

/We will now begin the eleventh lecture on the book of Revelation. /Today's text is Revelation chapter 12. /First, church growth. /Verses 1-2. /Second, persecution of the red dragon. /Verses 3-5. /Third, nurturing of the church. /Verse 6. /Fourth, chasing out the devil. /Verses 7-9. /Fifth, praises of victory. /Verses 10-12. /Sixth, persecutions and trials. /Verses 13-16. /Seventh, the dragon stands on sand. /Verse 17.

/Read 12:1. /A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

/A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven. /There was a woman who was clothed with the sun. /The "sun" symbolizes truth and special revelation. /The "woman" symbolizes the church. /2 Corinthians 11:2. /Matthew 25:1.

/Therefore, the woman clothed with the sun symbolizes the church that has truth. /The Word of God is the light of truth. /Psalm 119:105. /The church must shine the light of truth towards the darkened world.

/It says that the moon is under the woman's feet. /The "moon" symbolizes natural revelation, /or all things in nature. /The church is on all things in nature. /The church exists above all of creation. /Ephesians 1:22.

/The church transcends all of creation. /Then twelve stars appear. /The "twelve stars" symbolize the twelve disciples. /This means that the twelve disciples will be the head of the church. /Revelation 21:14. /Matthew 19:28.

/The church will stand above the disciples and the prophets. /Ephesians 2:20. /The disciples are also the church's crown. /The disciples will be the glory of the church. /The disciples taught the church.

/The church was also influenced by the disciples. /Today, pastors teach and nourish believers. /Then the believers are molded into the ways pastors teach them.

/Then both become crowns. /1 Thessalonians 2:19. /Pastors are the believers' crowns, /and the believers are the pastors' crowns.

/Verse 2. /She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

/The impregnated "child" refers to Jesus Christ. /This means that the church was pregnant with Christ. /This begins in Genesis 3:15. /The church was given the promise of Christ.

/This is what it means to be pregnant. /To give birth means that Jesus will be born and will come into this world. /Then it says that the woman cried out in pain.

/This means that through Christ, the church will be greatly persecuted and will receive sufferings. /When Jesus was born, King Herod persecuted Jesus in attempt to kill Him.

/Verse 3. /Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

/There was another sign in heaven. /There was an enormous red dragon. /This is the devil. /This is again mentioned in verse 9.

/Here, the color “red” symbolizes vitality and rage. /This symbolizes all who stand against God. /The “dragon” symbolizes the devil. /The “heads” are the advocates. /The “horns” symbolize power.

/The devil has power in this world. /It says that it had many horns and heads. /It had seven heads and ten horns. /This means that there are many advocates in the world.

/The advocates use worldly powers to make things as worldly as possible. /The devil uses their worldly powers to persecute believers. /Here it says that there were seven crowns on the red dragon’s head.

/This means that there is glory on earth. /There is glory in worldly events. /However, this is temporary and useless glory. /Matthew 4:9. /Ephesians 2:2. /Worldly glory is all useless and will all pass.

/Verse 4. /His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

/There is a tail mentioned here. /Isaiah 9:15. /There are stars in the sky. /This symbolizes the pastors. /When the works of the red dragon and the works of the devil arise, /then pastors will fall.

/The falling stars symbolize the fall of pastors. /This also means that believers will fall. /A third of the stars will be flung to the earth. /This means that a great number of believers’ faith will fall.

/The dragon was going to devour the child when it was born. /When Jesus was born, the devil tried to kill Jesus. /The devil entered the heart of King Herod and he tried to kill Jesus. /Matthew 2:16.

/Verse 5. /She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

/The woman gave birth to a son. /This is the birth of Jesus Christ. /Jesus is One who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. /2:27. /Jesus judges this world with absolute authority.

/Then with the power of God, Jesus carries on with the works of salvation. /Then the child was taken up to God and to his throne. /This means that Jesus will rise from the

dead and ascend into heaven, and sit on the right hand of God.

/The child was taken up to the throne of God. /Jesus resurrected, ascended, and sat on the right hand of God. /The devil killed Jesus on the cross.

/However, through the wisdom and power of God, Jesus rose from the dead in three days. /Ultimately, our God took the victory.

/Verse 6. /The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

/The woman fled into the desert. /The church ran away to the desert. /Here the desert is a place of refuge. /God nurtures the church in the desert-like world. /Deuteronomy 8:2, 3.

/The church must be in a place as quiet and secretive as the desert. /There is life in that place. /Matthew 6:6. /Today, pastors must go to secluded places and pray and prepare their faith.

/Paul received training from God for three years in the Arabian Desert. /Moses also spent forty years in the Midian desert for personal development. /Jesus also fasted for forty days in the desert.

/The desert is a place to depend on God. /It is where one can meet with God and walk with God. /God trains us and nurtures us in the desert.

/There are 1,260 days. /This is forty-two months. /This is half the time of the seven-year Great Tribulation.

