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Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Revelation 12: The Woman and the Dragon

Good evening, welcome to our Tuesday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 12. In this chapter, John describes a sign that appeared in heaven; a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. According to the scripture, the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

The woman receives supernatural assistance to reach a place of protection prepared by God. Once the dragon found that he could not destroy the woman; he became enraged, and went off to make war with her offspring. In order to gain true wisdom, knowledge, and understanding into what has happened already; we must go back to the Old Testament where it all started. In this chapter we will be reading and discussing the details of:

- The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon (verses 1-6)
- Satan Thrown Out of Heaven (verses 7-12)
- The Woman Persecuted (verses 13-17)

In the last chapter, we read about the seventh trumpet. The seventh angel prepares us not only for the fullness of time, but also for the explanation of all things. When the voice of the seventh angel sounds, the mystery of God is finished ([Revelation 10:5-7](#); [Galatians 4:1-7](#)).

At the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the seventh angel proclaimed the news that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will take over the nations of this world as their rightful ruler ([Revelation 11:15-19](#)). The announcement brings forth two reactions; one from heaven and one from the earth:

- Heaven rejoices, but
- The nations of the earth become angry.

Before we move forward in the study of this chapter, let us recall that through deception and disobedience, sin was allowed to enter and begin its reign in the earth. Deception hides out

in darkness, and waits for the opportunity to catch us when we are weak and vulnerable, this is Spiritual Warfare. As God's message continues to go forth in the earth; God specifically equipped us for such a time as this, as we move forward toward the end times ([Ephesians 4:7-16](#); [Ephesians 6:10-18](#); [2 Corinthians 4:1-18](#); [John 14:12-18](#)).

Jesus Christ Himself warned us over and over about the spirit of deception, and all the spirits that come with it. The spirit of deception is known by many names; such as Lucifer, the Serpent, the Devil, Satan, Leviathan, the Destroyer, the son of perdition, the accuser of the brethren, and others. In our studies, we have read about and discussed sin,

- How it came into the world,
- How it reigned unchallenged until the law was brought down by God through Moses, and
- How its reign was taken away when grace and truth was brought down by the Lord our God through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ ([John 1:14-16, 10-13](#); [Romans 5:1-11](#)).

We have seen sin in operation throughout history; from the time the serpent deceived Eve, through the killing of Abel by his brother Cain, through the relationships between people, and passed down through the generations of today ([Romans 5:12-21](#)). As we read and study the Word of God, we are learning to recognize, identify, and overcome sin in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Before Jesus died on the cross, before we came to know the Lord our God through Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit; through temptation, sin had the ability to snare us because we were unable to identify it in a way that could break the chains of captivity, because we had no power or authority over it.

When Jesus shed his blood for us on the cross at Calvary, the bonds of sin were broken, no more would sin hold us captive, and Jesus left us with something that builds us up and strengthens us, something that no one can take away, something that supersedes all power and authority that the enemy thinks he has over those who God has called to Himself, even in the midst of persecution and trouble, our God and Savior is with us ([Psalm 46:1-3,6-11](#); [Romans 6:1-23](#); [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)).

Even though we face persecution in this world, we endure; because what we see as children of the Most High God, is far greater than anything that can be seen by those who are in, and of this world. We are in the world, but we are not of it; and since we do not belong to the world, the world has no hold on us. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.

Enmity Between Satan and the Woman

- [Genesis 3:13-19](#) (...And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed)
- [Genesis 4:1-10](#) (Cain killed Abel)
- [Genesis 4:25-26](#) (And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed)
- [Genesis 37:15-28](#) (Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him)
- [Genesis 38:1-30](#) (The story of Judah & Tamar)
- [John 8:37-47, 51](#) (I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father....)
- [Exodus 1:15-22, Exodus 2:1-14](#) (Pharaoh sought to kill Moses)
- [1 Samuel 18, 19, 20](#) (Saul sought to kill David)
- [Matthew 2:1-18](#) (Herod sought to kill Jesus)

Lucifer, the Serpent, the Devil, Satan, Leviathan, Legion for We Are Many

- [Ezekiel 28:12-19](#) (You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God)
- [Luke 10:18-20](#) (And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven)
- [Isaiah 14:12-17](#) (How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning. How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations)
- [Isaiah 27:1](#) (In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea)
- [Psalm 74:12-14](#) (You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, and gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness)
- [1 Peter 5:5-11](#) (Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...)
- Mark 5:6-13 (The demon possessed man)

Condemnation of Those Who Do Not Believe

- [Matthew 10:32-39](#) (Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven)
- [John 3:18-21](#) (He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God)

- [Romans 1:18-32](#) (...Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things)
- [1 Corinthians 14:33](#) (For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints)

Navigating Through This Age of Deception

- [2 Peter 2:1-3](#) (But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction)
- [2 Peter 2:4-11](#) (The doom of the false teachers)
- [2 Peter 2:12-17](#) (The depravity of false teachers)
- [2 Peter 2:18-22](#) (The deceptions of false teachers)
- [2 Timothy 3:1-6](#) (But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come)
- [Matthew 7:15-21](#) (Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves)
- [1 John 2:18-29](#) (Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour)

Every Spirit is Not From God

- [1 John 4:1-6](#) (Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world)
- [Matthew 24:23-28](#) (Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it)
- [Romans 16:17-20](#) (Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them)
- [2 Corinthians 11:12-15](#) (But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ)
- [2 Timothy 4:1-5](#) (For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables)

Salvation Has Come

- [Hebrews 11:4](#) (By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain)
- [John 14:25-31](#) (I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me)

- [Romans 5:12-21](#) (Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned)
- [1 Corinthians 1:18-24](#) (For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God)
- [Hebrews 12:3-17](#) (For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls)
- [Hebrews 12:18-29](#) (For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest.... But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels)

Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

- [Isaiah 26:17-19](#) (As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, when she draws near the time of her delivery, so have we been in Your sight, O Lord)
- [Isaiah 66:7-9](#) (Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child)
- [Isaiah 26:20-21](#) (Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past)
- [Isaiah 66:14-24](#) (When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; the hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, and His indignation to His enemies)
- [Micah 4:5,9-10](#) (For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever)
- [Galatians 4:8-10](#) (But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods)
- [Revelation 2:8-11](#) (I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan)
- [Galatians 4:21-31](#) (Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law)
- [Hebrews 8:7-13](#) (For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second)
- [John 14:1-6](#) (Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me)

The Power Living In Us

- [Job 16:18-19](#) (Surely even now my witness is in heaven, and my evidence is on high)
- [Ezekiel 36:22-27; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 8:9-11; 1 John 4:12-16](#) (I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them)

- [1 John 5:10-13](#) (He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son)
- [1 John 5:1-5](#) (By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments)
- [1 John 5:6-9](#) (If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son)
- [Hebrews 12:1-2](#) (Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us)
- [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#) (Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God)
- [1 Corinthians 2:6-16](#) (But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory)