

# CHRISTMAS



SERIES ————— WEEK 2

What do you like about Christmas?

# Parallel Christmas

**The Woman, the Dragon, and the Child**

Revelation 12:1-6

# Revelation 12:1-6 (NIV)

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

## Revelation 12:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup>Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup>The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Let's do 2 things together from our  
reading:

1. Unpack the passage
2. Asking ourselves what we should be  
focusing on this Christmas

A little info about signs.

**Signs** refer to something that is out of this world that points to a greater truth.



- Two Signs:
1. The Woman
  2. The Dragon

The Woman  
Mary, Eve or someone else?

## Genesis 37:9-10 (NIV)

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

<sup>10</sup>When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup>His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

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The Dragon  
No mystery, and no guessing.

# Revelation 12:9 (NIV)

The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

## The Summary of the Signs

From the very beginning, Satan did everything he could to put an end to the Messianic prophecy.

# Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.

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Focus on the unseen

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“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

- C. S. Lewis

# Focus on the Great Commission

# Focus on Christian Persecution