

## King Jesus and the Dragon

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### The Book of Revelation

*Is a picture book:* Pictures are meant to communicate without words or beyond words.

*Is about Jesus:* The book of Revelation is the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:1; John 12:20-28)

- Jesus the King of Kings (1)
- Jesus the Good Shepherd (2-3)
- Jesus the Lord of History (4-5)
- Jesus the Lord of the *Birth Pangs* Seal Judgments (6-7)
- Jesus the Lord of the *Fig Tree Leaves* Trumpet Judgments (8-13)
- Jesus the Lord of the *Day of the Lord* Bowl Judgments (14-20)
- Jesus the Lord of Heaven on Earth (21-22)

*Is about what happened in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, what has been reflected throughout history and what will ultimately happen just before the Lord Jesus returns.*

### Revelation 12 Highlights

*That history is truly a story unfolding:* We are presently in the age of ‘Proclamation’ (between ‘Redemption’ and ‘Consummation’). Revelation tells us what is going to happen during this time.

*That the book of Revelation is not simply chronological:* The book of Revelation is not written in chronological order. It moves forward but not as we might think.

*That there are events we should be looking for* that lead up to the Day of the Lord and the return of Christ. (Revelation 11:15-18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Luke 21:28-32)

*Revelation 12 is a real dragon story* in which the life and death and resurrection of Jesus (which is the defeat of the dragon by King Jesus) results in (1) a dramatic change in Satan’s dominion and (2) a dramatic increase in his attacks on God’s people.

### Signs in Heaven (1-6): We are not in the Promised Land!

*A Pregnant Woman* (1-2) = Israel/Believing Remnant (Genesis 37:9; Romans 11:28-29)

*A Great Red Dragon* (3-4) = Satan (Ezekiel 29:3; Matthew 2:16-18; Genesis 3:15; John 8:44)

*A Ruling Son (5) = Jesus Christ (Psalm 2:7-9)*

*A Nourishing Wilderness (6) = God with us in our afflictions (Exodus 16:2-8; 1 Kings 17:4; 19:1-8; Hosea 2:14; Matthew 24:21-22)*

*What do you think is required for your nourishment? (Exodus 17:6; Psalm 78:14-29; Psalm 23:1-6)*

### **War in Heaven (7-12): We are in a war with the devil!**

*Angelic Warriors (7-8) = Good and Bad (Daniel 10:10-21)*

*A Thrown Down Combatant (9-10) = Satan loses grounds for accusation and his control over the nations (Job 1:6-12; Zechariah 3:1-5; Romans 8:1, 31-37; Matthew 12:28; Luke 10:17-20; John 12:27-33; Revelation 20:7-8)*

*Overcoming Losers (11-12) = Christians who are willing to die for their faith (Matthew 10:39; 24:9-14)*

*Are you willing to lose in order to win? (1 Peter 5: 6-10; Matthew 10:24-42)*

### **War on Earth (13-17): A Christianity not worth dying for is no Christianity at all!**

*Persecution of the Woman (13) = oppression of the Jews/believers in history (Psalm 44:22-24)*

*Wings of an Eagle (14) = Israel is saved physically and spiritually (Exodus 19:4; Isaiah 40:31; Romans 11:25-27)*

*Flooding Mouth Water (15) = opposition through lies and force (Revelation 13:7-8; Psalm 18:4)*

*Drinking Earth (16) = preservation of the Jews/believers in history (Exodus 15:12; Numbers 16:25-35; Isaiah 43:2)*

*War with the Woman and Her Children (17) = persecution of believers left on earth (Acts 8:1-4; Romans 11:16, 24; Galatians 3:6-9)*

*What is your Christianity like? (1 John 3:23)*

### **Conclusion**

The chaos in the world is the result of the rejection of Jesus Christ and the devil's war against Him. There is suffering and evil in the world, not because God is bad, but because we are bad! The reality of the devil and his angels is profoundly stressed in this passage. The only real choice we have is the rule of Jesus Christ or the rule of chaos! To reject the Lord of love and order is to embrace chaos!