

Revelation 11 & 12

Satan's strategies don't change

A. Two-fold goal of Satan

1. Attack the unsaved
2. Attack the saved

B. Satan's strategy

1. To keep unsaved people unsaved.
 - a. Satan uses deception
2. To get the saved to turn away from following Jesus and/or make them ineffective in their witness of Jesus.
 - a. Satan uses deception to entice believers to make sinful choices.
 - b. Satan will attack us spiritually to weaken us.
 - c. Satan likes to pile it on us so that we would give up.

C. The purpose of the two witnesses is to combat the lies with the truth

1. How can the temple be rebuilt without tearing down the dome of the rock?
2. Timing of the two witnesses
 - a. Some believe they appear in the first half of the tribulation.
 - b. Others believe they appear in the second half.
 - c. What problems does the belief the two witnesses appear in the second half present?
3. Why is it likely that the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah?

D. Satan will attack God's people, but he doesn't have to be victorious

1. Based on Genesis 37:9-11 the woman in John's vision is the nation of Israel.
 - a. Base on verses 1-5, what would the argument against the woman being the church?
2. The male child base on verse 5 the child is no other than Jesus.
3. Based on verse 9, the dragon is Satan.
4. Some believe vs. 7-12 simply gives further details of verse 4.
 - a. Others believe these verses describe a future war that take place during the tribulation period.
 - b. What would be a scriptural basis for this view?

E. Questions to consider

1. What are some examples of where society has bought into the lies of Satan?
 - a. Why is using the Bible as an instrument to reach the lost so crucial?
2. What are some examples of believers being deceived by Satan?
 - a. Why is deception so effective at times?
3. Why does Satan try to entice believers to give into sinful desires?
4. Where is the primary battleground for all of mankind, but especially for believers?