



Title | The Unseen Nativity
Series | The Christmas I Never Knew
Text | Revelation 12:1-6
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Sermon Notes

Revelation 12:1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **2** She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. **3** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. **4** His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. **5** She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, **6** and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Revelation 12:1-6. A broad consensus of evangelical scholars believes this passage is a Christmas story. What evidence do you see of this?

Tuesday:

Read Genesis 37:9-10. Who do the sun, the moon, and the stars symbolize? Now, read Revelation 12:1-2. Given the woman's relationship to the sun, the moon, and the stars, who does she symbolize? To whom is she about to give birth?

Wednesday:

Read Revelation 12:3-4. Who does the dragon symbolize? (See Revelation 12:9.) What is the dragon trying to do, along with the stars that have fallen after him? What role do they play in life today?

Thursday:

Read Revelation 12:5. Why does this verse offer great hope?

Friday:

Read Ephesians 6:11-13. Leading up to this passage in Ephesians, the apostle Paul talks about the relationship of believers to one another in the church. Then he talks about the relationship between husbands and wives in marriage. Then he talks about the relationship between parents and children in a family. Then he talks about the relationship between an employer and employees in the workplace. Then he wraps it all up by talking about spiritual warfare. Why? What is the connection between relationships and spiritual warfare? Why is it important to you?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the victory of Christmas in this ongoing spiritual war. Thank you that all of your good promises will be fulfilled in time. As Satan conspires to destroy my relationships, help me to take my stand in pursuing relational peace and harmony. Amen.