



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Great Signs, Big Picture

Scripture: Revelation 12:1-6

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INTRODUCTION

Note: Revelation 12 unveils the “big picture”; it highlights vital but easily-forgotten spiritual truth.

Note: This book is meant to inspire worship, wonder, love, trust, and praise!

“The revelation of Jesus Christ...” (Revelation 1:1a)

Note: God doesn’t just want to show us what He’s going to do in the future;
He wants us to see how it all connects back to and “centers on” the person and work of Christ!

I. SIGNS THAT SIGNAL THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST AND THE SAFETY OF HIS PEOPLE

Revelation 12:1-6

THE WOMAN represents Israel, the people of God, through whom the Messiah came.

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15)*

THE RED DRAGON represents Satan, the hateful, murderous enemy of God and His people.

Revelation 12:9

Note: Satan did not, cannot, and never will dethrone, destroy, or annihilate Jesus!

Colossians 2:13-15 and Hebrews 2:14-15

THE CHILD is Jesus who came, who conquered, who ascended, who is coming again!

*“Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*
(Psalm 2:8-9)

“...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for THE JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and IS SEATED at the right hand of the throne of God.”
(Hebrews 12:2)

THE WILDERNESS is that dependent place where GOD supplies for and grows His people.

“...we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, BECAUSE God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”
(Romans 5:3b-5)

About the Wilderness...

- #1 - The wilderness is good because it reveals our need for God.
- #2 - The wilderness is temporary!
- #3 - The wilderness brings training, growth, strength, and perseverance to God’s people.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What is the purpose of the Book of Revelation? Why do we need this book?
2. What unique details does John see in the signs of The Woman and The Dragon? What do these signs represent and point to?
3. Who is the child born in verse 5? What details are given? What is surprisingly absent?
4. Where does the woman flee? How does God use the wilderness in the lives of His people?
5. Have you had any wilderness experiences? What did God teach you during those times?