



-- **Big Idea: We live in the midst of an all-encompassing war between the spiritual forces of good and evil.**

-- This life can be so treacherous because Satan is dead-set upon **DEVOURING** the church (Ephesians 6:11-12).

-- **Revelation 12 is the literal and symbolic centerpiece of the book.**

-- Chapter 12 introduces two major signs, and then chapters 13-15 will expound on these two signs with a series of seven visions.

-- This chapter is a big picture view of a cosmic war that is taking place between the two signs: the **WOMAN** and her son and the **DRAGON**

### **1.) The Dragon (v. 3-4)**

-- The dragon is **SATAN** or the devil (v. 9, Genesis 3).

-- Satan is the archenemy of God and of God's people. He is a fearsome foe who has a host of demons at his disposal.

### **2.) The Male Child (v. 5)**

-- The male child is **JESUS CHRIST** (Psalm 2, Revelation 11:15).

-- Here we have an extremely condensed look at the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation of Christ.

### 3.) The Woman (v. 1-2, 6)

- The woman in this passage is mother Israel, and, by extension, **ALL** of God's people (Genesis 3:15, v. 15).
- The pregnant woman in the agony of birth pains (v. 2) represents the whole Assembly of God's people yearning to welcome the promised Savior to earth (Jeremiah 4:31, John 16:21-22).
- The image of the woman is very intentionally modeled upon the picture of **ISRAEL** given to Joseph in his dream (Gen. 37:9-10).
- After the Son leaves, the woman still remains, for the woman symbolizes God's people on earth—the church.

## Application

### 1.) Acknowledge the **WAR**

- Today's text is a urgent reminder that we dwell in the midst of an all-encompassing battle that is profoundly spiritual.
- Life of ultimate purpose, victory, and hope begins with this simple understanding that we are in a spiritual battle.

### 2.) Fight the **GOOD** fight.

- God has saved us and made us the church of Christ so that, through us, He might display His wisdom to the spiritual powers in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 3:8-10).
- If you are a Christian, your whole life is loaded with infinite spiritual significance.
- In every moment of every day, we necessarily find ourselves fighting on one side of the battle lines or the other. *How is the war with you?*