

# Take it Home

Applying the Preached Word



## The Little Boy Has Conquered: Cosmic Conflict of Christmas

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**Text: Revelation 12**

### **Main Point:**

The little boy (Jesus) has conquered (Satan).

### **Key Ideas:**

1. One reason we are studying this, is that this vision is intended by God to help our souls come alive to the meaning of Christmas. The incarnation is God, in Christ, declaring war on the powers of darkness.
2. The second reason we are studying this is to reinforce the reality of spiritual warfare in the battle.

There are two signs- the Woman and the Dragon.

1. The woman-the woman symbolizes the people of God. She is pregnant, and God foretold the deliverer would be born from Eve's offspring. We need the promised one that is to come to deliver us from the curse.
2. The dragon-the dragon is Satan, his wisdom symbolized by seven heads, his wisdom symbolized by the horns, his power the diadems. The turning point in this cosmic war is the birth of the child by which the dragon is defeated and thrown down. The dragon is conquered by the blood of the Lamb. The child is the Lamb of God. When the dragon realizes he is defeated, he goes after the woman- the people of God, (That's us).

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## **Fellowship Starters**

### ***Treasure: Application to stir our love for Christ***

1. How can looking at the Christmas story through the lens of Revelation 12, a non-typical Christmas passage, rekindle an excitement for celebrating Christmas and draw us closer to the Savior?
2. How are you, your friends, or your family most tempted to drift to a cultural celebration of Christmas and miss reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas?

### ***Grow: Application to stir our obedience to Christ***

3. How did Sunday's message on Jesus being the conquer of the great dragon affect you?
4. How has the dragon, Satan, attacked you through temptation and lies (Consider the ways our culture is lying to us about what is true and how our self-righteousness and legalism can substitute for grace)?
5. How can we draw strength and rest in our spiritual battles against sin by viewing them in light of our victory in Christ (Consider the armor of God, and that we do not fight alone, God is on our side)?

### ***Proclaim: Application to stir our witness for Christ***

6. How well have you been doing to invite friends and neighbors to church this Christmas season?
7. Our culture is increasingly looking to remove Christ from Christmas. How often do you allow your faith break through the secular conversations about the "Holidays" at your work or as you talk to your neighbors?