

REVELATION • Victory in Jesus • LESSON 15 (July 29)

Revelation 12: The Pregnant Woman and the Great Dragon

1. Take a moment to remind yourself of the context. What might Revelation 12:1 have to do with Revelation 11:19? Are they connected in any way? If so, how?
2. In view of our study of Revelation to this point, go back and read Luke 1. Make particular note of Luke 1:30-33, 46-55, and 68-79. Do you hear any echoes of Revelation in these passages? If so, what stands out?
3. Next, take the time to read Matthew 2 to remind yourself of some of the serious and tragic circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. How do these historical events relate to the Revelation 12 portion of the vision John is experiencing?
4. When we read that the woman in this vision gives birth to "a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron" (12:5), the identity of the male child becomes very clear (see Psalm 2, Revelation 2:26-27, and Revelation 19:11-16). In what way would Jesus rule all the nations with a rod of iron?
5. What would have been the ripple effects and ultimate outcome had the great red dragon been successful in devouring the male child (12:4)?
6. Revelation 12:7 is not the first time the archangel Michael is mentioned in Scripture. Take the time to revisit what we studied in Daniel 10:1-21 and Daniel 12:1-4 (as well as Jude 8-9). What should we take away from Revelation 12:7-12?
7. In what way is "the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" an "accuser of our brothers" (12:10)?
8. If you were going to summarize what is revealed in Revelation 12:13-16, how would you go about it?
9. Revelation 12:17 seems to be communicating something of vital importance. What is it?