

**Fighting from Victory**  
**Meadowbrook Community Church**  
**May 30, 2021**

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.* John 16:33

*Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.* Revelation 12:1-2 NLT

*Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. 4 His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.* Revelation 12:3-4

*Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. 8 And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. 9 This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.* Revelation 12:7-9

*...for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.* Revelation 12:12 NLT

*He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.* Revelation 12:12 NIV

*And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.* Revelation 12:17

#### **Four Battlefronts (Ways that Satan, the dragon, declares war)**

##### **1ST BATTLEFRONT—FOUR HORSEMEN**

- The four horsemen represent this battlefront where the enemy is causing suffering and pain by turning us against one another. It is... the suffering and death that is a result of hatred and anger and conflict and hostility.

##### **2ND BATTLEFRONT—TRUMPET PLAYERS**

- The trumpets represent natural disasters, unavoidable suffering in this world.

##### **3RD BATTLEFRONT—BEASTS OF THE SEA**

- The beasts of the sea represent political power and persecution.

##### **4TH BATTLEFRONT—THE GREAT WHORE (17:1)**

- The great whore represents a hedonistic culture.

*They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...* Revelation 12:11

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.* Revelation 21:4