



## Merry Christmas

By Taylor Braswell on November 8, 2022

### TODAY'S READING: Revelation 12

Yes, I know it is November! What if I told you Revelation 12 is the same story as the Christmas story you are used to? In fact, in this chapter we see the redemption narrative of the whole Bible. The next time you gather with your family on Christmas to read the Christmas story, read this too. In verses 1-6, God sends His Son into the world just like He promised. Jesus, fully God and fully man, was born to save humanity.

In verses 7-12, Satan is defeated because Christ died as the sacrificial lamb in our place and shed His blood to save us! In verses 13-17, it is made more clear that the woman was Israel and that although her son (Jesus) was not defeated by Satan, there is still a war being waged as Satan knows his time is short. Although Satan will wage war against believers before Christ returns, God has promised that He will protect His children. The wings represent God's protection, just as they did in Exodus 19:4, *"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to me."*

Whether you believe these verses are referring to a time to come or are talking about God's provision for believers right now, one thing is true: God sealed the fate of Satan once and for all when he sent His Son into the world to save us! God promised to send a Savior and Jesus has come and has defeated Satan by His death on the cross. While we still live on this earth, we can live under the blessing of God's provision in our lives and protection from the evil one. What a peace we have, Church, knowing that God loves His children, and our future is secure.

**PRAYER:** Father, thank You for sending Your Son into the world to save me. Thank You that I have a hope and a future because of Jesus' blood that was shed on the cross. Help me remember that You are protecting and providing for me each day and give me a heart of thankfulness.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 13

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