



Order of Worship August 18, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: The Time is Near Sermon: "The Cosmic Battle "

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:

- 1. What impacted you most from this message? What was new or surprising to you?
- 2. Do you ever experience the tension between the desire to follow Christ and do good, and the desire to do your own thing or go in a direction you know is not good?
- 3. What stands out to you most from the vision in Revelation 12? How have you experienced or witnessed Satan's attack on the Church? What can you do to resist it in the future?
- 4. Why is it important to know that evil is powerful? What "beasts" are seeking to distract, discourage, or pull you away from what God has for you?
- 5. Why is it important to remember you are not powerless against evil? What help do you need from God to resist evil and help others?
- 6. What is the message of hope from this scripture?



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The Time is Near "The Cosmic Battle " Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever felt this way?



I. A Review of _

- Revelation is about revealing a dimension of reality that we _______ see
- Revelation is meant to offer ______ to people who feel like evil is winning
- Written by John, in the 90's A.D. to persecuted Christians
- Lots of intense imagery and ______

II. The Fourth Vision: The Cosmic _____

Revelation 12:1-17 A great 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. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ Its 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 it might devour her child the moment he was born. 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. ⁶ The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. 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. 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."

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. 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 wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. ¹⁵ Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

- The Son represents ______
- The Dragon represents ______
- The Woman represents ______
- The 1260 days in the Wilderness represents
- When the devil can't win against the Son, he attacks the _____

"The suffering of the church in the world is not a sign of Satan's victory. It is a sign of the realization of defeat."-Darrell Johnson

III. Two Big Lessons to Learn:

Revelation 4:1-2 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

- 1. While Evil is not ultimate, Evil is _____, ___, and _____.
- A Tale of Two Beasts:
 - o Beast #1 represents ______
 - o Beast #2 represents _____
 - ◊ The number 666 means that Satan/evil/devil is

2. Evil may be real, but you are not _____

Big Idea: