

A Dragon in the Manger

Rev. 12

Focus: to encourage us to persevere amidst spiritual warfare because of the victory Christ has won for us in his birth (incarnation) and his Crucifixion/resurrection/ascension.



RESOURCES:

Here are 2 helpful articles on our text:

<https://glanier.wordpress.com/2013/12/22/the-nativity-a-behind-the-scenes-look/>

<http://www.danielakin.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Revelation-12.1-17-An-Apocalyptic-Christmas-Story-Manuscript-mjh.pdf>



Discussion:

- Read Rev. 12. List every insight you gain into Satan and his work.
- How do you see God's care for his people (the woman and her offspring)? How does that encourage you in the sufferings you face as you try to follow Christ faithfully?
- How does Satan accuse you? How does the gospel as it is found in vv. 10-12 encourage you when you feel the Accuser's lies? How does "the word of our testimony" (v. 11) help us conquer Satan?
- how do these passages relate to/flow from our text: Rom. 8.1, 18, 37-39 and Rev. 21.1-5?
- How can you incorporate this text into your celebration of Christmas? How ought it shape your worship during the Christmas season?
- Christmas is often a season when suffering seems all the more weighty for some. How can this passage encourage perseverance in suffering and hardship?