

# APOLOGETICS 23

SATAN GOES UNDERGROUND



REVELATION 12:1

**A**ND a great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and  
the moon was under her feet, and upon  
her head a crown of twelve stars.

( See the Mystery inside the cover and page 17.)



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Chap. 12, Ver. 1. A woman: this woman is not the Blessed Virgin, for the details of the prophecy do not fit her. The prophecy pictures the Church of the Old and New Covenants. The beams of the divine glory clothe her; the moon is beneath her feet; she is crowned with a crown of twelve stars, and she must bring forth Christ to the world. By accommodation the Church applies this verse to the Blessed Virgin.

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The word "underground" in Greek is μυστικός (mustikos, Divry). This adjective is close to the Bible noun, μυστήριον (musteerion), "mystery". Let me just mention that the noun μύστης (mustees), "one initiated", is a name of Apollo. (L+S) (also Bacchus, L+S)

Note in Apologetics 22, p.12, Satan's authority was over "all the Kingdoms of-the inhabited-earth", Lk. 4:5,6. The NT "church" began within his territorial jurisdiction. Note Jesus' statement to Peter and the disciples, Luke 22:31, Consistent Translation.

"Simon, Simon, behold, the Satan demanded YOU, (plural) to-sift as the wheat; ..."

The first period of "church" history was that under Ephesus. The second period of "church" history, was under the second phase of the 4<sup>th</sup> beast of Daniel 7; the period of the "10 horns". This period is known in history as the ten persecutions of Jews and Christians by Roman Emperors and is referred to in Rev. 2 as the Smyrna church. Satan's authority continued. (Rev. 2:10 Consistent Translation).

"Behold the devil is-about to-be-casting (some) out-of YOU into (a) guard-house in-order-that YOU-might-be-tried, and YOU-will-have Tribulation of ten days. You-be-becoming trustworthy unto death, and I-shall-give to-you the crown of-the life."

The Jews were going into a world-wide dispersion. Christianity was also spreading world-wide. In order for Satan to continue to persecute God's people he had to change his Empire into a world-wide empire; this, he now proceeded to do. The little horn of Dan. 7

came on the stage of world history. This began the 3rd phase of the Roman Empire.

Just as the horns on the ram of Dan. 8:20 at first represented Darius and Cyrus, and the first horn on the goat of Dan. 8:21 represented Alexander the Great, I believe this "little horn" represented Constantine the Great.



