

away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

“Waters” often reference nations and people groups | REVELATION 17:15
And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Exodus 19:14, Deuteronomy 32:9–14, Isaiah 40:31—God delivering His people on “eagles’ wings”; Daniel 7:25, Daniel 12:7, Revelation 11:2—3.5 years of Antichrist persecution; Isaiah 17:12, Psalm 65:7, Psalm 93:1–5—nations and people groups pictured as “waters.”

What does all this have to do with our lives today?

1. We grow in confidence in the existence and good sovereign plan of God.
2. We gain context and grand view of our story in God’s greater redemptive story.
3. We discover deeper purposes in the light of God’s grand redemptive purposes.
4. We live certain in hope—our best lives are ahead, and that this life matters.
5. We enjoy the comfort that the best blessings of this life are foreshadows of greater blessings, and ultimately all of our suffering and losses will only be temporary.
6. We grow in living under the shepherdly, loving Lordship of Jesus now.
7. We enjoy the total transcendence to every aspect of our lives.
8. We are fighting a battle that’s already won against a defeated foe.



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JESUS REVEALS THE MEGA-STORY (PART 2)

DISCOVERING THE GREATER STORY THAT MAKES SENSE OF MY STORY

Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, April 7, 2024 | Revelation 12

INTRODUCTION

1. A GREAT SIGN IN HEAVEN (v. 1-2)

REVELATION 12:1-2

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Genesis 39:9–11—dream of Joseph; Genesis 3:15—seed of the woman; Isaiah 54:5–7, Hosea 2:19–20—Israel as a wife to God; Isaiah 9:6–7—the child born to save and rule.

2. A GREAT DRAGON FALLS (v. 3-4)

REVELATION 12:3-4

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Isaiah 14:12–16—Satan’s fall; Ezekiel 28:11–19—Satan’s description as a Cherub; Luke 10:18—Jesus described seeing Satan fall; Revelation 13, 17—Dragon’s Heads, Crowns, and Horns.

3. A GREAT SAVIOR ARRIVES (v. 5–6)

REVELATION 12:5–6

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

GENESIS 3:15

3 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Genesis 3:15—Seed of the woman; Psalm 2—Ruling the nations; Isaiah 9:1–7—the child who will save and rule; Mark 16:19, Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:1–11—Jesus' ascension; Acts 2:33, 7:55, Romans 8:34, Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 10:12, 1 Peter 3:22—Jesus presently ruling, advocating, and mediating at the right hand of God; Matthew 24:15–22—Jesus predicting the flight for safety.

4. A GREAT WAR EXPLODES (v. 7–9)

REVELATION 12:7–9

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1—Michael the Archangel; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 9—Michael the Archangel.

5. A GREAT VICTORY _____ (v. 10–11)

REVELATION 12:10–11

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God

day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3–5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1 PETER 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

ROMANS 16:20

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Old Testament and Other Scriptural Connections: Psalm 2, Psalm 145:11–14—The winning Kingdom; Job 1–2, Luke 22:31, 1 Peter 5:8, Romans 16:20—Satan's present activity; Revelation 11:15, 19:1–7—Jesus' ultimate victory.

6. A GREAT WRATH _____ (v. 12–13)

REVELATION 12:12–13

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

7. A GREAT SHEPHERD _____ (v. 14–17)

REVELATION 12:14–17

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried