



December 4, 2016
Celebration · 9:00 am
Elevation · 11:00 am
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Jesus Over Satan Revelation 12

The Unseen War at Christmas Attacking Jesus' Birth. The Characters of Revelation 12

1. Woman=Israel 12:1 2. Dragon=Satan 12:3, 4, 9 3. Man child=Jesus Christ 12:5 4. Michael=Angels 12:7

Jesus Christ Will Overcome Satan's Attacks on Earth. Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17

- God has always sovereignly planned for Christ to come through Israel. Revelation 12:1, 2
 - Genesis 37:9-11 "A great sign appeared in heaven..."
- Satan has always planned to destroy Jesus, especially when He is born. Revelation 12:3, 4
 - Red Dragon = Satan Revelation 12:9
 - Daniel 7:7, 8, 24; I John 5:19; Matthew 2 (See digging deeper)
- Christ always overcomes Satan's attacks and will rule all nations. Revelation 12:5, 6, 13-17
 - Christ is born, ascends to heaven to rule the world. Vs. 5
 - Israel will be preserved by Christ. Vs. 6, 13-17
 - Psalm 2:9; Revelation 19:15

Therefore, We Must Trust in Jesus Christ's Power to Overcome Satan's Spiritual Attacks Against Followers of Christ. Revelation 12:7-12

- We must acknowledge a spiritual war against Christ and His power. Revelation 12:7
 - Satan and his evil angels (demons) attack Michael and the good angels.
 - Ephesians 6:10-12
- We must trust in Christ's power which is greater than Satan. Revelation 12:8
 - "...and they (Satan) were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven."
 - I John 4:4
- Be aware that Satan relentlessly attacks followers of Christ even though he will be defeated. Revelation 12:9
 - He is a "great dragon" meaning he has a keen power of sight.
 - He is a "devil" meaning our accuser. Revelation 12:10; I Peter 5:8
 - He is "Satan" meaning our adversary John 13:27
 - He is the "serpent" who still deceives us. II Corinthians 11:3
- Turn to the authority of Christ to overcome Satan's accusations and attacks against Christians. Revelation 12:10-12
 - We will overcome by trusting in the "blood of the lamb," Christ's salvation on the cross.
 - Romans 8:31-39; Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:2,10
 - We will overcome by living a faithful sacrificial life as a testimony to Christ.
(see digging deeper on the back for specific steps to take)

□ Reflection + Discussion Questions

In our Christmas Series, we will learn again how Christ overcomes all other powers. Today we focus on the power of Christ over Satan and his attacks. Revelation 12 describes times both in the past at Jesus' birth and the future where we see Christ overcome Satan's power. We also gain insight to the unseen spiritual war against angelic powers and followers of Christ. One clear message of hope is in Revelation 12:11 ***"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."***

In Christ, we can overcome Satan. 1 Peter 5:8, 9 warns us to "be alert" to the devil's attacks. I have listed below a number of passages that address the schemes of Satan and what how and why we need to be alert to Satan's accusations and attacks. Read the verses below. Which of the following verses address areas in which you can seek to grow? Where have you found victory in taking these steps? In what way do you see Satan's activity to undermine believers and the church?

1 Peter 5:8-9 ***"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world."***

Areas to "be on the alert" to Satan:

- **Acts 5:3** Confess any lies, deceit or cover-up of sin.
- **1 Corinthians 5:5-8** Remove sinful behavior and sinful influences in your life.
- **1 Corinthians 7:5** Avoid and resist temptation in sexual immorality
- **2 Corinthians 2:10-11** Be willing and ready to forgive others.
- **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** Be alert to false messages and a religious leaders that are frauds.
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-9** Humbly trust Christ in painful times.

Ever since Satan attacked Adam and Eve to cause the curse in the Garden, he has been attempting to destroy Christ. Below are some examples throughout history. We will explore this more next week.

- **Genesis 6** Deny a human seed by demonic possessions.
- **Genesis 38** Defile the seed through sin. Matthew 1:3
- **Exodus 1** Destroy the seed by destroying the nation.
- **II Chronicles 21-23** Destroy the seed by denying a royal line. King Joash.
- **Esther 3** Destroy the seed in Persia.
- **Matthew 2** Destroy the seed by Herod's rage and killing of newborns in Bethlehem.
- **Matthew 4** Deny the deity of the seed by causing Jesus to sin and not trust His Father.
- **Matthew 26, 27** Destroy the seed on the cross.
- **Revelation 19** Destroy the seed in one final war.

□ Next Steps

1. **Connect with others** in a LifeGroup to find encouragement and support for the journey of the Christian life and the struggles you may face along the way. Visit Connection Point in the Lobby or **calvarylife.org/lifegroups**
2. **Receive care and help** through Calvary's Care Ministries, offering hope and healing in difficult seasons of life through our Life Counseling Center, Support Groups, Celebrate Recovery and more. **calvarylife.org/care**
3. **Be mentored** by a godly leader to grow in your faith as a follower of Jesus, deepen your knowledge of God's Word, and discover ways to live and love like Jesus in every area of life. **calvarylife.org/mentor**
4. **Attend consistently** by making worship each Sunday a priority throughout this series and into the new year to learn how you can overcome life's struggles in Christ and trust in God's sovereign care. **calvarylife.org/sunday**