



# Revelation 12



“It’s like the Church in the west is under some sort of satanic lullaby.”

- Iranian Pastor



# Engaging in Spiritual Warfare



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# ACT I: Satan vs. God



[7] Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, [8] but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

**Revelation 7:7-9**



[9] And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

**Revelation 7:7-9**





# ACT I: Satan vs. God



[12] Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**Revelation 7:12**



# ACT II:

## Satan vs. Israel



[13] And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

**Revelation 7:13**



[1] And a great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, with the  
moon under her feet, and on her head a  
crown of twelve stars.

**Revelation 7:1**



[6] She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron...

**Revelation 7:6**



# ACT II: Satan vs. Israel



[4] And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

**Revelation 7:4**





# ACT III:

## Satan vs. Jesus



“It is John’s Spirit-appointed task to supplement the work of Matthew and Luke so that the nativity cannot be sentimentalized into coziness nor domesticated into worldliness.

- Eugene Peterson



This is not the nativity story we grew up with, but it is the nativity story all the same. Jesus' birth excites more than wonder; it excites evil.”

- Eugene Peterson



# ACT III:

## Satan vs. Jesus



[15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in the cross.

**Colossians 2:15**



[17] Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

**Revelation 12:17**



# ACT IV:

## Satan vs. The Church



[8] Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**1 Peter 5:8**





# How Satan attacks the Church:



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## 1. Accusation



[10] For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

**Revelation 12:10**



# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation



# How Satan attacks the Church:

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- Against Ourselves



# How Satan attacks the Church:

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- Against Ourselves
- Against Others



[35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

**John 13:35**



# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation

- Against Ourselves
- Against Others





# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation

- Against Ourselves
- Against Others

## 2. Deception



[9] ...who is called the devil and Satan,  
the deceiver of the whole world...

**Revelation 12:9**



# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation

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## 2. Deception



# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation

- Against Ourselves
- Against Others

## 2. Deception

- False Doctrine



“Now, what happens if you eliminate anything from the Bible that offends your sensibility and crosses your will? If you pick and choose what you want to believe and reject the rest,

- **Tim Keller**



how will you ever have a God who can contradict you? You won't! You'll have a God, essentially, of your own making, and not a God with whom you can have a relationship and genuine interaction.

- **Tim Keller**



Only if your God can say things that outrage you and make you struggle (as in a real friendship or marriage!) will you know that you have gotten hold of a real God and not a figment of your imagination.

- **Tim Keller**



So an authoritative Bible is not the enemy of a personal relationship with God. It is the precondition for it.”

- **Tim Keller**





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- Against Ourselves
- Against Others

## 2. Deception

- False Doctrine



# How Satan attacks the Church:

## 1. Accusation

- Against Ourselves
- Against Others

## 2. Deception

- False Doctrine
- False Loves



[10] And 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 brothers has  
been thrown down,

**Revelation 12:10-12**



who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>[11]</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

**Revelation 12:10-12**



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