

Discussion Questions

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Revelation 12:1-6

Peace on Earth: The War for Christmas

1. What stands out to you in this passage? How does the image of the dragon, woman & child in Revelation 12 reshape your understanding of the Christmas story compared to traditional tellings?

2. Revelation 12 portrays the dragon (Satan) as seeking to destroy the woman, (the people of God) and the Christ-child, and yet they are protected by God.

What can we learn about the reality of the Spiritual war we are in?

How can this telling of Christ's Birth bring hope & peace to us today?

3. James spoke about the flood of lies coming from the Dragon's mouth in verse 15 and emphasized that while Satan is bound, he continues to deceive and accuse.

What lies or accusations do you think are most prevalent in our world today?

If appropriate to share, what are some of the lies or accusations you wrestle with the most and how do they affect your peace or identity in Christ?

4. Revelation 12:11 says believers overcome the dragon "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony and not loving their lives unto death." What does it mean to stand in this truth practically in your daily life?

5. In what ways does it help us as followers of Jesus today to see the dragon in the nativity?

In what specific ways can you live out the peace and freedom that Jesus, the Dragon-Slayer, has secured for you this Christmas season?

Revelation 12:1-6 (NLT)

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. She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth. 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. 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. She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her

Revelation 1:1 (NLT)

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John.

Revelation 12:1-2 (NLT)

I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth.

Revelation 12:3-4 (NLT)

I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. 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 12:5 (NLT)

She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod.

Genesis 3:15 (TNIV)

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Revelation 12:5-6 (NLT)

She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her

Revelation 12:17-9 (NLT)

Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. 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 12:13-17 (NLT)

When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place

prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time. Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. 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 12:11 (NASB 2020)

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
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