

# REVELATION

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“The Scriptures give us not concepts alone, but living images with which to think and from which to draw wisdom.”

- Malcolm Guite

*Why Poetic Imagination Is Necessary  
to Understand Biblical Prophecy*



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1. The woman, the child, the red dragon [v. 1-6]
2. The decisive defeat of the dragon [v. 7-12]
3. The persecution of the church [v. 13-17]



“I believe Satan to exist for two reasons:  
first, the Bible says so; and second,  
I’ve done business with him.”

- D. L. Moody



“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

- C. S. Lewis  
preface to *The Screwtape Letters*



# Revelation 12 reminds us that...

1. Satan is the *Accuser* of the Brethren



“Satan uses feelings to captivate us today by making them more important to our life than they really are, as well as by inducing much false guilt about what we do and do not feel.”

- Dallas Willard

*Renovation of the Heart*



**“Shame is Satan’s laughter  
morphed into a human emotion.”**

**- Beth Moore**



# Revelation 12 reminds us that...

2. Satan has been decisively defeated.



“In the birth of our Savior, we have received something that is beyond our deserving, beyond our preparations, beyond our human potential, beyond our expectations - that comes to us, in the words of beloved carols, in a ‘silent night,’ in the ‘dark streets,’ ‘in the bleak midwinter,’ in ‘such a world as this,’ to ‘save us all from Satan’s power.’”

- Fleming Rutledge



# Revelation 12 reminds us that...

3. Our triumph is based on:
  - The blood of the Lamb
  - The word of our testimony
  - We have embraced an eternal perspective



# Revelation 12 reminds us that...

4. The future belongs to Jesus



“I will build my church and the gates of hell  
will not prevail against it.”

- Jesus Christ



“Only when the one preeminent in reality  
becomes preeminent in our thoughts  
do we think straight.”

- Mike Reeves



“What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could ‘be like gods’ - could set up on their own as if they had created themselves - be their own masters - invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history - money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution...



“...classes, empires, slavery - the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.

There is no such thing.”

- C. S. Lewis

*Mere Christianity*