

6. What do the **heads** (Rev. 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9ff), **horns** (Dan 7:7, 20, 24; 17:12, 16), and **diadems** (13:1; 19:12) represent? What kind of **power** does this dragon have and how extensive is it? With whom does he share this power later in Revelation?
7. Who / What are the **stars** that the dragon swept away and threw to the earth? When do you think this happened in biblical history? How many might 1/3 of them be? What are they doing on the earth?
8. How many ways can you think of (in Scripture) that Satan tried to stop the birth of the Messiah (Jesus)? What connection might this have with antisemitism throughout history and growing again today?
9. In Rev. 12:5, the child is destined to rule the world. Why is this so upsetting to Satan? What is his primary problem when it comes to God? In what ways might we have similar problems when it comes to Jesus' rightful rule over us? How might the world, the flesh, and the devil be influencing us to resist the Lordship of Jesus in specific areas of life? How might studying Revelation help us overcome those sinful tendencies?
10. Pastor Paul believes Rev. 12:6 jumps forward in history from the ascension of Jesus (v. 5) to the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation in v. 6. He then believes that Rev. 12:7-14:20 gives the specifics of that last 3 ½ years. Why?
11. How might the promise of Rev. 12:6 that God will protect, preserve, nourish His people during the most intense part of the Tribulation encourage the readers who were being persecuted? How would it impact their trust in His promises in Scripture? How does it impact you?
12. Make a list of at least 5 people you know that do not yet know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Pray for opportunities and boldness to tell them about Jesus. Give them a gospel tract and/or a good book that will answer their questions about salvation. Invite them to come to church with you so they can learn more.

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Revelation 12:1-6

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 18

“Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages”

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (chapter 1)
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 - A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)
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 - C. The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
 - D. Interlude (12:1-14:20) – Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages**
 - 1. Summary (12:1-6)**

¹ 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;

² and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems.

⁴ And 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.

⁵ And 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.

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.

So What?

Discussion Questions & Application:

1. What comes to your mind when you think of a full-scale physical WAR? If you lived in a war zone with active combatants in your neighborhood, what would it do to your perspective / lifestyle?
2. We are in a constant spiritual war with a real, invisible enemy. For each of the following passages, list principles to apply in our ongoing spiritual war.
 - Eph. 5:11-16
 - Eph. 6:10-20
 - Rom. 13:12-14
 - James 4:6-7
 - 1 Pet. 5:5-9.
3. Revelation 12-14 goes back over the same timeframe already covered in Rev. 6-11. Why? What is the change in perspective?
4. In Rev. 12:1, John sees a great “sign” (see also 12:3; 13:13, 14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20). What is the purpose of a sign?
5. What/Who do each of these represent?
 - Woman
 - Child (cf. Ps. 2)
 - Great Red Dragon (Rev. 12:4, 7, 9, 13, 16f; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2)