

REVELATION
Chapters 12,13
"The Enemies"

In the last lesson we saw the allies of the Christians. (the good guys) Now, let's look at the opposing side, the enemies of the Christians. In this lesson we will look at these evil ones, and learn more about them. We will come back to **Chaps. 6-11** later, but for now let's get all the main characters before us. Let's identify who these Christians will be fighting against in this great battle.

CHAPTER 12

Vv1-6

1. **What enemy of the Lord is found here? Vv3,4 And how is he described? Can you decipher all the symbolism here? (7 heads, 10 horns etc....) Who is this dragon?**

2. **Who are this woman and child, described here?**

3. **What did the dragon try to do to the child? Was he successful? What happened?**

Vv7-12

4. **Describe this war that takes place. (Where? Who's fighting who? Outcome? Etc.)**

5. **Again, remember the book of Revelation is a book of symbols. What do you think this battle is meant to symbolize? (Hint: notice what is announced after the battle is over, v10)**

Vv13-17

6. **What does Satan do after losing the great war in Heaven?**

7. **Who are the offspring of this woman, and why is Satan persecuting them?**

8. Why is his anger so great? V12

9. How do the suffering saints of Asia fit into this picture?

In this chapter, Satan has attempted to devour the child, (v4) fight against the angels of Heaven, (vv7,8) persecute the woman. (v13)

10. How successful of a warrior has he been? What comfort would this be to the suffering saints in Asia? How comforting is this to us Christians today, to know that Satan is a such a failure?????

CHAPTER 13

As we left **ch. 12**, Satan is going off to wage war against the offspring of the woman. (God's faithful servants) This is the reason these Christians are suffering, Satan has now targeted them for his wrath. He will have his allies (helpers) as well. In this chapter we will be introduced to these "helpers," and the role that they will play in Satan's latest scheme.

11. Based on his past record of warfare, how successful do you think he will be in his newest endeavor?

Vv1-10

12. Where does this beast come from? Describe him.

13. Who is this beast? Scripture please

14. How do the people of the world respond to this beast? Vv3,4 How are these people described in v8?

15. What does this beast do?

Vv11-18

16. Where does this 2nd beast come from? Describe him.

17. What does this beast do?

18. Who, or what do you think is this 2nd beast? Give evidence from scripture.

19. How did this beast know who was faithful to him or not? V16 What was this mark? What is the significance of this number?

20. What did this mark allow the wearer to do? What about those whose body did not bear this mark?

Thus, we find the foes of the Christian.....the enemies of the righteous of God.....the sides are all drawn up.....God, Jesus, and the faithful on the one side.....Satan and the Sea beast and the Earth beast on the other.....and the battle is set to begin.....

Next lesson go back to chapters 6-11.....see what the book has to reveal to these Christians about the battle that is about to commence.....