



*Humanity Saved*

Revelation 12:1-12

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**Key Thought:** Our God helps us stay faithful in times of trial by telling us what was, and is, and is to come.

**Key Question:** What does God tell us in Revelation to help us stay faithful?

### **The Wilderness of Our World: (vv. 1-5)**

*John writes in order that we may be strong for the testimony we are called. He starts with “what was.” He shares about the woman, Eve. Creation and the covenant purpose of God are being fulfilled from a line of descent that comes from her. He also shares how Satan has gone from serpent to dragon in his power and influence as he attempted to stop the birth of Christ and now our trust in Christ. John makes it clear there is a spiritual assault on our souls now, in the wilderness of our world. But, we can stand strong because the testimony of The Son, our Savior, is our hope and strength.*

**1) Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. In Revelation 12 we learn of the power and influence of Satan. What does it look like to heed Peter’s words regarding our advisory, “Be sober-minded; be watchful”?**

- We learned how many times throughout scripture the covenant purpose of God came within one life of being exterminated by Satan and his minions. What are some of those instances and what do they teach us about Satan and God?
- Reread Revelation 12:5 and explain how it describes the message of Jesus. Why relish this message?

### **The War in Heaven: (vv. 7-11a)**

*Following the history of the wilderness experience, next John tells of the war that is ongoing. We learn there is a war that we, not only can’t see, but also often causes fear in us. Satan is not just working on the macro level either. He is working on our hearts, using accusations to make us doubt God’s grace is for us.*

**2) When Satan accuses us, what makes it stick? What then must we remember?**

- What happens when we see and experience trials or pain that we know in our own humanity we cannot overcome? What’s your first response to such things?
- How do you help a believer who still seems to struggle with guilt for things Christ has paid for fully?
- Read Micah 7:18 then read it again. Have one or two share what is timely or significant about this truth.

### **The Word of Life: (vv. 11-12)**

*The Word of life is revealed to us by what was, and what is, and what is to come. John makes it clear that we have a Gospel testimony that is precious and compelling. It is such good news that John shows it is a song worth singing even in the wilderness. He gives a warning that is actually a message of hope.*

**3) How is the warning in verse 12 actually a message of hope for us?**

- What has helped you reflect and relish the message of the Gospel even in the midst of trials or attack?
- Does Jesus love you? (He has come, He has won, He is coming again! Trust Him. He loves you!)

### **Q’s for Kids: (Read Revelation 12:1-12 together)**

- 1) What do we need to remember about Jesus when Satan tries to scare us or make us doubt God’s love?**
- 2) What’s the testimony God gives believers? Why is important for us to remember and to share?**