

Title: The Battle of Belief

Text: Revelation 12-13

Target: To stop listening and believing the lies of Satan!

I. The Witness of the Woman: Revelation 12:1-6

A. The Symbol of this Woman: (Vs. 1)

B. The Suffering of this Woman: (Vs. 2)

C. The Serpent and the Woman: (Vs. 3-4)

1. Appearance of his head: (Vs. 3)

2. Action of his tail: (Vs. 4a)

3. Attempt of his will: (Vs. 4b)

a) Extinguish Israel

b) Kill Jesus (King Herod's Infanticide/Temple Mount)

D. The Seed of this Woman: (Vs. 5)

1. Crush the Head of Satan: (Genesis 3:15, Is. 7:14)

2. Rule over the Nations: (Isaiah 9:6)

E. The Shelter for the Woman: (Vs. 6, 13b-17)

1. Peace Treaty w/ Israel Broken:

2. Protection by the Seraphim (Eagle face): (Vs. 14)

3. Provision in the Wilderness: With Food: (Vs. 14) Against the Flood: (Vs. 15)

4. Persecution of Christians on earth: (Vs. 17)

Question #1: What images here are symbolic and who do they symbolize? As reference, read Ezekiel 29:1-7 and 32:1-10.

II. The Warfare in the place of Worship: Revelation 12:7-12

A. Perspective in the Heavenly Realm: (Job? Ephesians 6:12)

1. Angelic Intervention: (Vs. 7)

2. Aliases of Satan: (Vs. 8-10)

B. Praise in the Heavenly Realm: (Vs. 9-10)

1. Satan has access Denied: (Vs. 10)

2. Satan has been Defeated: (Vs. 11)

a) Blood of the Lamb

b) Word of our Testimony

3. Satan has been rendered Destroyed: (Vs. 12)

Question #2: Read Rev. 12:11 as a group. Who has been conquered and by what means was he conquered? (Note that the word translated "conquered" is the same as the word translated "overcome" in each of the letters to the churches in chapters 2 and 3.) It's been said people can argue your theology, but they can't argue your testimony. If a co-worker asked you your spiritual story over lunch this week, how prepared are you?

III. Workers of Wickedness: Revelation 13

A. The Beast from the Air: Satan (Eph. 2:2/6:12)

B. The Beast from the Sea: Antichrist Revelation 13:1-10

1. The Origin of the Antichrist: Rises from the Sea

2. The Optics of the Antichrist: powered by the Dragon (Vs. 2)

- Ten horns, ten diadems, blasphemous names
 - Leopard, Bear, Lion (Daniel 7)
3. **The Oddity concerning the Antichrist:** (Vs. 3, 14)
 4. **The Offensiveness from the Antichrist:** (vs. 5-9)
- C. **The Beast from the Land: The False Prophet: 13:11-18**
1. **The Mediation of the False Prophet:** (Vs. 11-12)
 2. **The Miracles of the False Prophet:** (Vs. 13-14)
 3. **The Mark of the False Prophet/Beast:** (Vs. 16-18)

Question #3: In light of what we've learned about Christ being our conquering King who overcomes the enemy, what is Satan able to do to you? If fear comes, what do we need to remind ourselves?

Take Away: Take a moment and ask the question: What is God wanting you to hear today?