

Life with the End in Sight

A Series in Revelation



4. Nothing changes the outcome (Rev 12–14)

Introduction

In these chapters, we see the victory of God play out from a number of different perspectives: earth, heaven and the church. In all of them, the reality of the spiritual battle is definite, but so is God's victory and the defeat of the enemy.

These notes focus on the reality of that battle, and on one area of our lives that we can use to overcome.

Part 1, A Spiritual Battle

Revelation 12:1-17

Read Revelation 12:1-17. As you do, note down under two headings all the parts that point to the reality of a spiritual battle, and all the things that point to God's victory.

Spiritual Battle

God's victory

Q. Which of these two realities should we feel as most certain in our lives? Which do you think we should we feel?

Q. On a day-to-day level, how aware are you of the spiritual reality of the battle we are in?

Q. What would you say if you had to give an answer as to why we can be sure that God (and His people) will have the ultimate victory?

Q. Are there specific ways you feel the pressures of spiritual battle, in your own life or in the world as a whole? (If in a group, it would be good to share and to pray into these.)

Part 2, The Power of Testimony

Revelation 12:11

In the middle of this passage, in verses 10-12, we hear the promise of salvation to the people of God. His enemies will be destroyed. We will be with God, and He will put all things right!

Part way through these words, we read this (v11):

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Christ's sacrifice (the blood of the Lamb) is where the power comes to defeat the enemy, but our own testimonies work with it – our stories have power, and we need to be familiar with them.

Take some time to write or draw a timeline of your life, deliberately remembering how you met God and His involvement in your journey.

Birth

Now

Also add in some things that you hope will be part of your testimony, that are yet to happen and will point to God's power and glory.

Q. What about this story points to God's victory and goodness?

Q. How confident would you be telling someone this story? And why?

Share this story with someone! If you're in a group, divide into pairs and each share with each other. If not, find someone to practice. Your story has power, so be ready to share it!