

## TEXT: Revelation 12

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Graduation Sunday is coming up on June 5th. You can sign up on the events page on the website.
  - Serve Rocky Mount is going to be the whole month of June. Sign up for a project at [serverockymount.com](http://serverockymount.com).
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### **BIG IDEA: We hope in the King who Conquers**

#### **Ground Rules:**

1. *This is a letter written to 7 churches.*
2. *There is almost nothing new here.*
3. *The book is full of imagery and is NOT chronological: This is apocalyptic literature. That does not mean the end of world literature. It means "that which was concealed is being revealed." In keeping with this style of writing, each image has a meaning - stars = angels. Dragon = Satan, lamp stands/torches = churches. And the appearance of these images isn't always in chronological order. One theologian describes it as walking through an art gallery. Nothing is arranged in chronology, but more so by style and content.*
4. *We are in the End Times: Heb. 1:1-2 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. <sup>2</sup> In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through him.*
5. *We must read with humility: If your understanding of Revelation is dependent upon the current news cycle for your interpretation - you're wrong. How do I know? Give it a week and you'll see. Everyone who has used the news cycle to interpret Revelation has been proven wrong because they rely on speculation. Hear me: Speculation is the enemy of biblical interpretation.*

#### **Ice Breaker: Do you have any symbolic moments in your life? Either a time you saw a symbol or had an experience of what ended up coming?**

##### **Revelation 12:1-2**

- Who is the woman?
- Who is she pregnant with?
- Read Genesis 37:9-11
- How does this passage help us interpret Revelation 12?

##### **Revelation 12:3-6**

- Who is the dragon? What is the dragon a symbol of in ancient Greece? What does the color red represent?
- Why does the dragon have 7 heads, 10 horns, and 7 crowns?
- Who is our real enemy in life?
- V. 4 - What is the dragon trying to devour the child remind us of?
- Who is the Son?
- What is the significance of the Iron Rod?

## Revelation 12:7-12

- When is the war taking place?
- Luke 10:17-20
- What is the symbol of demonic hostility toward mankind in the Bible?
- How do we conquer?



**What sins need to be conquered in your life? How does your hope in Jesus allow you to conquer those sins?**

## Revelation 12:13-17

- Who is the dragon persecuting?
- What is v. 14 a quote from?
- What are verses 14-16 a picture of?

## Quotes

This, too, is the story of the Old Testament. Immediately after receiving the curse of enmity with the woman and her child, Satan sought to cut off the line. First, he incited Cain to kill his godly brother Abel (Gen. 4:8). Later, when Israel went into Egypt, Satan led Pharaoh to order that all the male sons would be killed as soon as they left the womb (Ex. 1:8–16). Satan entered the heart of King Saul with murderous designs for David, through whom the true King would be born. In Babylon, Satan conspired through evil Haman to wipe out the Israelite community (Esth. 3:15), only to be thwarted through the resourcefulness of Queen Esther, whom God had placed near the Persian king. Finally, when the wise men came to King Herod, asking about the royal child who had been born, Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to slay every male child up to two years old (Matt. 2:16). All through biblical history, Satan has raged with a murderous passion focused on one object: to destroy the promised Savior before the Savior could put an end to Satan's dominion of evil.- Richard D. Phillips