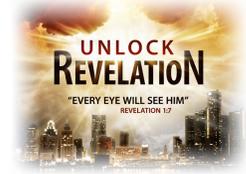




# UNLOCK REVELATION

## “Revelation’s Last Day Movement Pt. 1”

### Study Guide #19



\*This study guide uses the New King James Bible.

#### 1. What does the Bible say the function of God’s church is?

- Bible Answer from 1 Timothy 3:15 - *“I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the \_\_\_\_\_ and ground of the truth.”*

**Note:** Scripture says that the church is to be the pillar or defender of truth. As a rule, we do not go to the church to find truth. We go to the Bible to find truth and then look for the church that teaches the truth. There is only one true faith, and that is the faith of Jesus and the truth of the Bible. (Revelation 14:12 & Ephesians 4:5)

#### 2. Where do we find a prophetic picture of God’s last day church in the book of Revelation, and who is attacking her?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 12:4 - *“And the dragon stood before the \_\_\_\_\_ who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”*

**Note:** As we learned previously, a woman in prophecy symbolizes a church. The dragon is Satan, and this verse describes his attack on God’s church and his attempt to destroy it. The child that was to be born was Jesus, as we will discover.

#### 3. How does God reveal a timeline of the Christian church from Jesus’ day to our day through the description of the woman in white in Revelation 12?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 12:5 - *“She bore a male Child who was to rule \_\_\_\_\_ nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.”*

**Note:** Revelation 12:5 describes Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven. In verse 4, it describes Satan’s attempt to destroy Him at birth through King Herod who sought to take his life (Matthew 2). Revelation 12 is a very broad history of God’s church from the birth of Jesus until the end of time (Revelation 12:17). It describes the great persecution of God’s people in the early centuries in verse 13 and describes God’s protection of His church through the Dark Ages. It is a chronological order of events. It’s beautiful how God’s truth lines up perfectly with how history came about.

#### 4. Where did God send the church to protect it during the harshest time of persecution during the Dark Ages?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 12:6 - *“Then the woman fled into the \_\_\_\_\_, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”*

**Note:** God preserved His church during the 1,260 years it was in the “wilderness.” As the Waldenses and many other groups literally fled to the mountains and caves due to persecution, God kept His people hidden and safe. They translated the Bible into the common language and risked their lives to share it with others. Faithful men and women of God kept the lamp of truth burning brightly despite unimaginable persecution. Many were caught, tortured, and burned at the stake...their only crime being that they believed in the authority of the Bible over the church! The reformers of old re-discovered many Bible truths that had been lost during the Dark Ages, and God began to restore His church to what it was in the book of Acts. At the end of the 1,260 time prophecy, God would bring His church out of the “wilderness” and make it visible on the earth once again. It would only make sense that if God gave the identifying points for the apostate church of the end-time, that He would also do so for his own end-time church.

#### 5. How do we find God’s church at the end of the wilderness period after 1798? What are the characteristics of God’s last-day church before Jesus returns to earth?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 12:17 - *“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her \_\_\_\_\_, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

**Note:** As we journey through Revelation 12, we find that the chapter begins with the birth and life of Jesus (Rev 12:2-5), then describes the church going into the wilderness for 1,260 years (12:6), then describes the fall of Lucifer from Heaven (12:7-12 - Revelation is not in chronological order, it goes back and forth between subjects sometimes), then it picks back up with the persecution of God’s early church from 31 A.D. - 538 A.D (12:13), then repeats the 1,260 day prophecy in 12:14 and describing papal persecution in 12:15, and the “earth” helping the woman in verse 16 by opening its mouth to swallow the flood. In Revelation 13:11, we know that the beast coming up from the earth is the U.S. in prophecy. Therefore, the timing is right that the earth helping the woman in Revelation 12:16 would naturally be people leaving Europe and coming to America in the 1600s to escape religious and political persecution. This is describing the pilgrims coming to America! Then, in verse 17, it reveals God’s faithful church that would arise after 1798 in the U.S. and keep the commandments of God. There is only one church that fits that description!

## Characteristics of God's Last Day Church Found in Revelation 12-14

Characteristic	Bible Verse
1. Arise after the wilderness period ended in 1798 & in the USA.	Rev. 12:17
2) It would keep the commandments of God including the Bible Sabbath.	Rev. 12:17 & 14:12
3) It would have the testimony of Jesus & understand prophecy.	Rev. 12:17
4) It would be a worldwide movement spreading across the globe.	Rev. 14:6
5) It would preach the final message of the Three Angels globally before Jesus returns.	Rev. 14:6-12
6) It would preach the Everlasting Gospel - Faith in Christ alone!	Rev. 14:6
7) Fearing God by keeping His commandments.	Rev. 14:7
8) Worshiping God as Creator by keeping the Sabbath.	Rev. 14:7
9) Giving glory to God through everything we do...even in our physical lives by our lifestyle.	Rev. 14:7
10) Announcing "the hour of his judgement has come" beginning in 1844.	Rev. 14:7
11) The truth about man's state in death & last day deceptions through spiritualism.	Rev. 14:7-8
12) The truth about the Second Coming of Jesus.	Rev. 14:14
13) The truth about baptism by immersion.	Rev. 14:7-8
14) An understanding about end-time Bible prophecy.	Rev. 12:17
15) A firm warning about receiving the Mark of the Beast.	Rev. 14:9-10
16. The truth about the Anti-Christ (Roman Catholic Church, Babylon [Churches that teach Roman Catholic doctrine]), and the call from God to come out of her and into the faith of Jesus.	Rev. 14:8-10

**Note:** Only one church fulfills all of these prophetic points about God's last day church - The Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is God's last day church of Bible prophecy. It is the "remnant" of Revelation 12:17, that would reflect the full truth of Scripture in the last days. It is the final leg of the Protestant Reformation that will contain all the truth in one place that was rediscovered. God has people in every church, but He is calling them into His last day church. He is calling you. With more than 20,000,000 members worldwide, it is a global church, keeps all the commandments of God, rose after 1798, understands prophecy, and preaches the everlasting gospel in the Three Angels' Messages. It counters the false teachings of Babylon with Bible truth. This is no ordinary church, but it is a movement from prophecy with a destiny to preach God's last day message to every person on earth. God calls us out of Babylon to follow truth and to be a part of His last day movement that proclaims a Biblical, Christ-centered message that will prepare the world for Jesus' soon return.

**6. Is it your decision to follow Jesus and unite with His last day church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and be a part of the prophetic movement that keeps the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_**