

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 226-Revelation 12)

Introduction: We have heard the declaration of the ultimate victory of God's kingdom over the forces of evil; but we still lack important information about who the characters are in this cosmic drama. Beginning in chapter twelve John is given symbolic pictures of the two spiritual armies involved in this conflict. It is ultimately the conflict between Satan and God.

Lesson aim: To seek to understand the spiritual significance of the conflict described in Revelation.

The woman, dragon and male child--Rev. 12:1-6

1. What is the first character John sees in this chapter? Describe her appearance. What was she about to do?
2. What stood before the woman? What did the dragon seek to do?
3. What was the child born of the woman destined to do? What happened to him?
4. What did the woman do? For what purpose was she there? For how long was she there?

The dragan attempts to destroy the woman and her offspring--Rev. 12:7-17

1. Who does John see in at war in this section? Who was victorious? How is the dragon identified? What happened to him?
2. The throwing down of Satan resulted in the coming of what things? (v. 10) What enabled the "brethren" to overcome?
3. Who did the dragon seek to destroy after failing to destroy the male child? What provisions were made for her protection? How did the earth help the woman?
4. Since the dragon could not kill the woman, what did he purpose to do?

