

**(Time: 9.00am)**

**Message #2**

**Text: Revelation 12; Genesis 3**

**Title: The Serpent of Old**

**WAR IN THE HEAVENLIES**

**1. Satan**

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| a) Called "A great, fiery red dragon" | Revelation 12:3  |
| i) The serpent of old                 | Revelation 12:9b |
| ii) Satan (Adversary, Enemy)          | Revelation 12:9c |
| iii) Devil (Slanderer/Liar)           | Revelation 12:9c |
| b) Symbolic representation:           | Revelation 12:3  |
| i) Having seven heads                 |                  |
| ii) Ten horns                         |                  |
| iii) Seven diadems on his heads       |                  |
| c) Evil angels                        |                  |
| i) A third of the stars of heaven     | Revelation 12:4a |
| ii) Threw them down to earth          | Revelation 12:4b |

**2. Michael**

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| a) Michael led in this war with the dragon | Revelation 12:7a |
| b) Good angels fought against evil angels  | Revelation 12:7a |

**3. Outcome of this war in the heavenlies**

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| a) The dragon did not prevail              | Revelation 12:8a |
| b) No place for them in heaven             | Revelation 12:8b |
| c) Satan and his angels cast out of heaven | Revelation 12:9d |

## **WAR ON EARTH**

1. An angry enemy                      Revelation 12:13,17
  - a) Because he has been defeated
  - b) Because he has been cast out of heaven with his angels
  - c) Because he knows that he has a limited time
2. Waging war
  - a) Persecution of the woman              Revelation 12:13
    - i)        Caused a flood to arise              Revelation 12:15-16
    - ii)       Great destructive power employed
  - b) Symbolic:
    - i)        Weak (in comparison)
    - ii)       Vulnerable (pregnancy / child-birth)
  - c) More than one application
    - i)        Israel
    - ii)       Mary
3. Target
  - a) The woman
  - b) Her offspring (The male Child    Revelation 12:13b)
4. Protection from God
  - a) Eagles' wings                      Revelation 12:14a
  - b) The earth                              Revelation 12:16
5. War with all the offspring of the woman      Revelation 12:17
  - a) All who keep the commandments of God
  - b) All who have the testimony of Jesus Christ

## Genesis 3

a) One of many weapons

c) Deadly

## Revelation 12: 9

## Genesis 3:1

## Genesis 3:1

d) Raising innocent-sounding questions

e) Creating doubts

f) Arousing wrong desires

a) Because of deception

1 Timothy 2:14b

b) Because of a lack of discernment

c) Eve's transgression was because of Satan's deception

d) Adam's transgression was not because of deception

a) The individual

b) The family

c) Posterity

d) All areas of life affected

i) Mind

ii) Heart

## **GUARDING AGAINST THE ATTACK OF THE ENEMY**

### **1. Know yourself**

a) Weaknesses

b) Strengths

### **2. Learning from encounters**

a) Note lessons learned

b) Make sure they are well learned

### **3. Cultivate**

a) Knowledge gleaned from experience

b) Discernment that comes from experience

c) Strength to resist