

# Cosmic Conflict

## Revelation 12

Big Idea: Our victory is secure through the blood of Jesus. Satan may accuse, but Christ is our defender. We're not saved by our works—we're saved by crying out, "Jesus, I need You." The cross defeated our enemy. We win because of what He did.

### Main Points

1. **We are in a real spiritual war** - Our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12)
2. **Israel matters to God's plan** - Understanding God's purposes for Israel helps us understand His work in the world today
3. **Our victory is already won** - Through Christ's blood on the cross, Satan is a defeated enemy, even though he still attacks
4. **We must declare our testimony** - Speaking out loud about what Christ has done for us is a weapon against the enemy
5. **Satan's time is short** - He knows he's defeated, which makes him more furious and desperate

### Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6
- Genesis 37:5-11
- Psalm 2:8-9
- Revelation 19:15
- 2 Corinthians 11:14
- Ephesians 2:2
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Isaiah 9:6
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Revelation 5:5
- Romans 10:9-10

### Opening Question:

Have you ever gotten lost because you missed an important sign? What happened? How does this relate to missing spiritual "signs" in our lives?

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### Discussion Questions:

What does it mean that Israel is God's "super sign"? How does Genesis 37:9 (Joseph's dream of the sun, moon, and stars) connect to Revelation 12:1?

Why does Satan hate Israel so intensely? What has been his strategy throughout history to destroy God's chosen people?

The sermon mentions that war arose "in heaven" (verse 7). How does this challenge our typical understanding of heaven? What does this reveal about the cosmic nature of spiritual warfare?

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Pastor Tim mentioned that Satan works in two ways: deceiving unbelievers that he's not real, and accusing believers of their sins. Which of these tactics have you experienced more in your own life?

Read the three ways believers conquer Satan (Revelation 12:11): By the blood of the Lamb, By the word of their testimony, By not loving their lives even unto death. Which of these three do you find most challenging to live out? Why?

The sermon stated: "The best thing about my life isn't all of these things... The best thing is we are redeemed." Do you truly believe this? What competes with this truth in your heart?

Romans 10:9 says we must "confess with our mouth" and "believe in our heart." Why is the verbal confession so important? When was the last time you verbally declared your faith in Jesus?

Pastor Tim said, "Every single day, we need to come back to the fact that Jesus shed His blood for me." What practical habit could you establish to remind yourself daily of Christ's sacrifice?

Ephesians 6 (read at the beginning) talks about our spiritual armor. Which piece of armor do you need to "put on" more intentionally this week?

The sermon mentioned that Satan "accuses us day and night." What lies or accusations have you been believing about yourself? How does the truth of the gospel counter those lies?

#### Practical Applications:

1. Daily Declaration: Each morning, speak out loud: "I am forgiven by the blood of Jesus. I am a child of God. Satan has no power over me."
2. Testimony Writing: Write out your testimony of how Jesus saved you. Share it with at least one person this week.
3. Prayer for Israel: Commit to praying daily for the peace of Jerusalem and for Jewish people to recognize Jesus as their Messiah (Psalm 122:6).
4. Spiritual Armor Check: Each morning, intentionally "put on" each piece of spiritual armor from Ephesians 6:10-18, praying through each piece.
5. Identity Verses: Memorize Revelation 12:11 and one other verse about your identity in Christ.

#### Closing Thought/Prayer:

"We have victory today by the blood of the Lamb. Our victory is secure in Christ and through His blood." Remember: You're not going to heaven because of church attendance, Bible reading, or good works. You're going to heaven because you've cried out, "Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I need Jesus as my Savior."