



God Confirms Unrelenting Hope Despite the Temporary Reign of Satan on Earth

A Study of Revelation 12 - 13

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-11

God assures us Christ will reign in glory for eternity
but, before it appears, the world will experience Satan's kingdom.

1. THE WOMAN AND A DRAGON

- a. Sign #1 – a woman clothed with the sun (12:1-2, 5a-b)
- b. Sign #2 – a great, red dragon (12:3-4a)
- c. The Conflict (12:4b)
- d. The Great Escape (12:5c-6) – and the Biblical theology of Jesus' deliverance

2. THE ANGELIC BATTLE IN THE HEAVENS

- a. Unseen by Man (12:7-9) – and the Biblical theology of spiritual battles
- b. God's Authority (12:10-11)
- c. Opportunity to Rejoice! (12:12a)
- d. Satan's Urgency (12:12b)

3. GREAT ESCAPE AND GREAT FURY

- a. The Dragon's Pursuit (12:13, 17)
- b. The Supernatural Escape (12:14)
- c. The Dragon's Fury (12:15)
- d. The Miraculous Assistance (12:16)
- e. The Position of Earthly Prominence (12:17b)

4. RISE OF A RULER "LIKE A LEOPARD"

- a. His Description (13:1-3)
- b. The People's Response (13:4)
- c. The Beast's Behavior (13:5-7)
- d. Near-Universal Worship (13:8)
- e. Assurance of God's Sovereignty (13:9-10)

5. RISE OF THE VICE RULER

- a. His Description (13:11-12)
- b. His Ability (13:13-18)

Our heavenly Father has said in his word some mysterious things which few of his children can yet comprehend. This is just what we might have expected when the infinite God speaks to finite men, and it is no doubt intended to humble us and draw forth our reverent adoration.

- C. H. Spurgeon in "How They Conquered the Dragon," May 30, 1875

