Le 23:26-32; Nu 29:7-11)
 - Succoth – Full Moon: He is Here – Millennial Kingdom (Le 23:33-36; Nu 29:12)

Christian Application: Our Relationship Waxes and Wanes

- Our relationship to Christ waxes and wanes (2Co 4:6-7)
 - We see as through an enigma; we quench the Spirit (1Co 13:12; 1Th 5:19)
 - His *Light* shines into our dark, sinful hearts with salvation (2Pe 1:19-21)
- Church history follows this cycle: Catholicism-Reformation-Wokeism
- History is descent from knowing, to darkness but some see The Light
 - Illusion of technology's *light* masks moral *darkness* of mind (2Th 2:3-12)
 - Great Tribulation: Man corporately embraces Darkness as light (Mt 24:3-26)
 - Light returns in Jesus on stauros; then again His promised Return (Mt 24:27-31; Col 1:13)
 - What kind of person are you? Walking in Light or Darkness? (1Jo 1:9-10; 1Pe 3:10-13)