

HOW THE WAR STARTED

How It All Ends: Part 2

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Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.

³ Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. ⁴ His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. 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.

⁵ She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. ⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

⁷ Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. ⁸ And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven.

Revelation 12:1–8 (NLT)

What I Need to Know About End Times

1. There is a clear **CALENDAR**: History is HIS-story.

“...Who has controlled history since the beginning? I, the Lord, am the one. I was here at the beginning, and I will be here when all things are finished.” (Isaiah 41:4, NCV)

2. There are momentous **MARKERS**.

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.” (Romans 5:6, NLT)

“After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:24–26, NLT)

3. There are principal **PLAYERS**.

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"I will make you and the woman hostile toward each other. I will make your descendants and her descendant hostile toward each other. He will crush your head, and you will bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15, GW)

THE ENEMY'S PURPOSES

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy." (John 10:10a, NLT)

- **DISTRACTED FROM GOD'S PURPOSE.**
- **DISABLED FROM GOD'S POWER.**
- **DISCOURAGED IN GOD'S PLAN.**

How to Survive and Thrive in the Battle Zone

"And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus." (Revelation 12:17, NLT)

1. Choose the WINNING SIDE.

"Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you." (James 4:7, CEV)

2. Engage in weekly WORSHIP.

"But You are holy, [O God] Enthroned in the praises of [Your people]." (Psalm 22:3, NKJV)

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20, ESV)

3. Learn and live God's WORD!

"It is written..." (Matthew 4:4)

"It is written..." (Matthew 4:7)

"It is written..." (Matthew 4:10)

"Then Satan went away..." (Matthew 4:11, The Living Bible)

4. Wield the WEAPONS of spiritual warfare!

"The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments;" (2 Corinthians 10:4, GNB)

"They triumphed over him BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY..." (Revelation 12:11, NIV)

LORD'S SUPPER

NEXT STEPS

Reading Plan
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