

Bereans Bible Institute
Module XI – Revelation
Lesson 28 – Introduction to Rev. 12 (Part 2)

I. The Parenthetical (Non-Sequential) Sections of Revelation

A. Parenthetical section between 6th and 7th Seals (144,000), and between the 6th and 7th Trumpets (rebuilt Temple & 2 prophets) explains Paul's teaching concerning unbelieving Israel in his "Olive Tree" allegory (Rom. 11:1-36).

B. Parenthetical section of Revelation 12 explains Paul's teaching concerning the two branches of Abraham's Seed – those who were cut off from the Olive Tree (Abrahamic Covenant), temporarily blinded Israel in exile vs. the Jewish and Gentile Christian assemblies. Revelation 12 is drawn directly from Paul's "Two Cities" & "Two Mothers" allegory:

1. Gal. 3:1 – 4:31

- a. Gal. 3:1-12 Superiority of the Abrahamic Covenant over the Mosaic
- b. Gal. 3:13-16 The Abrahamic Covenant entered through Christ alone
- c. Gal. 3:17-25 The purpose of the Mosaic Covenant as temporary
- d. Gal. 3:26-29 The Abrahamic Covenant is entered by baptism into Christ
- e. Gal. 4:1-7 God sent His Son (cf. Mark 12:1-11; Matt. 21:33-38) to fulfill the Abrahamic Promise
- f. Gal. 4:19-31 **LGV** The "Two Cities" and "Two Mothers" allegory.

1. The "Elevated Jerusalem" of Isa. 2:1-4 & Zech. 14:9-11

2. Heb. 12:18-29 **LGV**

- a. Heb. 12:18-21 "Mt Sinai" = Jerusalem & Israel in rebellion
- b. Heb. 12:22-24 "Mt Zion" in the Kingdom
 1. v. 22 "heavenly Jerusalem," "Jerusalem under heavenly dominion" LGV.
 2. v. 23 "the general assembly" quoting Isaiah 66:10 LXX
 3. v. 24 Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant, "new" meaning "renewed" – the Abrahamic Covenant realized

II. Revelation 12 – the Woman is "Sarah" and her children of promise (as opposed to Hagar and her literal "seed of Abraham" which God rejected).

A. It is impossible to understand Revelation 12 without first understanding Paul's teaching, which was itself drawn from Jesus and the Old Testament, revealed supernaturally to Paul through the "Breath of Truth."