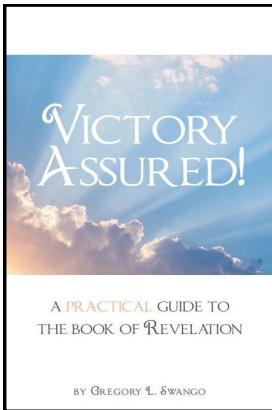


Victory Assured! -- Victory Over Worldliness



Overcoming Satan (Rev. 12:1-17)

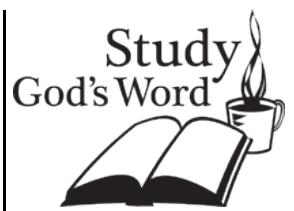
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Scripture References

Rev. 12:1-6,13-17
Gen. 3:15

Rev. 12:7-12
Job 1:7
Eph. 2:2
Jn. 8:44
1Pet. 5:8

Rev. 20:10

Rom. 3:23; 3:10
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Rom. 5:9
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Lk. 9:23
Mk. 10:29-31

About Chapter 12

From Chapter 12 to 22 Revelation is about the victory of good over evil.

There will be a new set of problems, and a new set of victories!

The eternal struggle is seen in this chapter.

The woman is the covenant people of God.

Understanding the symbolism of this Chapter is a key to understanding the rest of the book.

The Devil is Overcome (12:1-6,13-17).

The woman is OT Israel, her job is to bring forth the Christ-child

The dragon is Satan himself. He does not want the child to be born/live

Unsuccessful in killing the Child, the dragon goes to war with the people from whom He came

The woman is now the NT church the offspring of Christ

The destruction meant for the church is diverted with those of the world drinking up the river

Overcoming the Devil (12:7-12).

The angel Michael and his forces defeat the devil and cast him from heaven.

The devil is:

The great dragon indicating a great devourer; he never makes a deal

The serpent of old meaning a beguiler or trickster; he can't be trusted

The devil an accuser, always pointing out our sin and shortcomings

Satan an adversary; he is never on our side for our good

A deceiver of the whole world he knows right but will say otherwise

Three ways to overcome Satan (12:11):

Overcome by the blood of the Lamb

Overcome by the word of your testimony (the gospel)

Overcome by not loving your life, even unto death

Put It into Practice!

1. Discuss some times in the OT that it seemed as if the devil had broken the seed-line to Christ.
2. What is the importance of the pregnant woman who after giving birth was persecuted?
3. In looking at the five-fold description of Satan, is any one attribute more terrifying than the others?
4. What are some practical ways we can keep from drinking the devil's flood of temptations?
5. Where are you in the three-step formula of Rev. 12:11 to be an overcomer?

