

# The perfection in Christ



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## on earth, in the end-time

A prophetic Bible study

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# Introduction

Hebrews 6:1-3, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us **go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

The Scripture doesn't only teach us **the salvation bringing grace in Christ Jesus**, the reconciliation with God by our personal conversion unto Him, and by our faith in His Word and in Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and by the washing in His dear shed Blood, but also **the perfection in Christ, already in this world**.

The apostle Paul also was pursuing this prize of this high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-14, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and **reaching forth** unto those things which are before, **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**"

Matthew 5:48, "**Be ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven **is perfect.**"

2 Corinthians 3:17-18, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the **same** image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Ephesians 4:11-16, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

- For the perfecting of the saints,
- for the work of the ministry,
- for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, Which is the Head, even Christ: From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Colossians 1:27-29, "To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus**: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily."

Hebrews 10:14, "For by one offering He hath **perfected for ever** them that are sanctified."

With the fulfilment by our Lord Jesus Christ of His sacrifice on His cross at Golgotha He has prepared for us **an eternal perfection**, which He now, even on earth, wants to build in our **body, soul and spirit**, if we faithfully surrender our self to Him.

## When shall the revelation of this perfection in Christ happen on earth?

1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation **ready to be revealed in the last time.**"

The divine heritage, offered by God after the death of God's Lamb to mankind fallen in sin, is revealed on earth **in the end-time**.

The Scripture tells us further, that in the end-time, **saviours** shall rise, and that the Kingdom shall then be the Lord's.

Obadja 21, "And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau (picture of all worldly minded Christians); and the Kingdom shall be the LORD'S."

**In the end-time** the Bride of God's Lamb is revealed **on earth, in the Church**, after her **perfect redemption by the Lord God** of all the powers of sin and satan. Then the heavenly Bridegroom shall return on earth, **invisibly** in and through the Holy Spirit. Then the Spirit of God shall glorify her, **inwardly and outwardly**, with divine glory, and authority. He then has prepared her so for the bridal festival, for her unity with the Divine, resurrected Bridegroom.

Psalms 45:10-15, "Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house (be mortified completely of your old sinful life); So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the

people shall intreat thy favour. The King's daughter is all glorious within (her inward glory): her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework (her outward glory): the virgins her companions that follow her (the remnant of her seed, see Revelation 12:17) shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace."

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church); a woman (the Bride of God's Lamb) clothed with the sun (picture of the Father), and the moon (picture of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (picture of the Holy Spirit)."

Isaiah 4:2-4, "In that day shall the branch (picture of the Bride of God's Lamb) of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion (forgiven her sins), and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem (her perfect redemption of all her sins) from the midst thereof by the Spirit of judgment, and by **the Spirit of burning.**"

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory **shall be seen** upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to **the brightness of thy rising.**"

Isaiah 61:10-11, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth **before all the nations** (these words points to the great worldwide revival in the end-time)."

Furthermore God's Spirit shall gird her with divine power and might.

Ephesians 6:10-18, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but **against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand **in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins (of your mind, see 1 Peter 1:13) girt about with truth (with the Word of God), and having on the breastplate of righteousness (the inward armour of God); And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (all these belong to the outward armour of God): Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication **for all saints.**"

Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

This **perfect redemption in Christ** is revealed on earth, not before the formation of the 10 kingdoms (states) of the united Europe. Then **the first perfect son of God** shall be revealed on earth.

Daniel 2:34-35, "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands (without human help), which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind (picture of the Holy Spirit) carried them away, that no place was found for them (that first perfect Christian shall only recognize the Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ in his heart): and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain (picture of the Bride of God's Lamb), and filled the whole earth."

Daniel 2:44-45, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people (only to the people of Israel), but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms (in the heart of that first perfect Christian), and it shall stand for e-ver. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

Then namely, **the first christian** shall be liberated from the power of the mount of sins without hands, without human help. He shall be liberated **by his faith in God's perfect redeeming Word**. Then the Church, yes, the whole world, will know, that **perfect redemption from the power of sin is possible on earth!** Then the Church shall only accept **the Kingdom of God** in this sinful world with her sinful kingdoms. Then in a quick tempo many Christians – **a mount of perfect redeemed "stones", the Bride of God's Lamb** – will follow his style and view of life.

Many abusively think, that this "stone" is Jesus Christ. This is impossible, because this is a happening in **the end-time**, moreover Jesus was during His earthly life **never** bound on the mount of sin.

Rom. 8:19-21, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God**. For the creature was made subject to vanity (to sin), not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

## This shall happen unto us ...

### 1. When we also have faith in this part of the Scripture, i.e. in the teachings of our perfection by faith in God' Word.

*Matthew 9:29, "Then touched He their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.**"*

### 2. When we have accepted His call to come and have part in the supper of the Bridal festival of God's Lamb. In other words: when we are willing to take part and have faith in His perfect redemption, already on earth.

*Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called **unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."*

### 3. When He has taken us as future members of the then still to form Bride of God's Lamb.

This He shall do, when our heart is willing to accept His purifying Fire, that shall make us **without blemish, without spot or wrinkle**, when we have completely surrendered ourselves for this sake.

*Luke 17:34-37, "I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be **taken**, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left. And they answered and said unto Him, Where, Lord? And He said unto them, Wheresoever the body (of the Bride Church) is, thither will the eagles (picture of members of the Bride Church) be gathered together."*

Eagles are a picture of the members of the Bride of God's Lamb. These children of God are then added to that part of the Body of Christ, which shall be formed as the **Bride-Church**. This Bride-Church will be His Bride with the bridal festival of God's Lamb.

### 4. When we have surrendered ourselves to take part in His purifying Fire.

*Malachi 3:1-3, "Behold, I will send My messenger (picture of all called and anointed wise children of God, who are willing to be perfectly purified in the Fire of God's Spirit) and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, Whom ye seek, shall **suddenly** come (invisibly in and through the Holy Spirit) to His temple, even the Messenger of the (Blood)covenant, Whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (picture of all called and anointed wise servants of God), and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."*

This divine Fire shall come **suddenly** in the **wise part** of God's called and anointed children, because they have accepted His perfectly purifying Fire for themselves.

*Matthew 3:11-12, "I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor (picture of a repented heart), and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff (picture of the sinful old life) with unquenchable fire."*

### 5. When we hunt for it.

*Philippians 3:10-14, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and **reaching forth** unto those things which are before, **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**"*

### 6. When we personally and continually take part in His death.

*2 Corinthians 4:10-11, "**Always** bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made **manifest** in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest (already) **in our mortal flesh.**"*

We have to mortify our sinful style of living in the power of His Spirit, just as our sinful desires, and our sinful mind.

*Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."*

*Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."*

### 7. When we continually and spiritually take part in the supper of the bridal festival of Gods lamb.

In other words: when we continually and spiritually eat and drink of His flesh and blood, He perfectly shares with us His death and resurrection.

*Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."*

## 8. When we give the highest priority in our life to the realization of this divine promise.

Luke 12:35-40, "Let your loins (of your mind, see 1 Peter 1:13) be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, **when He will return from the wedding**; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat and will come forth and serve them (sharing with them His death and resurrection). And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the Goodman of the house (picture of the spirit of the believer) had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Luke 14:15-24, "And when one of them that sat at meat with Him heard these things, he said unto Him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God. Then said He unto him, A certain man (picture of God) made a great supper (picture of the marriage supper of God's Lamb), and bade many: And sent his servant (picture of the Holy Spirit) at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground (picture of earthly wealth), and I must needs go and see it (giving priority to it): I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen (picture of the five sensual lusts), and I go to prove them (giving priority to them): I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come (giving priority to her human will). So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind (picture of the spiritual poor, maimed and etc. believers). And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in (picture of new, wise converts), that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That **none** of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

## The perfect redeemed Bride of God's Lamb.

Ephesians 5:26-27, "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**"

1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in Him: and **he cannot sin**, because he is born of God."

## The 144,000 perfect firstborns in Christ Nature of the end-time.

### 1. Their calling and sealing (anointing).

Revelation 7:1-8, "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east (pointing to the throne of God), having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **an 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel**. Of the tribe of **Juda** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Reuben** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Gad** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Aser** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Nephtalim** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Manasses** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Simeon** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Levi** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Issachar** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Zabulon** were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of **Joseph**-(Ephraim) were sealed 12,000. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed 12,000."

We notice in these verses, that 12,000 off-springs out of each tribe of Israel are sealed for the fulfilling of this divine call, **except out of the tribe of Dan**. Out of this tribe God has found **nobody** willing to respond this Divine call.

### 2. Their spiritual birth (distinction) out of the Bride of God's Lamb.

This happens after the divine wedding has taken place.

Revelation 12:2, "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

Revelation 12:5, "And she (the Bride of God's Lamb) brought forth a man child (already having by his spiritual birth out of the spiritual womb of the Bride a mature stature), who was to rule all (anti-Christian) nations with a rod of iron (see Revelation 2:27, Judges 14,15, Revelation 19:15): and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."

Isaiah 66:7-9, "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of **a man child** (see Revelation 12:5). Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God."

### 3. Their revelation on mount Zion, the Church.

Revelation 14:1-5, "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's Name (YaHWeH) written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were **a new song** before the throne, and before the four beasts (literally: living crea-

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tures), and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth (they were sinners before). These are they which were not defiled with women (sex has the tendency to be idolatry); for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

## Then the Divine Bridegroom shall use His Bride – and at that time still hidden in her body the 144.000 firstborns – as His spiritual instruments

### 1. up to the healing of His backslidden Church

By means of His called and anointed servants He – as Prince Michael – shall wage war against the 7-headed sin-dragon, the powers of sin, in the Church, up to His total victory.

