

REVELATION - THE FINAL VICTORY

(Lesson 6)

Intro: What do you consider the two or three great enemies of the church?

- The Fourth Vision: The Seven Visions

1. The First Vision: The Great Red Dragon (12:1-17)

The Dragon and the Child (12:1-6)

- Identify the woman, the red dragon and the male child.
- How is the red dragon portrayed in the vision?
- What is the 1,260 days when the woman is in the desert?

The War in the Sky (12:7-12)

- What battle is being referred to ? (note especially verses 10-12)
- In what way is Satan the "accuser of our brothers"?
- How was Satan defeated?

The Dragon Persecutes the Woman (12:13-17)

- What is the significance of the two wings that the woman receives?
- What is the river that the devil uses to destroy God's church?
- In what sense does the world swallow up the devil's attacks?
- Failing to destroy the woman, with whom does Satan make war?

2. The Second Vision: The Beast from the Sea (13:1-10)

(Daniel's vision in chapter 7 of his book helps us identify John's vision here. Daniel saw four beasts come out of the sea - a lion, bear, a four headed leopard, and a terrifying beast with ten horns. These beasts are identified as four earthly kingdoms - Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome.)

- What similar characteristics does this beast from the sea have?
- What "fatal wound" did the beast suffer only a few hundred years after John wrote this?
- What fatal wounds does the beast still suffer?
- What are the blasphemies that this beast speaks?
- Where does this beast derive its power?
- What additional power does this beast receive?
- What comfort is given to those who have to withstand the dragon and the beast?

3. The Third Vision: The Beast from the Earth (13:11-18)

- How is this beast from the earth described?
- What powers does this beast have?
- How does the beast from the earth serve the beast from the sea?
- What does a mark or brand indicate?
- To whom does the number 666 belong?
- Since the number 7 is used for God's covenant with his people, how does the number 666 help characterize this beast and his work?

Conclusion: Why is it necessary for Christians of every era to identify the allies of Satan?