

JESUS REVELATION

The Child Chased by the Dragon (Revelation 12:1-11) Jesus Revelation pt. 3 Pastor Tim Peck

THE BIG IDEA

An unseen spiritual war rages between angels and demons. In this spiritual war, Jesus has vanquished evil. As we worship together, God's truth corrects deception, God's assurance replaces accusation, and God's courage overcomes intimidation.

OPENING

- What have you heard before about spiritual warfare? Why do you think many Christians avoid thinking about spiritual warfare?

DIGGING DEEPER

- Some people interpret the Woman in Revelation 12:1 as Eve. Others interpret her as Israel. Some as Mary. And still others as the Church. According to Darrell Johnson, "*She is the people of God, both before and after the coming of Jesus, representing Israel, Mary (the mother of Jesus), and the church, all at once.*"¹ If this is correct, where are we as Christians today in this vision?
- What do you learn about the Dragon in v. 9? Read Genesis 3:1-7; Matthew 4:10, and 25:41. What do you learn about the Dragon in these verses?
- Compare Revelation 12:7-9 with Luke 10:18. When do you think this happened?
- According to Pastor Tim, Jesus won his victory over Satan and evil by dying on the cross. Read Colossians 2:13-15. What does Paul say happened on the cross? Why do we still experience spiritual warfare if the victory has been won?

¹Darrell W Johnson, *Discipleship on The Edge: An Expository Journey Through the Book of Revelation* (Canadian Church Leaders Network), p. 219.

- The three primary strategies employed by the Dragon in Revelation 12 are deception (v. 9), accusation (v. 10), and intimidation (v. 6, 11). How can Christians respond to these strategies? What role does our worship play in our response?

PUTTING IT TO WORK

- Spend time this week in listening prayer for 15 minutes, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any lies you may be captive to. What was this time of listening prayer like for you?
- Pray this prayer of confession each day this week before you go to bed: *“Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart and mind and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, my Lord. Amen.”*² How does praying this prayer combat accusation?
- To learn more about spiritual warfare, Pastor Tim recommends John Mark Comer’s book *Live no Lies: Recognize and Resist the Three Enemies That Sabotage Your Peace* (WaterBrook Press, 2021).

PRAYER REQUESTS

To learn more about Pastor Tim’s approach to Revelation, see the article “Approaches to Revelation” on the Glenkirk website: <https://www.glenkirkchurch.org/sermon-series-jesus-revelation/>

²Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook* (Baker Books, 2013), pp. 89-90.