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WHY EVIL IN THE WORLD? #4 of 7 CHAP. 12
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WHAT IS THE QUESTION? WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

Revelation 12 gives us the answer.

A great Sign appeared in Heaven: a Woman dressed all in sunlight, standing on the moon, and crowned with Twelve Stars. She was giving birth to a Child and cried out in the pain of childbirth. And then another Sign alongside the first: a huge and fiery Dragon! It had seven heads and ten horns, a crown on each of the seven heads. With one flick of its tail it knocked a third of the Stars from the sky and dumped them on earth. The Dragon crouched before the Woman in childbirth, poised to eat up the Child when it came. The Woman gave birth to a Son who will shepherd all nations with an iron rod.

Her Son was seized and placed safely before God on his Throne. The Woman herself escaped to the desert to a place of safety prepared by God, all comforts provided her for 1,260 days. War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. The great Dragon—ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. Then I heard a strong voice out of Heaven saying, Salvation and power are established! Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah! The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before God. They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ. Revelation 12:1-11

(MSG)

I. SATAN IS REAL

1. A DRAGON

“And then another Sign alongside the first: a huge and fiery Dragon! It had seven heads and ten horns, a crown on each of the seven heads.” Revelation 12:3 (MSG)

- a. *We don't know the Old Testament background.*
- b. *You have to understand the times in which it was written.*
- c. *We forget about the fact that the primary message of the entire book is hope.*

2. “THE SERPENT”

The great Dragon—ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. Revelation 12:9 (MSG)

3 THE DEVIL

4. SATAN--OUR ADVERSARY

5. THE ONE WHO LEADS THE WHOLE WORLD ASTRAY

"Simon, stay on your toes. Satan has tried his best to separate all of you from me, like chaff from wheat."

Luke 22:31 (MSG)

6. THE ACCUSER

"Salvation and power are established! Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah! The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before God." Revelation 12:10-11
(MSG)

II. GOD WILL NOT BE DEFEATED.

"A great Sign appeared in Heaven: a Woman dressed all in sunlight,"

III. THERE IS NO VICTORY WITHOUT A BATTLE

FOUR BATTLES

1. THE BATTLE BETWEEN JESUS AND SATAN

"An enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky. He stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth so that he might devour the child the moment it was born."

2. THE BATTLE IN HEAVEN.

"War broke out in Heaven..."

"Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. The great Dragon—ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth."

Revelation 12:7-12 (MSG)

"With one flick of its tail it knocked a third of the Stars from the sky and dumped them on earth." Revelation 12:4 (MSG)

"...I know. I saw Satan fall, a bolt of lightning out of the sky. See what I've given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy." Luke 10:18-19 (MSG)

3. THE BATTLE AGAINST THE WOMAN, THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

v. 15 *"The Serpent vomited a river of water to swamp and drown her, but earth came to her help, swallowing the water the Dragon spewed from its mouth."*

v. 17 *"Helpless with rage, the Dragon raged at the Woman, then went off to make war with the rest of her children, the children who keep God's commands and hold firm to the witness of Jesus."*

4. FINALLY THE BATTLE AGAINST BELIEVERS.

VI. WE WILL OVERCOME

"They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ." Revelation 12:11 (MSG)

1. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.
2. We're victorious by the word of our testimony.
3. We are a part of this victory when we love the Lord above our own lives.