

## Revelation 12

Rev. 12:1...a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.



### *Matthew 19:25-26* *Easy-to-Read Version*

*<sup>25</sup> The followers were amazed to hear this. They asked, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "This is something that people cannot do. But God can do anything."*

The Second Coming of Christ has arrived and the whole world will be introduced to the presence of God on Earth. This address will cover the wide range of expectation we have about God and what the Bible reveals as the information that he wants us to know. As you can see the design of the human God was cleverly thought to address the needs of the chosen ones and which would not

produce fear in men. But the Second Coming of the God of the Bible is no simple thing and we are now preparing to acknowledge the complexity of the divine presence here on earth. The Second Coming of Christ is very important to all the people of this world and its announcement will ring bells of alarm worldwide. In the passage above it speaks of who can gain salvation and the will of God in performing this event as a blessing. What is a feature of the Second Coming that we can all surprisingly look forwards to? At *Matthew 10:26 (Living Bible)*<sup>26</sup> *But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when the truth will be revealed: their secret plots will become public information.* The passage here says that the time will come when secrets will be revealed and also become known in public. What additional information does the Bible tell us about how God can reveal private things of our hearts? At *Daniel 2:29-30 (Names of God Bible)*<sup>29</sup> *Your Majesty, while you were lying in bed, thoughts about what would happen in the future came to you. The one who reveals secrets told you what is going to happen.*<sup>30</sup> *This secret wasn't revealed to me because I'm wiser than anyone else. It was revealed so that you could be told the meaning and so that you would know your innermost thoughts.* The prime event of the Second Coming of Christ will be to uncover the secrets of the hearts of all men as a sign of judgment. As that day draws near we can expect to find the

chosen ones without any trouble at all, since they will clearly be revealed by their good works in the eyes of God and of men. When the Day of Judgment comes how did Christ explain that we should acknowledge the benefit of seeing the plain truth? At *Mark 4:21-23 (Living Bible)* <sup>21</sup> Then he asked them, "When someone lights a lamp, does he put a box over it to shut out the light? Of course not! The light couldn't be seen or used. A lamp is placed on a stand to shine and be useful. <sup>22</sup> "All that is now hidden will someday come to light. <sup>23</sup> If you have ears, listen!

What additional information can we find that expresses how we should feel concerning the Day of Judgment and the events that unfold? At *1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (Living Bible)* <sup>1</sup> So Apollos and I should be looked upon as Christ's servants who distribute God's blessings by explaining God's secrets. <sup>2</sup> Now the most important thing about a servant is that he does just what his master tells him to. <sup>3</sup> What about me? Have I been a good servant? Well, I don't worry over what you think about this or what anyone else thinks. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. <sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but even that isn't final proof. It is the Lord himself who must examine me and decide. <sup>5</sup> So be careful not to jump to conclusions before the Lord returns as to whether someone is a good servant or not. When the Lord comes, he will turn on the light so that everyone can see exactly what each one of us is really like, deep down in our hearts. Then everyone will know why we have been doing the Lord's work. At that time God will give to each one whatever praise is coming to him.

The Second Coming of Christ is important to us for another very important reason the Kingdom of God is established and used to provide salvation to the chosen ones. This is the promise that was placed in the Old Testament, Isaiah 9:6-6; and with the New Testament we have the human God that will be the king of the kingdom to provide salvation for all the earth, Revelation 21. Under this condition the Second Coming of Christ will change to a new heaven and new earth, Isaiah 65:17-19. Now what passage in the Bible can we find that expresses the effects of salvation on the chosen ones so they will attain to life, forever? At *Genesis 18:9-15 (Easy-to-Read Version)* <sup>9</sup> Then the men said to Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" Abraham said, "She is there, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will come again in the spring. At that time your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening in the tent and heard these things. "Abraham and Sarah were very old. Sarah was past the right age for women to have children. <sup>12</sup> So she laughed to herself and said, "I am old, and my husband is old. I am too old to have a baby." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Sarah laughed and said she was too old to have a baby. <sup>14</sup> But is anything too hard for the LORD? I will come again in the spring, just as I said I would, and your wife Sarah will have a son." <sup>15</sup> Sarah said, "I didn't laugh!" (She said this because she was afraid.) Then the Lord said, "No, I know that is not true. You did laugh!"

