THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Stop Asking Why!

Revelation 12



Outline in the coming weeks

- The Drama of History with 7 Characters (Signs)
- (3 Today: The Woman, Dragon, Child)
- **7 Final Bowls of Final Wrath** chapter (16)
- The return of Jesus Christ chapter 19

A divine war – a long war between the two most powerful spiritual persons in the universe: God and Satan.

1. Q: Will it ever end? Yes it comes a dramatic end

2. Q: How did it all begin? In eternity past and sweeps to eternity future

3. Q: Who will bring about this Great Victory? The Lord Jesus Christ! A divine war – a long war between the two most powerful spiritual persons in the universe: God and Satan.

Jesus Christ is the victor of this epic battle He is Lord of all things seen and unseen.

Together we are victors in Christ!

Revelation 12:1-5

12 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

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

³ And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

⁵ And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne

The Cast of Cosmic Drama

- The Woman : Israel
- The Great Red Dragon
- The Man child: Jesus Christ

The Woman Israel

The Woman : Is Not Mary

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Genesis 37:9

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Israel is often depicted as a pregnant woman: by the way. You can go to the Old Testament – Isaiah 26, Isaiah 54, Isaiah 66; you can go into Hosea, Micah, Jeremiah –

The Cast of Cosmic Drama

The Great Red Dragon: Satan

VS. 9 "The great dragon, the serpent of old who is called the **Devil and Satan**"

Satan leads an army of demons: Vs. 4 indicates he's not alone.

"His tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."

That indicates that when he went down out of heaven with his rebellion, a third of the holy angels also rebelled and commiserated with him in that mutiny.

The Cast of Cosmic Drama

- The Man child: Jesus Christ
- ⁵ And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne
- His Kingdom has come!

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Ephesians 6:12-13 English Standard Version (ESV) ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Genesis 3:15 (protoevangelium) "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[a] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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Things seen : Herod Kills the Children

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

Things Unseen: ⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and <u>the dragon</u> <u>stood before the woman which was ready to be</u> <u>delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.</u>

Truth # 2 : The Satan seeks to Destroy Israel

The root of Israel's suffering is Spiritual!

Stop and visit the anti-Semitism booth at the museum

They have suffered at God's hand so they would repent and return to Him!

They have suffered at Satan's hand because he seeks to destroy them!

Truth # 3 : Jesus Christ is the Victor

And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron" – and that's what it says in Psalm 2. That's the prophecy. He is to rule.

Satan couldn't do what he wanted to do. He tried. He tried killing all the infants. He tried destroying Jesus through sin and temptation. He tried and keep Him on the cross; he couldn't do it.

"Satan cannot stop the coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus He will rule.

Concluding Thoughts

- Jesus Christ is the central figure in history.
 Is Jesus the central figure in your history?
- 2. Revelation is unfolding around us! Who can you tell about the coming of His Kingdom?
- 3. Reflecting on the victory has to overflow in worship!

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