

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART IX
REVELATION 12
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INTRODUCTION

- Revelation 12 is as clear of a picture as the Bible presents of spiritual struggle.
- There are three main characters here: a woman, a child and a dragon.
- Revelation 12:1-4, "I saw a woman clothed with the sun...She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth. Then...I saw a large red dragon...He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born."

I. A WOMAN, A CHILD AND THE DRAGON

- The woman may be Israel, or the church, the child is Jesus. The 12 stars are 12 tribes or 12 apostles.
- The dragon - vss.3, 9 is Satan, the serpent of old who deceives the whole world - 13:14
- The child is the Messiah. Vs. 5 - Satan would seek His life from the moment He came.
- He deceives people about God, truth and identity.
- Vss. 4, 7-9 - The dragon is prehistory
- God allows personal choice, free will.

II. THE DRAGON AND THE WOMAN

- Vss. 10-17 - Satan hates the church and God's people.
- Satan hates anyone with God's heart.
- Vs. 17 - The battle is with the woman and the saints.
- Ephesians 6:10-18 - Our battle is not flesh and blood.

- He hates humanity, but Jews in particular.
- This is why there is anti-Semitism worldwide.
- People hate Jews because of the dragon.
- It is supernatural evil. It is more than human hatred - vs. 12:17

III. THE BATTLE OF YOUR LIFETIME

- Both are clearly seen, trials and triumphs, victory and struggle.
- The book of Revelation was given for this reason, to equip us to stand.
- Revelation 12:11, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony..."
- Chapter 13:7, "He blasphemed the temple and he overcame the saints..."
- Matthew 10:28, "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

CLOSE

- What about us? The battle is real and tough.
- The dragon is after you.
- He will wear you down by wearying you - slow grind Daniel 7:25
- There are no quick victories in a long war.
- His presence gives us a taste of eternity - don't give up.
- We never know when He will show up, triumph is costly, the blood of the Lamb and the faithfulness of the people who love God.