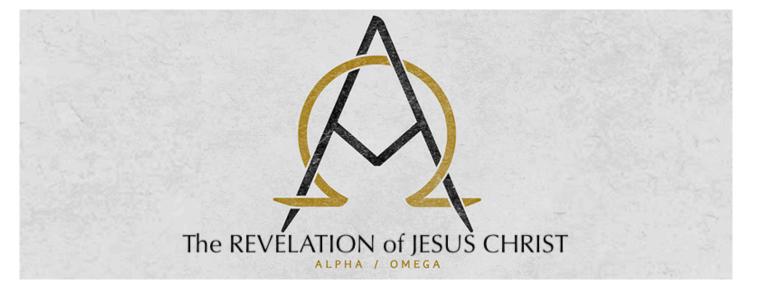


Session 25 — Woman in the Wilderness [Revelation 12] — August 15, 2021

- I. The LORD first **betrothed** Himself in **covenant** relationship to the people of **Israel** in the **wilderness** of **Sinai**.
- II. Israel proved to be an **adulterous wife** from the very start, resulting in her **exile** and **estrangement** from God.
- III.Jesus is the **Bridegroom God** who was willing to **give** His **life** for His **bride** in order to bring her into a **new** and **better** covenant.
- IV.God used Israel's **unbelief** for the ultimate **blessing** of the **Gentiles**, extending **salvation** to all nations through faith in the **Messiah** of Israel.
- V. God has promised to preserve a **believing remnant** from **ethnic** Israel to the very end and show her **grace** in the **wilderness** where it all first **began**.
- VI.Once the Bride has been made <u>ready</u> and <u>pure</u>, the Bridegroom will <u>return</u> to receive her to Himself for the great <u>marriage</u> <u>supper</u> of the <u>Lamb</u>.

## **Application**

→ We must Repent of our unfaithfulness and return to God with deep love and devotion, as we prepare for His return!



Small Group Listening Guide — August 22, 2021

## **Read Revelation 12 Out Loud**

- 1. Read Genesis 37:9-11. How do we know that this sign of the woman in heaven represents the covenant people of Israel?
- 2. Read Exodus 19:1-6. What was the significance of Israel's encounter with the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai? How do the 10 commandments reflect marriage vows?
- 3. What has been Israel's disposition toward God historically, and what consequences has she suffered?
- 4. If God put Israel away with a certificate of divorce (Jeremiah 3:8), then what was the only way Israel could be released from the law of her Husband according to Romans 7:1-6?
- 5. How do we know Jesus is the "Bridegroom," and why was His death and resurrection so significant in restoring His relationship with Israel?
- 6. How did God use Israel's unbelief to bless the world?
- 7. What purpose will God have in leading Israel back into the wilderness during the great tribulation?
- 8. How should we respond to God as our coming Bridegroom?