/Verses 7-8. /And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

/There was a great war in heaven. /Michael and his angels fought against the devil. /Then the devil was chased out. /Luke 10:17-20. /The devil was chased out. /Therefore, the devil cannot step into the spiritual world in heaven.

/In the Old Testament, the devil made accusations of believers. /Through the atonement of Christ, the devil is no longer able to make accusations of believers. /The believers will have the final victory.

/Verse 9. /The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

/The great dragon was chased out. /The "great dragon" is the devil. /It is also known as Satan. /Satan leads the whole world astray. /Ephesians 2:2. /The devil has notarial

authority.

/The devil was chased out of heaven. /Even today, the devil uses its power in the world to lead people astray.

/Verse 10. /Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

/Salvation, power, the kingdom, and the authority of Christ are all in God. /God's salvation and power has been fulfilled. /To "accuse" means to make up lies about the truth.

/The devil slanders us believers in every way possible. /Job 1:2. /Jesus died on the cross and rose to life.

/Therefore, we have been clothed with righteousness by our Jesus. /Satan can no longer accuse us. /The devil has been chased out.

/Verse 11. /They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

/The believers overcame the accusations of the devil. /They overcame the devil's power. /The first way of defeating the devil is to believe in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. /We must believe in Jesus.

/Second, we must believe and obey God's definite word. /Jesus also overcame the devil's tests through the Word. /John 12:24.

/Third, we must be devoted until we die. /We must not cherish our physical bodies and obey until we die. /We must be prepared for death. /John 12:24. /1 Peter 5:8. /Hebrews 11:38.

/Verse 12. /Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

/The devil is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short. /The earth and the sea became filled with woe because of the devil's tyranny. /The heavens and those who dwelled in them are blessed.

/These are those who believe in the Lord. /They are those who have already gone to heaven. /The people on earth and in the sea are those living on earth. /The devil entices those on earth.

/He seduces all the survivors on earth. /We must live in the spiritual world. /If we live on

earth and in sin, we will be destroyed by the devil.

/Though we live on earth, we must truly live by faith in the spiritual world. /Then we can overcome the devil's power.

/Verse 13. /When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

/The dragon was hurled to the earth. /Then the dragon pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. /The "dragon" symbolizes the devil. /The "male child" symbolizes Jesus. /The "woman" symbolizes the church.

/In his anger, the devil persecutes the church. /The devil knows that his time is short. /God's judgment has come close. /Therefore, the devil persecutes the church.

/Verse 14. /The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

/The church went to a safe place. /The church received two wings of a great eagle. /Here, the two wings of an eagle mean to wait upon Jehovah. /To wait upon Jehovah means to run to a place of shelter.

/It says that the woman would run to her place. /It says that she would run to her residence. /This is a private place and a place of refuge. /Matthew 6:6. /This is the inside of Christ. /The devil's power cannot reach it.

/There is a high place that God has prepared in advance. /We ought to go into the spiritual world. /Jeremiah 29:13. /2 Chronicles 16:9. /We must gain strength of an eagle's wings.

/Here it also says, a time, times, and half a time. /In total this is three times and a half. /This is half the time of the Great Tribulation. /It is three years and a half. /This means that God will cut in half the time of tribulations.

/Verses 15-16. /Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

/The "water" symbolizes all the materialistic things of the world. /It symbolizes the physical things. /It also symbolizes the hardships of the world. /It symbolizes hedonism. /It symbolizes anxieties and greed.

/It symbolizes physical greediness. /Matthew 13:22. /The devil leads astray people to the things of the world.

/Therefore, the woman is swept away on the water. /The "woman" symbolizes the

church. /Daniel 1:3-8. /We believers also must not fall to secularism.

/Read verse 16 again. /But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

/The earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. /This means that God's grace and power defeats the waters. /It means that humanism is defeated.

/Secularism and the things of the world are defeated. /Hence, we believers will not be swept away by the things of the world. /Hebrews 11:24.

/Hedonism flows through the world as the Nile River flows through Egypt. /Moses' parents made a basket out of reeds to prevent water from seeping in.

/Moses did not fall to hedonism in Egypt. /God deducted sufferings.

/Verse 17. /Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring-- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

/The woman had offspring. /The devil continued to fail, yet, it attempted to make war against those who obey God's commandments. /The offspring are those who hold to the testimony of Jesus. /Those who obey God's commandments are those who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

/The devil tries to fight against those who hold to the testimony of Jesus. /We must obey God's commandments to the end. /The sea symbolizes the world. /17:15. /It says that the dragon stood on the shore of the sea.

/This is neither the ocean nor the land, but a place in between. /This is a place that is not of the spiritual world or of the secular world. /This symbolizes believers who belong to the physical.

/The devil attempts to fight with these believers. /We must always keep the commandments. /We must defeat the works of the devil.

/We will continue with the lecture on Revelation chapter 13. /The title of chapter 13 is "The Two Beasts." /First, the beast out of the sea. /Verses 1-6. /Second, persecution of the believers. /Verses 7-10. /Third, the beast that is like a lamb. /Verses 11-13.

