

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Welcome to our study of the book of Revelation using *Victory Assured!* as our guide.
- B. Purchasing the book is not necessary but will help deepen your understanding of the lessons.
- C. *Victory Assured!* is a thematic (or subject study) of the book of Revelation. *Victory Assured!* does not focus on the various details of the Revelation but rather stressed the main subjects and themes to help the reader gain the overall teachings of the book.
- D. Last week, Overcoming by Knowing the Warning Signs (8:1-11:19).
- E. This week, Overcoming Satan (12:1-17).

OVERCOMING SATAN

I. ABOUT CHAPTER 12.

- A. From Chapter 12 to 22 Revelation is about the victory of good over evil.
- B. There will be a new set of problems, and a new set of victories!
- C. The eternal struggle is seen in this chapter.
- D. The woman is the covenant people of God.
- E. Understanding the symbolism of this Chapter **is a key to understanding the rest of the book.**

II. THE DEVIL IS OVERCOME (12:1-6,13-17).

- A. The woman is OT Israel, her job is to **bring forth the Christ-child.**
- B. The dragon is Satan himself. He does not **want the child to be born or to live.**
- C. Unsuccessful in killing the Child, the dragon goes to war with **the people from whom He came.**
- D. The woman is now the NT church **the offspring of Christ.**
- E. The destruction meant for the church is **diverted with those of the world drinking up the river.**

III. OVERCOMING THE DEVIL (12:7-12).

- A. The angel Michael and his forces defeat the devil and cast him from heaven.
- B. The devil is:
 - 1. The great dragon **which indicates a great devourer; he never makes a deal.**
 - 2. The serpent of old **which means a beguiler or trickster, he cannot be trusted.**
 - 3. The devil **is an accuser, always pointing out our sin and shortcomings.**
 - 4. Satan **is an adversary; he is never on our side for our good.**
 - 5. A deceiver of the whole world **in that he knows what is right but will tell you something else.**
- C. Three ways to overcome Satan (12:11):
 - 1. Overcome by **the blood of the Lamb.**
 - 2. Overcome by **the word of your testimony (the gospel).**
 - 3. Overcome by **not loving your life, even unto death.**

CONCLUSION.

- A. You can overcome the devil because he has been overcome. God's great plan in saving men and women has succeeded. Jesus sits triumphantly at the right hand of God and His authority is supreme.
- B. If you will become obedient to God through Jesus you will be saved by His blood. If you keep the word of your testimony concerning a faithful walk, and if you not love your life even to the point of death--victory is assured!
- C. Next time: Overcoming Political Persecution (Rev. 13:1-10).