



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

- I. The LORD first **betroted** 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 **ready** and **pure**, the Bridegroom will **return** to receive her to Himself for the great **marriage supper** of the **Lamb**.

Application

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



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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?