

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
“Why is There Evil in the World”

Rev 12

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Part 13 of 19

Intro:

Rev 12:1-11 (ESV)

Book:

Three Facts About Evil in Our World

1. SATAN IS **REAL**
 - A. A **dragon** with seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns
 - Rev 12:3 (ESV)
 - Daniel 7:7 (NIV)
 - Seven heads and ten horns show **complete rule**
 - B. THE **SERPENT**
 - Rev 12:9 (ESV)
 - C. THE **DEVIL**
 - Rev 12:9 (ESV)
 - D. SATAN**
 - Rev 12:9 (ESV)
 - E. THE ONE WHO LED **THE WORLD ASTRAY**
 - Rev 12:9 (ESV)
 - Luke 4:6 (NIV)
 - F. THE **ACCUSER**
 - Rev 12:10 (ESV)
 - G. HE KNOWS THAT **TIME IS SHORT**
 - Rev 12:12 (ESV)
2. GOD WILL NOT BE **DEFEATED**

There are two other main characters in the drama of good and evil

A. A woman **clothed with the sun** - Rev 12:1 (ESV)

Who is this woman?

Mary?

Israel?

The Church?

The **people of God**

B. A **male Child** - Rev 12:2 (ESV)

- Psalm 2:9 (NCV)

3. THERE IS NO VICTORY WITHOUT **A BATTLE**

Four specific battles are mentioned in Revelation 12

1. The battle against **Jesus** - Rev 12:3-6
(The dragon attacks the male child)
2. The battle in **Heaven** - Rev 12:7-12
(The war in heaven between Michael and the dragon)
 - Luke 10:18 (NIV)
3. The battle against the woman - Rev 12:13-16
 - Exodus 19:4 (NIV)
4. The battle against believers - Rev 12:17
(The dragon goes off to make war against the rest of her offspring)

How does Satan wage this war?

- He is the instigator of sin and betrayal - John 13:2
- He tempts the righteous - Matt 4:3
- He inflicts suffering on the innocent - Job 2:7
- He sows discord - Matt 13:37-39
- He removes the good seed of the Gospel - Matt 13:19
- He blinds the eyes of unbelievers - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- He prowls and devours like a roaring lion - 1 Peter 5:8

How can we have a part in this victory

Rev 12:11 (ESV)

1. We overcome by the **blood of the lamb**
2. We are victorious by the **word of our testimony**
3. We love the Lord **above our own lives**