This passage above is used as an example and it should be analyzed so that we can properly see why it was used. There are certain scientific facts that will be revealed and how the spirit of God can either speed up a natural process or slow it down. This story is not used as a means for developing faith but in explaining how salvation works on the human body. Before salvation can come to all people God expects us to believe before we receive, this is the foundation of hope for a better future. The Bible comes with time to deliver the hope for people which is eternal life. Now in addressing the passage at Genesis 18:9-15 we are going to look at verse *"Abraham and Sarah were very old. Sarah was past the right age for women to have children.* This verse of the story suddenly makes these two people real and with real expectations. The passage says that they were very old as in wrinkles, sagging skin, liver spots, features that have grown big, and bald spots. These are the natural things that happen when we start to age. Sarah was so old she was way beyond the age of bearing children since menopause starts at 45 – 55 years old. Some women start as young as mid-life 30's while others start after 55 years old. But spiritually speaking how does God view this

situation by observing Abraham? At *Genesis 17:17 (Living Bible)*

*<sup>17</sup> Then Abraham threw himself down in worship before the Lord, but inside he was laughing in disbelief! "Me, be a father?" he said in amusement. "Me—100 years old? And Sarah, to have a baby at 90?"* God can clearly see that Abraham loves him and seriously believes in him in spite of the fact that he is not outstandingly smart, Psalms 119:97-100. Another notably fact is that Abraham does not know anything about the spiritual world and its powers, Isaiah 55:8. What passage in the Bible tells us exactly what God sees? At *Romans 4:16-22 (Living Bible)* *<sup>16</sup> So God's blessings are given to us by faith, as a free gift; we are certain to get them whether or not we follow Jewish customs if we have faith like Abraham's, for Abraham is the father of us all when it comes to these matters of faith. <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say that God made Abraham the father of many nations. God will accept all people in every nation who trust God as Abraham did. And this promise is from God himself, who makes the dead live again and speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past. <sup>18</sup> So, when God told Abraham that he would give him a son who would have many descendants and become a great nation, Abraham believed God even though such a promise just couldn't come to pass! <sup>19</sup> And because his faith was strong, he didn't worry about the fact that he was too old to be a father at the age of one hundred, and that Sarah his wife, at ninety, was also much too old to have a baby. <sup>20</sup> But Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust grew ever stronger, and he praised God for this*

*blessing even before it happened.<sup>21</sup> He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything he promised.<sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham's faith God forgave his sins and declared him "not guilty."*

The Biblical story of the conception and birth of Isaac is a made-up story as all the Bible is. This does not mean that the conclusion of faith founded on this passage is rendered useless, Romans 15:4. Rather the story was meant to be used in the future and was left for the human God to explain its intended purpose. What does salvation look like? How are humans supposed to comprehend the incredible works of God? As an example we will look at the scientific explanation how reverse aging and how salvation is applied to the body. At Genesis 19 verse *"Abraham and Sarah were very old. Sarah was past the right age for women to have children.* Taking this notable fact into consideration we will examine the female menstrual cycle and what it achieves to reverse the age of the female reproductive parts. Going online what information can we find provided by doctors and scientist:

**The length of the menstrual cycle varies from woman to woman, but the average is to have periods every 28 days. Regular cycles that are longer or shorter than this, from 21 to 40 days, are normal.**

"The menstrual cycle is the time from the first day of a woman's period to the day before her next period," says Toni Belfield, a specialist in sexual health information, and a trained fertility awareness teacher.

"Girls can start their periods anywhere from age 10 upwards, but the average is around 12 years," says Belfield.

Between the ages of 12 and 52, a woman will have around 480 periods, or fewer if she has any pregnancies.

To understand the menstrual cycle, it helps to know about the reproductive organs inside a woman's body. These are:

- 2 ovaries – where eggs are stored, developed and released
- the womb (uterus) – where a fertilised egg implants and a baby develops
- the fallopian tubes – two thin tubes that connect the ovaries to the womb
- the cervix – the entrance to the womb from the vagina
- the vagina

The menstrual cycle is controlled by hormones. In each cycle, rising levels of the hormone oestrogen cause the ovary to develop and release an egg (ovulation). The womb lining also starts to thicken.

In the second half of the cycle, the hormone progesterone helps the womb to prepare for implantation of a developing embryo.

The egg travels down the fallopian tubes. If pregnancy doesn't occur, the egg is reabsorbed into the body. Levels of oestrogen and progesterone fall, and the womb lining comes away and leaves the body as a period (the menstrual flow).

The time from the release of an egg to the start of a period is around 10 to 16 days.

The Biblical character Sarah is a 90 year old woman this means that she has not had a menstrual cycle for over 50 years. The Bible says that within 1 calendar year Sarah will produce and born a son. This is impossible naturally she had no menstrual cycle because of her age; she also had a medical condition since the time of her marriage to Abraham they were considered a barren couple. Going



online again the word **Infertility**, the inability of a couple to conceive and reproduce. Infertility is defined as the failure to conceive after one year of regular [intercourse](#) without contraception or the inability of a woman to carry a [pregnancy](#) to a live birth. Infertility can affect either the male or the female and can result from a number of causes. About 1 in every 10 couples is infertile, or somewhere between 10 and 15 percent of the population. The information here tells a lot about the modern world and how far we have advanced. Some women go on today to have as many as 2-8 children at once with in Vitro Fertilization and other options in Fertility Clinics. In a next address we will continue our narrative and conclude how the gift of salvation will change the lives of people forever.