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**The Curtain Is Pulled Back: Game Of Thrones?**

Revelation 12:1-17

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ has conquered Satan therefore Christians are able to stand against his wicked schemes.

**John’s Give Us A Glimpse Behind The Curtain:**

1. Everything visible and physical is predicated by

 something invisible and spiritual.

2. There was a war waged in heaven where Satan was

 defeated. Luke 10:18

3. Satan was kicked out heaven down to earth in

 humiliation and defeat.

4. Satan is angry with God therefore he wages war against

 humanity. Ephesians 6:10-20

5. Satan tried to hinder God’s plan of redemption for

 humanity. Genesis 3:1-7, Genesis 3:15, Matthew 2:16-18

6. Jesus Christ delivered the final blow to Satan’s total

 defeat. Colossians 2:13-14

**How To Defeat Satan:**

1. Remember who our Advocate is. 1 John 2:1-2

2. Remember the victory of Jesus on the Cross.

3. Remember that death has been defeated.

 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

1. Obedience to God disarms the Devil. James 4:7
2. Resist the Devil by standing on the Word of God. Matthew 4:8-11, Jude 9
3. Embrace suffering as a part of the Christian life. Philippians 1:21, 29-30

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God that Jesus Christ defeated the power of sin and the Satan through His death and resurrection. Pray for the courage to recognize and stand against evil wherever it arises and in whatever form it takes.

**Food For Thought:**

Read Revelation 12:1-17: If the woman represents both the Old and New Testament people of God, the child represents Christ, and the dragon is Satan, then what gospel truths does this chapter portray?

What do these verses teach us about the character of Satan? Read John 8:44 to help you see this clearly.

If Satan is known to be a liar and deceiver, why do you think so many of us fall prey to his lies?

What, in your own words, does it mean that Satan is the “accuser”? What does he accuse us of?

What kind of life should those who resist the devil expect? Why is that important to recognize?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20: What spiritual battles have you faced recently? As a believer, how can you avoid being overwhelmed by fear of the devil’s attacks on God’s people?

What truths discovered in these verses give you confidence for facing difficult times as a follower of Christ?

What can you do to become better prepared for spiritual battles? How can you pray for a fellow believer who is struggling against temptation? How can your Christian friends best pray for you in battles you are facing?