

(to be continued in Revelation 15:5)

Parenthetical flashback recalling what the saints have just overcome

(Parenthesis 12:1 - 15:4)

(The Promised Seed)

((^{12:1} There appeared a great sign in heaven – a woman clothed with the sun, the *new* moon under her feet, and above her head a crown of twelve stars. ²Being *great* with child, she cried, agonizing in labor and about to give birth._{1} ³There appeared another sign in heaven; I saw a great, red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon its heads. ⁴Its tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to be delivered in order to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵She brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron,_{1} and her child was caught up to יהוה and to his throne.)

{12:2.1} See event <14> in the Gospel Chronology – *The Great Sign in heaven*.

Just after sunset on September 12, 3 BCE, while the sky was clothed with the last rays of the setting sun, the first sliver of the new moon (4% illuminated, 7 degrees above the horizon) appeared beneath the feet of the constellation of the woman *Betulah* (Hebrew), or, *Virgo* (Latin), meaning “virgin.” At that moment, in the constellation of *Ariyeh* (the Lion) above her head, the planet *Tzedek* (the Righteous) came into conjunction with the star *Melek* (the King), which is astronomically positioned between the front feet of the Lion. The sighting of the new moon that evening announced the Day of Trumpets, and the astronomical display in the constellation above the head of the woman heralded the upcoming birth of the Righteous King – the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. The “Great Sign” in heaven occurred as Miriam herself was about to give birth. Just fifteen days later, at the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles, she brought forth “the man child who was to rule all nations.” On the first High Sabbath of the Feast of Tabernacles, the Word was made flesh and “tabernacled” (dwelt, KJV) among us (John 1:14).

{12:5.1} Psalm 2:1-9

(War in the Heavens)

(^{12:6} The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by יהוה so that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. ⁷And there was war in heaven. Mikhael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought. ⁸*They* did not prevail, neither was their *previous* place recognized in heaven any more. ⁹The great dragon was cast down, that old serpent, called the devil and hasatan, who deceives the whole world. He was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, “Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of יהוה, and the power of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers is cast down, who accused them before our Elohim day and night. ¹¹The *saints* overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives to the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, you who dwell in the Heavens. But woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea! The devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that he has but a short time.”