

The End Begins – Part 6: The Battle Behind the Battle

Revelation 12–14 (We are going to focus on Revelation 12:7–11 and Revelation 14:1–5)

There's more going on than we can see. Revelation pulls back the curtain to show that while we're fighting battles on earth, **there's a war in the spirit realm**. But the victory is already written—for the Lamb and those who follow Him.

Scripture Reading (NIV)

Revelation 12:7–11

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

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.

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 Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

11 They triumphed over 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.”

Revelation 14:1–5 (NIV)

1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder.

3 No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

4 These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

Message Outline

Quick Symbol Moment:

- **The Dragon** – Represents Satan, the enemy of God's people.
- **The Beast** – A symbol of corrupt worldly power under Satan's influence.

- **The 144,000** – Not literal(some theologians believe it is), but symbolic of the sealed and faithful people of God who remain true.

Message Outline – 5 Points

1. There's a War You Can't See

- Revelation 12 shows that **spiritual warfare is real**—angels and demons are in conflict.
- The battle in heaven affects life on earth.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) – “Our struggle is not against flesh and blood...”

“If you only fight what's visible, you'll lose what's spiritual.”

2. The Devil Is Defeated, But Still Dangerous

- Revelation 12:9 – Satan is thrown down, but he still works to **accuse, deceive, and destroy**.
- He's not in control—**he's furious because he's already lost**.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) – “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

“A cornered enemy is still a dangerous one—so stay alert.”

3. You Overcome by What Jesus Did—and What You Declare

- Revelation 12:11 – We overcome by:
 - **The blood of the Lamb**
 - **The word of our testimony**
 - **Not backing down in faith**

Romans 8:37 (NIV) – “We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

“Victory isn't just in heaven's hands—it's in your mouth.”

4. You're Being Marked—Either by the World or by the Lamb

- Revelation 13–14 contrasts **those marked by the beast** with **those sealed by God**.
- The people of God are marked by obedience, purity, and worship.

John 10:27 (NIV) – “My sheep listen to my voice... and they follow me.”

“Who you follow will determine what mark you carry.”

5. The Faithful Will Stand

- Revelation 14:1 – The Lamb stands on Mount Zion **with His people**.
- The world may shake, but those who follow Jesus will **stand and sing** in the end.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest...”

“Endurance isn’t just surviving—it’s staying faithful when it’s hard.”