

# **Christmas Eve Message**

## **“Christmas and Your Spiritual Battle”**

### **Revelation 12 – December 24, 2025**

#### **Christmas in the Book of Revelation**

- Did you know that you can find the Christmas story in Psalms, Isaiah, Micah, Matthew, Luke, John, Galatians, and the Book of Revelation?
- **Revelation 12:1-6**
- The Christmas story is WAY MORE than just a warm, fuzzy account of the birth of God’s Son in a manger. The Christmas story is a part of a larger, **cosmic spiritual battle** going on for the souls of humans throughout all of history!!

#### **The Meaning of Revelation 12**

- The 3 major characters in Revelation 12

<b>Person</b>	<b>Identity</b>	<b>Scriptures</b>
Dragon	Satan	Rev. 12:9 clearly identifies dragon as Satan.
Woman	Israel	Israel “births” Messiah (Romans 1:3; 9:4-5). Israel is pictured as sun, moon stars (Genesis 37:9-10).
Child	Messiah	Compare Rev. 12:5 with Rev. 19:15. Clearly Jesus.

- History is fully of accounts of the dragon (satan) seeking to destroy the woman (Israel) and her Child (Messiah):
  - Pharaoh enslaves and seeks to annihilate the Jews (Book of Exodus)
  - Athaliah seeks to wipe out the royal line of David (2 Kings 11)
  - Haman seeks to annihilate the Jews (Book of Esther)
  - Herod seeks to kill the Christ Child (Matthew 2)
  - Judas betrays Jesus leading to His crucifixion (Matthew 26-27)
  - Rome conquers Jerusalem and kills 1 million Jews (70 AD)
  - Spanish Inquisition burns Jews at the stake (1400s)
  - Hitler kills 6 million Jews in Holocaust (1940s)
  - Future: Antichrist will seek to destroy the Jews (Daniel 9:27; 11:36-45; Zechariah 12:1-9; Revelation 12:13-17; 13:7)

#### **Matthew 2 is an Example of Revelation 12**

- In Matthew 2, Herod (Dragon) seeks to kill Mary and Jesus (Woman and Child).
- **Matthew 2:1-16**
- **Question #1** – How do you escape the dragon? (Matthew 2)
  - (1) Through **worship** of God/Jesus (v.11)
    - Worship is a spiritual weapon (Psalm 8:2; 149:6; 2 Chron. 20:21-22; Acts 16:25-26; 2 Corinthians 10:4)
    - Song: “This is How We Fight Our Battles”
  - (2) Through listening to God and obeying His promptings (vv.12-15)

- The wise men listened to God and obeyed His prompting to go home by another way. Joseph listened to God and obeyed His prompting to take his family temporarily to Egypt.
- We listen to God primarily by reading and studying His Word (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). We can also hear God through promptings (Acts 8:29), circumstances (Acts 5:1-11; 10:44-48; 16:6-7), people (Acts 9:26-28; 11:27-30; 13:1-3; 18:24-27; 21:10-11; 2 Samuel 12), angels (Acts 5:19-20; 8:26; 12:5-11; 27:23-24), God’s audible voice (Acts 9:1-9; 23:11), dreams and visions (Acts 2:17-21; 9:10,12; 10:3-19; 16:9-10; 18:9).

- **Question #2** – How do you battle and overcome the dragon? (Revelation 12:11)
  - (1) Plead **the Blood**: Trust fully in the merits of Christ’s shed blood for you on the cross. Pray the blood over yourself and your family (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 1:7; Romans 5:9).
  - (2) Wield the Sword of **God’s Word**: Quote God’s Word to yourself and others (Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:17).
  - (3) Die to self: Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Jesus even if it means persecution or martyrdom (Luke 9:23-24).
  - (4) Put on the **Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10-20).

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<i>Ready for Anything with the Armor of God</i>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Message Title</b>	<b>Bible Text</b>
Jan 4	The Belt of Truth	Ephesians 6:10-20
Jan 11	The Breastplate of Righteousness	Ephesians 6:10-20
Jan 18	The Gospel of Peace Shoes	Ephesians 6:10-20
Jan 25	The Shield of Faith	Ephesians 6:10-20
Feb 1	The Helmet of Salvation	Ephesians 6:10-20
Feb 8	The Sword of the Spirit	Ephesians 6:10-20

**My Application This Christmas** – With God’s help and power, I am going to...

- Receive Jesus Christ into my life: “*God, I repent of my sin, and I turn to You. Jesus, I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and that You rose from the dead for my life. I receive You, Jesus, into my life. Please make me new. I choose to follow You.*”
- Worship Jesus daily like the wise men with my adoration, my gifts, and my obedience.
- Listen to God daily by reading and applying His Word every day obeying what I hear God say to me.
- Pray. Really pray. And plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my life and over my family. I’m going to fight my battles on my knees!!!
- Deny myself, pick up my cross, and follow Jesus. I am going to serve others (as a way of serving Jesus).
- Come faithfully to church the first 6 weeks of the new year in order to learn how to put on the armor of God daily.