/Fourth, orders to make an idol. /Verses 14-15. /Fifth, forcing of markings of the beast. /Verses 16-18.

/Revelation 13:1. /And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns,

and on each head a blasphemous name.

/There is a beast that came out of the sea. /It had ten horns, and seven heads. /Here, the “sea” symbolizes the world. /17:15. /It symbolizes the many nations of the world.

/The “beast” symbolizes the nation of the Antichrist. /It symbolizes the worldly nations. /Daniel 7:17. /The Antichrist’s nation stands against God and persecutes believers. /Verses 6, 7.

/The “horns” symbolize power. /The “head” symbolizes the advocates. /There are many sources of power in worldly nations.

/At the head is a crown. /This means that there is temporary glory in the world. /However, it is useless glory. /At the head is an insolent name.

/Verse 2. /The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

/The beast resembled a leopard. /Its feet were like those of a bear. /Its mouth was like that of a lion. /There are four beasts in Daniel chapter 7. /Of the four beasts there are a lion, bear, leopard, and a beast with ten horns.

/There are a lion, bear, leopard, and a beast with ten horns. /However, in today’s Scripture, one beast has the characteristics of all four beasts in Daniel. /Thus, the four beasts in Daniel chapter 7 and the beast here are the same.

/This symbolizes the worldly nations. /The larger nations devour smaller nations. /They are egotistical. /They are merciless. /They are vicious. /They devour one another. /They attempt to fill their stomachs.

/How can we believers live in faith in such circumstances? /We must follow the Word of God. /We must depend on God’s omnipotence.

/The “dragon” symbolizes the devil. /The devil gave its power and support to the large nations of the world. /1 John 5:19. /The world is full of disobeying people. /The devil works in the midst of those who disobey.

/The devil works through the power of the air. /He goes against God and persecutes believers. /However, God is in control of everything in the world. /The devil can only work within the limits that God has set for him.

/Verse 3. /One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

/The beast had a fatal wound, but was healed. /God judged the nation of the Antichrist.

/They faded. /Then they were restored. /The power of the world seemed to fall but then rose again.

/Verse 4. /Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

/The dragon gave authority to the beast. /Then many people followed after the beast, believing it was most powerful. /People surrender to the powers of the beast. /Then the beast becomes the nation of the Antichrist.

/Then the nations persecute believers. /Then many people worship the beast. /They praise the nation of the Antichrist.

/The nation of the Antichrist becomes an idol. /People submit to the commands of the Antichrist.

/Verse 5. /The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

/The beast spoke proud words and blasphemies. /When the powers of the worldly nations grow, they become arrogant. /The worldly nations rise up to the place of God. /Then they blaspheme against God.

/They speak unspeakable things. /They go against God. /Then they work for forty-two months.

/They receive power for forty-two months and harass the church. /Forty-two months is half the time of the seven-year Great Tribulation.

/Verse 6. /He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

/The nation of the Antichrist blasphemes against God. /It speaks insolently. /It also persecutes believers who live in heaven. /This means that the devil persecutes believers who are spiritual.

/Verse 7. /He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

/The devil gave power to the beast. /The nation of the Antichrist received authority. /The worldly nations are arrogant and blaspheme against God. /They stand in the way of believers.

/They also stand in the way of believers in heaven. /Believers in heaven refer to angels and all who have been saved. /It symbolizes spiritual believers. /The devil always stands



in the way of the kingdom of God.

/In verse 7, the devil received power and won in the war against believers. /The nation of the Antichrist persecutes the church. /The entire world is under the nation of the Antichrist.

/The church and the believers are greatly persecuted. /The nation of the Antichrist rules over every tribe, people, language, and nation.

/Verse 8. /All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast-- all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

/There is a book of life that belongs to the Lamb. /This is Jesus Christ's book of life. /Jesus died on the cross for us. /He became the sacrifice. /The names of the chosen are all written in the book of life.

/The names of all believers of Jesus are written in the book of life. /All believers' names are recorded. /The names of all who are chosen before God are written in the book of life. /Yet, unbelievers who do not know God surrender to the nation of the Antichrist.

/Verse 9. /He who has an ear, let him hear.

/Verse 10. /If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

/Whoever attempts to gather the things of the world will be taken captive by the things of the world. /We must not attempt to hold on to the things of the world. /We must not attempt to take hold of worldly power or materials, honor or people.

/We must only hold on to Jesus and go forward. /Then the blessings of the world will follow. /It says, "be killed with the sword." /Those who kill with the sword will also be killed with the sword.

/It means that those who use the sword will be killed with the sword. /Believers must not fight through flesh and blood. /Ephesians 6:12. /It is a spiritual battle. /We must fight against lies. /We must fight against evil thoughts.

/We must not fight with force but fight with the spirit. /Believers must win with patience and faith. /At the end, the nation of the Antichrist will come and persecute the church and the believers.

/Still, if we depend on God, we can win. /We must overcome hardships with patience and faith.

/We will conclude the eleventh lecture. /Thank you.