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## The Battle and the Dragon Revelation 12 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will be looking at Revelation Chapter 12. This passage depicts a great battle between Satan and the angels led by Michael. Satan seeks to devour the child and torment the woman. Michael leads his army to throw Satan out of heaven down to the earth. Satan, the great deceiver, continues to do battle on the earth. Join us this week as we talk about the most important strategy we have in the battle for the souls of mankind.

THEY HAVE CONQUERED HIM BY  
THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY  
THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY.  
AND THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR  
LIVES SO AS TO SHY AWAY FROM  
DEATH.

- REVELATION 12:11



### **The Woman, Israel**

**12** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; <sup>2</sup> and she was with child; and she \*cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

### **The Red Dragon, Satan**

<sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. <sup>4</sup> And his tail \*swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

### **The Male Child, Christ**

<sup>5</sup> And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. <sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she \*had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

### **The Angel, Michael**

<sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, <sup>8</sup> and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time."

<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. <sup>14</sup> But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she \*was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup> And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.**

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
What does God MEAN?

1. Who is the Dragon?
2. Who might be the stars that Satan swipes away?
3. Why would Satan want to devour the child?
4. Who is Michael?
5. What is Satan known for in verse 9 and 10?
6. How are they able to overcome Satan?
7. At the end of the chapter with whom does Satan wage war?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

8. Has the battle with Satan ended or is he still battling today?

9. What does Satan want to gain in the battle? Why does this matter to us?

10. How can we overcome Satan and his work?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*