

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 12:7-12

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 7:7-12.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

[7] And there was war in heaven,  
Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon.  
The dragon and his angels waged war,  
[8] and they were not strong enough,  
and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.  
[9] And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old  
    who is called the devil and Satan,  
    who deceives the whole world;  
he was thrown down to the earth,  
and his angels were thrown down with him.  
[10] Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,  
“Now the salvation,  
and the power,  
and the kingdom  
    of our God  
and the authority of His Christ have come,  
    for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down,  
    he who accuses them before our God day and night.  
[11] And they overcame him  
    because of the blood of the Lamb  
    and because of the word of their testimony,  
and they did not love their life even when faced with death.  
[12] For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them.  
Woe to the earth and the sea,  
    because the devil has come down to you,  
    having great wrath,  
    knowing that he has only a short time.”

1. Read Revelation 12:1-3 from the previous study How does the text help us to understand how to interpret what is going on in verses 7-12? (hint: the key word is found in 12:1 and 12:3)

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2. In Revelation 12:7, how does the scene change from 12:1-6? Describe the location, actions, and character changes.
  
3. In Revelation 12:7, who is Michael? Is there another reference to him in Revelation? What does this say about what the author presumes we know? Give other bible references to help determine who Michael is and why he might be here in this scene.
  
4. In Revelation 12:7, what dragon are we referring to? Look first to define the dragon only in terms of what we have seen from Revelation 1-12 so far, if that is possible. If it is not, then how would we know who it is referring to? Finish by reviewing other scripture to inform who the dragon is, citing your references. (hint: the dragon becomes a major character in Revelation)
  
5. What does verse 8 tell us about the war? (duration, location, results, etc.)
  
6. Revelation 12:9 is filled with descriptive information. List all of the descriptive information about the dragon.

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❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 7:7-12 again.

7. From the previous question, who is the “serpent of old”? Use Scripture to define your answer and list your references. Why would John use this description of the dragon? Think about the big picture across all of Scripture.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Define Devil and Satan using any Bible dictionary you have. Is there a difference? Why might John list both names? (blueletterbible.org and the app “Literal Word” both are free and have solid dictionaries).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. The dragon is also described as the one “who deceives the whole world.” How does deceiving relate to his other names (serpent, devil, Satan) in this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. List the action words that are repeated in verse 9. What does the repetition of these words in verse 9 indicate? How does this relate to verse 8?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Still in Revelation 12:8-9, where was the dragon and his angels before the war? Where are they after the war?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. In verse 10 there is another loud voice in heaven. List the items the loud voice says has come.

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13. Still in verse 10, there is a “for” clause. This explains the reason why these things “have come.” What is the reason?

❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 7:7-12 again.

14. Back in verse 10, who is the accuser? Define your answer from this passage.

15. Who are the brethren? Expand your search for brethren to include everything from Revelation 1-12. Does this help us to understand who is speaking in a loud voice?

16. Where was the dragon before he was cast down? What was he doing incessantly?

17. In verse 11, who “overcame” who? What does it mean to overcome “because of the blood of the Lamb”? How do they also overcome “because of the word of their testimony”? What is their testimony according to this verse?

18. What did those who “overcame” love more than their life?

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19. In verse 12, there is another explanation by the keyword “for.” What is the reason for the rejoicing? Who is to rejoice?

20. Why is there woe coming to the earth and sea based on verse 12?

21. Review the word “wrath” in your bible dictionary. Is it the same word already used in Revelation so far? Whose wrath is this?

22. Summarize this passage in 23 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray for Pastor Bret to be faithful to the text, that our hearts and minds would be prepared to hear the Word of God heralded from the pulpit, and that we would respond with renewed minds and lives that bear fruit to the Good News of Jesus Christ.