

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 18

This guide is designed to help in preparing you for your group discussion.

**Quick Review**

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

**Introduction**

**Revelation 12** is Act 1 in a much broader story and John writes down the “behind the scenes” description of what takes place. If you could go “behind the scenes” of any movie production or Broadway show, which one would it be? Why?

**Digging In****Read Revelation 12:1-17**

Pastor Jeff describes Revelation 12 as the First Act with 3 different Scenes.

**Scene 1:** Satan vs Israel (**12:1-6**)

**Scene 2:** Satan vs Michael (**12:7-12**)

**Scene 3:** Satan vs the Christ-Follower (**12:13-17**)

**Question 1:** Read Revelation 12:1-6. Pastor Jeff describes **Scene 1** as *Satan vs Israel*. Throughout human history Satan has been scheming to persecute Israel so that the Messiah would not come through the Davidic line. But God's ultimate plan will never be thwarted. Satan will persecute but God will protect.

How have you seen in your own life Satan's attacks? What do you use to protect yourself? **Read Ephesians 6:10-20.** In what specific ways have you put on the armor God provides? How have you seen spiritual attacks happen when you haven't girded yourself with those different pieces of armor?

**Question 2:** Read Revelation 12:7-12. Pastor Jeff describes **Scene 2** as *Satan vs Michael*. Once Satan is finally kicked out of heaven, Satan knows his timeline is getting shorter and Earth will feel the incoming torment he will bring. Satan and his angels begin bringing accusations against those who follow God on earth. Satan accuses but God will be our advocate.

Satan will accuse believers of their failures and unworthiness to be followers of God. Satan is known as “the accuser.” **John 8:44** calls Satan “the father of lies.” How does Satan accuse you to get you to believe the accusations against you? How does **1 John 2:1** remind you that Jesus is your advocate? How are you reminded of the righteousness that God gives you on behalf of Jesus?

**Question 3:** Read Revelation 12:13-17. Pastor Jeff describes **Scene 3** as *Satan vs. the Christ-Followers*. Satan is looking to make war on the rest of Israel's offspring, which was those who keep the commandments of God and hold to Jesus' testimony! Satan wants to make war and Christ wants us to keep our witness!

What do you think “holding to the testimony of Jesus” means? How did that look in your life this week? How do you think Satan attacks the ways we can uphold the testimony of Jesus in our current day?

**Question 4:** How is your prayer life reflecting the knowledge of what is talked about in **Revelation 12** as it relates to the spiritual warfare that is taking place and will take place? How does this passage help you focus on the spiritual warfare Christians will endure from the enemy?

### Taking it Home

It would seem unwise for any person to underestimate the strength of Satan’s power in the spiritual realm. Revelation gives many ways in which Satan will attempt to attack those who are pursuing a godly life. Write down three reasons for as reminders as to why you should not be overwhelmed by Satan’s attacks this week:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

**Adoration** – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

**Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving** – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

**Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?