

Revelation 12

The Pregnant Woman and The Dragon

1. **Read Revelation 12:1-6**
2. **Ice Breaker:** If you had to flee into the wilderness for one year and could only fit **three non-survival, comfort items** in your backpack, what would they be and why?
3. Before reading chapter 12, the sermon reminds us that chapters 1–11 focused on the earthly battlefield, while chapter 12 pulls back the curtain to show the *source* of the struggle.

How does shifting our perspective from "earthly struggles" to a "cosmic war" change the way we view the hardships or opposition the modern church faces?

4. The sermon points out that the radiant woman is not just an individual, but the covenant community of God (Israel bringing forth the Messiah, and the church carrying His witness).

Why is it dangerous to view our faith as a "solo mission," and how does belonging to the church and the history of God's work of redemption give us resilience for living our lives today?

5. John sees the woman crying out in the torment of childbirth. The sermon connects this to the centuries of persecution the Old Testament saints endured to preserve God's promises until the Messiah was born.

How does looking back at the endurance of the saints who came before us encourage you in your current season of waiting or suffering?

6. Our culture insists that identity is a self-made project of "authentic self-expression." The sermon contrasts this with the Woman, whose identity is *imputed* by God (clothed with the sun, crowned with stars).

What does it look like practically to practice "self-reflection in Christ" rather than letting your daily circumstances or failures define who you are?

7. **Read Revelation 12:7-12.** Because of Christ's victory on earth, the Dragon (the Devil) loses his legal standing in heaven and is cast down. The sermon refers to him as a "disbarred prosecutor."

When the Accuser tries to bring up your past to keep you in shame, what is the specific defense the passage tells us to use (Revelation 12:11-12)?

8. We overcome the Accuser by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The sermon notes that our transformation and sanctification become a powerful counter-testimony against the Dragon's lies.

Can you share an area of your life where the Holy Spirit has transformed your habits or thoughts, effectively silencing the enemy's slander?

9. **Read Revelation 12:13-16.** The Dragon spews a "flood" of deception and false teaching to sweep the church away, but God uses the earth to swallow it, protecting the church in her wilderness sanctuary.

Where do you see a "flood" of cultural deception attacking the church today, and how does God's Word act as our Truth to guide us?

10. **Read Revelation 12:17.** The sermon concludes with a powerful reminder that despite the rage of empires, regimes, and cultural pushback, "The church stands" because the Lamb is on the throne.

As you think about your specific context (the Bay Area, your workplace, your neighborhood), how does this absolute guarantee of the church's survival change the way you live out your faith this week?