

Woman/sun/moon/stars: Israel (Joseph's dream, Gen. 37:9)

Dragon: devil; red = murderous; 7 heads & 10 horns = false wisdom & false claim to ultimate power

Devil (*diabolos*): slanderer **Satan** (*satanas*): the accuser, adversary

child with iron scepter...Jesus will rule nations

MAIN IDEA: Be vigilant with Jesus because the devil never stops. Here are three aspects to the war in which we are engaged.

I. First, the devil fights with God

A. against Jesus & His redemptive work (1-5)

1. tried to kill Him as a baby, to corrupt Him by temptation, to stop His work by killing Him

2. still fighting against His redemptive work: stealing word
1. he accuses us day & night before God

2. worst persecution during Great Tribulation (17)

3. Jesus called him a liar & murderer (**John 8:44**) & said he came only to steal, kill, and destroy (**John 10:10**).

4. **1Peter 5:8, MEV:** Be sober and watchful, because your adversary walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom may devour.

5. we overcome: blood of Lamb, word of our testimony (11)

- Staying "under the blood," protects us from Satan's power.

- Speaking of Jesus no matter what the cost helps us keep our faith

ILLUSTRATION: Hamas; frustrated w/someone, spoke harshly about, God's conviction...Eph. 4:29

III. Finally, Satan deceives whole world. (9, 12)

Deceive: lead into error or cause to go astray, cause to wander

A. he is angry & will become angrier as he sees his end coming

B. he blinds people's minds to the truth (2Cor 4:4)

C. examples: gender, pronouns, transitioning children, promotion of drugs, prostitution, gambling while battling addictions

APPLICATION:

1. Stay in "the Truth"...Jesus & Bible

2. Stay "under the blood"...obedience

3. Share our testimony...rehearsing it is good (devil accuses us)

4. Pray for Israel...salvation, protection

CONCLUSION: story from Nov. NL

ALTAR: Been distracted? Discouraged? Doubting? Wondering if Jesus has given up on you?
