



To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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The First & Last Advent

ADVENT WEEK 2 “CHRIST OUR JOY”

REVELATION 12

“THE CHRISTMAS DRAGON”

DECEMBER 4

12:10b “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.”

Christmas Context

“The Scroll” (God’s full plan for the world) has been fully opened by the Jesus, the Slain Lamb, revealing that God will gather his multi-ethnic people to battle evil not by “going out for blood” but by “going out WITH blood” – Jesus has conquered not with violence but with sacrificial blood, and God’s People are equipped to do the same.

Revelation 12 reveals the devil’s attempt in heaven and on earth to violently stop God’s plan, and how he was easily defeated by the Slain Lamb.

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.

⁷ Now **war arose** in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

1. Cosmic Christmas
2. Combat Christmas
3. Conquering Christmas

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Agony

Genesis 3:16b

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.”

There's Mary,
and then there's Mary.

Cosmic Christmas

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Dragon

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast

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Pharoah

Exodus 1:22b

Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile

Herod

Matthew 2:13b

for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”





Combat Christmas

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Full Nourishing

Pete & Joy Holz



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Lamb Blood

Our Word

Ultimate Love

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Last Days

The time between
Christ's ascension and his
return (i.e. - now)

Great Wrath

“Passionate Rage”
Satan / Evil are the
enemy, not other people.

Rejoice

Through short-lived pain
and Jesus' blood, Love
has conquered evil.

Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope Fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
So that you may abound in hope By the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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