Revelation 12:3, “And there appeared another wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church); and behold a great red (sin-)dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”

Revelation 12:7-11, “And there was war in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church): Michael (Jesus Christ in His function of Lord of hosts, see Daniel 12:1) and His angels (His called and anointed servants) fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels (his false workers), And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven (in the true Church). And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth (out of the true Church), and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven (in the true Church), Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their (sinful, old) lives unto the death (until it is mortified by the purifying Fire of the Holy Spirit).”

Read also Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

### 2. up to the realization of the world-wide revival

through His called and anointed servants. By this divine labour countless souls shall be won for God's Kingdom within a short time (3,5 years).

Revelation 7:9, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, **which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues (the spiritual harvest won by the world-wide revival during the end-time), stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms (picture of God's peace in their hearts) in their hands.”

Revelation 14:14-16, “And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee **to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe**. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and **the earth was reaped** (picture of the great, word wide revival during the end-time).”

Isaiah 61:11, “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.”

For this labour He shall pour out His Holy Spirit upon **all flesh (all people, all nations)**, in order that **the light of the Spirit** shall come in their consciousness to consider clearly their spiritual state, but also to consider clearly God's offer of His salvation bringing grace in His everlasting Gospel for the salvation of this world, lost in satan's power.

Joel 2:28, “And it shall come to pass **afterward**, that I will pour out (the light of) My Spirit (to enlighten the conscience of all sinners and God's mercy in His Word) upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

Acts 2:17, “And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

## A time of sudden separations in the spiritual body of Christ.

After the divine wedding of God's Lamb His Bride (now in the Scripture called: the “woman”) is “being with child”.

Revelation 12:2, “And she (the Bride of God's Lamb) being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.”

Amidst those, who belong to the Bride – the Body of Christ – develops (concealed) the “man-child” (picture of the 144.000 firstborns [Revelation 12:5, Isaiah 66:7-9], in whom satan sees his potential enemy. Therefore satan searches to devour him as soon as he is born).

Revelation 12:3-4, “And there appeared another wonder in (the Kingdom of) heaven (on earth, which is the Church); and behold a great red (sin)dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail (the false prophet, see Isaiah 9:14) drew the third part of the stars of heaven (the apostate Christians), and did cast them to the earth (out of the true Church): and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

Therefore God caught him up to His throne as soon as he has been born (verse 5). Before his birth he was hidden in the spiritual body of the Bride. So the man-child, before his birth had part in the spiritual labour of the Bride. This is the **first sudden temporal separation in the body of the Bride. The second separation follows** as the Bride herself on the wings of the Spirit is taken away into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, where she is nourished from the face of the serpent, from satan, during the 3,5 years of the great tribulation. This separation happens as the great tribulation begins. Then the Bride is still in her earthly body.

*Revelation 12:6, "And the woman (the Bride of Gods Lamb) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (= 3,5 years)."*

*Revelation 12:14-16, "And to the woman (the Bride of God's Lamb) were given two wings of a great eagle (picture of the Holy Spirit), that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (during the time of the great tribulation) from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood (the anti-christian people persecuting her, trying to mortify her, see Revelation 17:15): after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth (a great earthquake occurs), and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."*

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The waters, which the serpent (satan) throws behind the woman are a picture of the peoples, the multitudes, the nations and tongues, who want to persecute her.

*Revelation 17:15, "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."*

In the wilderness she is nourished bodily as spiritually by God and His more mature servants during the period of the great tribulation of 3,5 years (Revelation 12:6).

All the other **countless** members of the body of Christ remain behind in the realm of the anti-christ, except the members of the Body of Christ, who have been remained behind, and belong to the people of Israel, returned to Canaan. These numberless members of the Body of Christ, who are outside Canaan, are killed as martyrs (beheaded, see Revelation 20:4).

*Revelation 7:9 + 13-14, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, **which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

*Revelation 12:17, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ** (they are only not yet perfectly sanctified)."*

This "remnant of her seed" are thus true children of God, who nevertheless don't belong to the Bride of Christ.

*Revelation 13:7, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, **and to overcome them**: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."*

After the great tribulation the Bride, who is kept by God in the wilderness, is changed in a twinkling of an eye, receives a **spiritual body**, and, meet, together with the righteous, resurrected deads, the bodily returned Lord in the air.

*1 Corinthians 15:51-57, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump** (so this happens after the great tribulation): for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

The 144.000 firstborns shall return to the earth together with King Jesus, to establish on earth the Kingdom of 1000 years.

*Jude 14b-15, "Behold, the Lord cometh with **ten thousands of his saints**, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

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