

Intro: Chapter 12 reveals an epic battle in heaven, which is still being waged on earth. Our eternal victory is assured so long as we stand firm in our faith in Jesus Christ—the blood of the Lamb—even in the face of death.

- I. The Signs in Heaven – vv. 1-4
 - a. A woman clothed with the sun, moon and 12 stars
 - b. An enormous dragon with seven heads and ten horns
- II. The Gospels in One Verse – v. 5
 - a. Birth – Herod and the slaughter in Bethlehem
 - b. Death/Resurrection/Ascension – To God’s throne
- III. God’s Sanctuary, part I – v. 6
 - a. A place prepared for God’s people
 - b. A place where God shepherds his people
- IV. War Broke Out in Heaven – vv. 7-9
 - a. Michael and his angels
 - b. The dragon—that ancient serpent—and his angels
- V. Pronouncement of Victory and Woe – vv. 10-12
 - a. V-H Day (Victory in Heaven)
 - b. The devil unleashes his fury on earth
- VI. God’s Sanctuary, part II – vv. 13-16
 - a. “How I carried you on eagles’ wings” Exodus 19:4
 - b. Sword (1:16; 19:15), Fire (11:5) & Water = Words
- VII. We Are Under Attack – v. 17
 - a. “Your enemy the devil prowls around...” 1 Peter 5:8
 - b. “Resist him, standing firm in the faith...” 1 Peter 5:9

Close: We learn from Jude 9 that even the archangel Michael did not attack the devil head-on. He turned to the Sovereign One, just as we need to, and said, “The Lord rebuke you!”