



Resources

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Revelation 12:1-6

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Great Sign in Heaven (1-2)
- II. Another Sign in Heaven (3-4)
- III. The War Rages On (5-6)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- In his introduction, Pastor Scott reminded us that Satan is alive and active on earth. Why is it good for us to be reminded of the battle of good and evil, life and death?
- When we recall what happened at the Fall, who is responsible for the sin committed? How does the first human sin serve as an example of man and woman's individual sinful propensities? Do you see this tendency to blame others for your own actions in yourself?
- Throughout the Old Testament we see God fulfilling His promise to bring the seed of woman (Genesis 3:14-15) who would crush the head of the serpent in this cosmic battle. Share some examples of this promise coming to pass and Satan's attempts to thwart it.
- How did the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ serve as Satan's final defeat?
- Pastor Scott gave examples of myths in other religions that resemble John's apocalyptic imagery. He mentioned Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Greek/Roman myths that resemble a pregnant woman, a dragon, or the stars. He quotes Grant Osborne, "The purpose of this is evangelistic, to say that what the Greeks have known only as myth has now been actualized in history. One could say that the NT 'demythologizes' Greco-Roman myth by historicizing it. What the pagans longed for in their myths has now become true in Jesus." How can this strengthen your faith?
- How is it easy to remain neutral in Spiritual warfare? Why is our neutrality our defeat when it comes to this? How can we be both offensive and defensive when it comes to Satan's hatred toward God's people?
- As we prepare to spend time with family and friends around the holidays, how can these truths instill peace? How can these truths embolden us?
- We may also be preparing for a quiet holiday this year, how can these truths bring us comfort? How can these truths stir us toward others?

