

## **Indiana Jones & Revelation 12 - IS THERE A LINK ?!!!**

(Appropriate for High-Schoolers and older)

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(Reference: <http://www.raingod.com/angus/Gallery/Photos/MiddleEast/Jordan/Petra>)

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Tape the two posters from the links below on the board behind you and write the title of the talk on the board. State that whoever can figure out the possible link first will win a prize. You will need to have a prize ready (a book or something that you can give the winner).

The posters can be downloaded from the link: <http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1800080788/photo/stills>

Specifically I use the two at these links: <http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1800080788/photo/970479091>

<http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1800080788/photo/970479092>

As we read through Revelation 12 keep in mind that this chapter, like other parts of Revelation, is not a time sequence description. Time is part of the created universe and is not something that God is constrained by. Some verses refer to past events, some to on-going or overarching events, and some to future events.

### **Psalm 90:4**

**For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, Or as a watch in the night.**

### **II Peter 3:8**

**But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.**

### **Revelation 12:1-5**

**A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.**

The woman is Israel, Jesus is the child, the dragon is Satan, and the stars are the angels.

### **Revelation 12: 7-12**

**And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon The dragon and his angels waged war, 8and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12"For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."**

Many Christians die as martyrs during the Tribulation.

### **Revelation 12: 6,13-17**

**6**Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

**13**And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. **14**But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. **15**And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. **16**But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. **17**So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

### **Matthew 24:15-22**

"Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), **16**then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. **17**"Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. **18**"Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. **19**"But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **20**"But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. **21**"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. **22**"Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

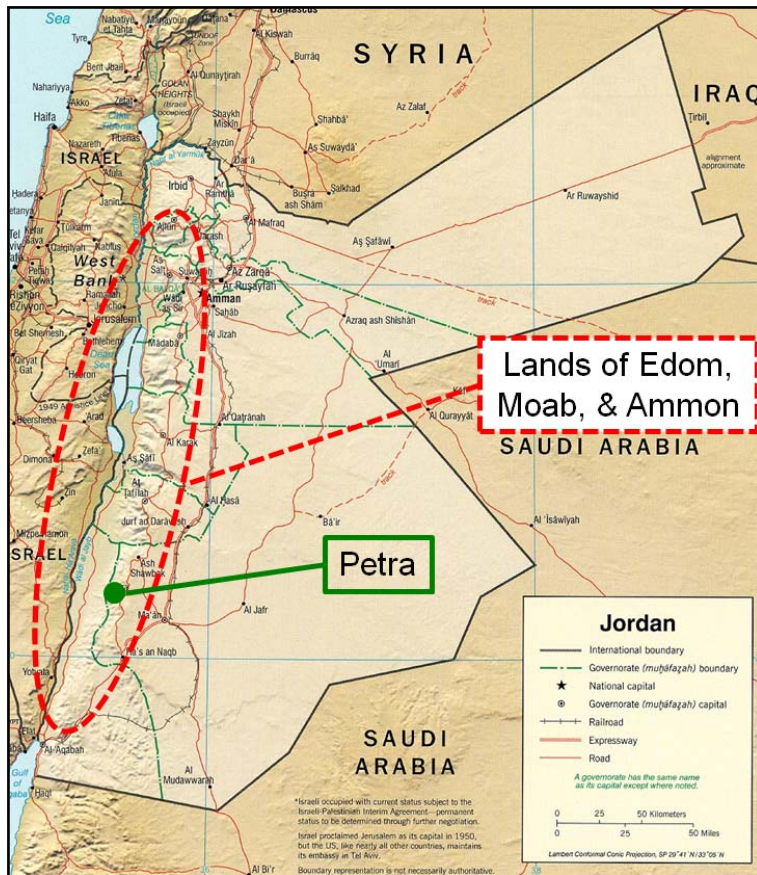
After the abomination of desolation (desecration of the Temple) at the halfway point of the Tribulation Israel flees to a place God has prepared for her in the wilderness. Where could a nation flee into the wilderness and live for 3.5 years?

### **Daniel 11: 40-45**

"At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through. **41**"He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: **Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.** **42**"Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. **43**"But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels. **44**"But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. **45**"He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

The Edomites were a Semitic-speaking group inhabiting the Negev Desert and the Aravah valley of what is now southern Israel and adjacent Jordan. The nation ceased to exist with the Jewish-Roman Wars. Moab is a mountainous strip of land in modern-day Jordan running along the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. The Moabites were a historical people, whose existence is attested to by numerous archeological findings.

The Ammonites were a people (also known from Assyrian and other records) living east of the Jordan river who along with the Moabites traced their origin to Lot, the nephew of Abraham, and who were regarded as close relatives of the Israelites and Edomites.



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At the mid-point of the tribulation, Israel will flee to the area of Edom, Moab, and Ammon. Keep in mind that this happens about midway through the 7 year Tribulation so a lot of people have already died. If we go out and look in this area to see if there is a place suitable for a nation to flee to we find one place that appears to be appropriate. That place is an ancient city named Petra. Today Petra is Jordan's most popular tourist attraction – you can visit it on vacation if you wish.

## **PETRA**

Petra was first established around the 6th century BC, by the Nabataean Arabs. Despite successive attempts by the Seleucid king Antigonos, the Roman emperor Pompey, and Herod the Great to bring Petra under the control of their respective empires, Petra remained largely in Nabataean hands until around 100AD, when the Romans took over. It was still inhabited during the Byzantine period but declined in importance thereafter. The Crusaders constructed a fort there in the 12th century, but soon withdrew, leaving Petra to the local people until the early 19th century, when it was visited by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt.

Petra lies about 3-5 hours south of modern Amman, about 2 hours north of Aqaba, on the edges of the mountainous desert of the Wadi Araba. The city is surrounded by towering hills of rust-colored sandstone which gave the city some natural protection against invaders. The site is semi-arid, and is made up of friable sandstone which allowed the Nabataeans to carve their temples and tombs into the rock.

Pass around pictures of PETRA. Pictures of Petra can be found at the link below:

<http://www.raingod.com/angus/Gallery/Photos/MiddleEast/Jordan/Petra>

We don't know for sure if PETRA is the place referred to in Revelation 12 but it does act as an existence proof.

## **THE LINK**

***Petra was the film location of the last scenes of the movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)***

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