



The End wk8: War in Heaven

Introduction: John sent Revelation to the persecuted church in Asia. One of the things that he was reminding them was that they were part of a larger war going on. It started before they were a part of and while the outcome was sure, the battle was continuing.

Discussion Questions

1. In the 7th video Shane talks about the structure of the Book of Revelation. We tend to read and expect things to be written linearly, but that's not how Revelation is written. Why is it different? Shane says that Jewish thought was written using "recapitulation." What is that and what does it mean? Knowing that writing style will be important in understanding that chapters 12-21 are really 1 version of the same event just zoomed in and out.
2. Many of us struggle with trying to nail down the timing of Revelation. We use things like charts to try and make the timing work with what we see in some Old Testament books (like Daniel). What's the danger in that kind of thinking?
3. Read **Revelation 12:1-9** How do we know the identities of the child and the dragon? Why is the identity of the woman trickier?
4. Read **Revelation 12:10-12** What has happened that the voice says, "now is the time of salvation..." Who are those who have overcome and how did they do it? Why is there a "woe" on the earth?
5. Read **Revelation 12:13-17** We get better insight here into the identity of the woman. Why would Mary be an unlikely identity? What do verses 11 and 17 have in common?
6. John reminds us that the enemy is Satan. Why is that a necessary reminder? What's the difference in understanding that Satan is an enemy and blaming him for every bad thing that happens?

Shaping Your Mind – *2 Corinthians 6:2b I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.*

Moving Forward – Know your enemy, but trust your Lord.